

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JUNE 19, 2013, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Joens called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor
Jesse Dowling, Council Member
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Randy Garrison, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruben Jauregui, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Steve Horton, City Attorney
Matthew McLean, Deputy Clerk
Rudy Rodriguez, Administrative Services General Manager
Mike Kuykendall, Fire Chief
Jody Fanning, Police Chief
Richard Faust, Community Services General Manager

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

Fire

Chief Kuykendall reviewed the Fire Department's accomplishments for the current fiscal year and its goals and proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Council Member Garrison asked if they had looked at building a fire department near Verde Santa Fe and if we had the resources available to do that.

Chief Kuykendall stated we were looking at it at one time since it would lower the call time for that area, but since Verde Santa Fe chose not to be annexed it has come up yet.

Mr. Bartosh stated we do need another one near that area and we were looking for grant opportunities to build it.

Police, Animal Control, Communications

Chief Fanning reviewed the accomplishments for the Police Department, Animal Control, and Communications Department for the current fiscal year and the departmental budgets for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Parks & Recreation, Recreation Center, Pool, Custodial, Library, Cottonwood Area Transit/Verde Lynx System

Richard Faust, Community Services General Manager, reviewed the accomplishments for the following departments: Parks and Recreation, Recreation Center, pool, custodial, library and the Cottonwood Area Transit/Verde Lynx System. One of the things they had to do was eliminate a position. He then reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 budget for each department.

Mayor Joens stated she would like to see some money added into the budget to help pay for the luau to be held at the pool.

Mr. Faust stated that was typically about \$1,500 and we should be okay on that.

Council Member Garrison stated we went and did a tour the other day and the roofs on the dugouts on the older sections of the ball fields at Riverfront Park are really bad.

Mr. Faust stated that is in the Community Development account under Public Works for building and parks maintenance. It is separate from the parks and recreation budget.

Mr. Bartosh stated we are already working on it.

Mayor Joens stated under capital there is equestrian center lighting and sound in 2012 and wondered if we commit any type of funding for the equestrian center.

Mr. Faust stated it is a wish list item. The cost for lighting would be best done in a grant and we would have to work directly with the fair association.

Mayor Joens stated she would like to continue to support the equestrian center.

Mr. Rodriguez stated we will continue to support it the best as we can, but we don't put any money towards it. They occasionally come in to ask for some money for repairs. That is actually collaboration between the county equestrian people and us. We don't track it as a line item in the budget.

Mayor Joens stated the county refuses to do anything.

Mr. Rodriguez stated as long as we can continue to do it with the staff we have, it works out well. The minute we have to add staff or start using cash resources to repair lighting it

becomes a problem. We might get a lot of people in town, but they get a lot of proceeds that are not shared with us.

Mr. Bartosh stated this is like most of the partnerships in the city, such as the skate park or the community garden. Eventually there is only one partner left standing and that's the city. Everybody thinks we should be subsidizing their operations.

Council Member Garrison asked about building bathrooms at the Cottonwood Kids Park on 12th Street.

Mr. Bartosh stated he doesn't think we will be able to fund that this year. It would \$165,000 to \$200,000. That is one of those capital items that needs to be looked at in the future because a lot of people and kids utilize that park and it would be nice to have that in the future.

Council Member Garrison stated it seemed like for awhile we were getting a lot of teams coming up out of Phoenix using that park for their own tournaments. He was told the city didn't have anything to do with it; they just showed up, took over the facility and used it all weekend. He wondered if that was true and how we dealt with the damage and the hard use that facility took over the weekend.

Mr. Faust stated that is the Hispanic Soccer League program. They're involved sometimes on Saturdays. Primarily their biggest run on their scheduling is on Sundays. They supposedly will be using some of the Riverfront parks to offset some of the ramifications from their use of the Kids Park. They are supposed to provide Parks and Recreation with their annual schedules. The main problem has always been trash. The new president of the league is working alongside us trying to get everything cleaned after their games.

Council Member Garrison asked if they pay anything to use the fields.

Mr. Faust stated they do not; they're public facilities.

Council Member Garrison asked if they were local.

Mr. Faust stated most of them are local and in Sedona. There are some teams that come up from the Phoenix area to play the local teams.

The Council also discussed the library and the need for that facility to have new carpet.

Municipal Court

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the court department's accomplishments for the current fiscal year and the goals and proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

Economic Development

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the economic development budget. He then reviewed the accomplishments for this fiscal year and the economic development budget and goals for fiscal year 2013-2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joens moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pratt, and carried unanimously. The work session adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Diane Joens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matthew McLean, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a budget work session of the City Council of the City of Cottonwood held on June 19, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Matthew McLean, Deputy Clerk

Date