

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JUNE 8, 2011, AT 9:00 A.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 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor
Jesse Dowling, Council Member
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Ruben Jauregui, Council Member
Linda Norman, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Steve Horton, City Attorney
Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk
Rudy Rodriguez, Administrative Services General Manager
Douglas LaSota, Magistrate
Casey Rooney, Economic Development Director
Dan Lueder, General Services Manager

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

Mr. Rodriguez stated he was asking the Council for consensus regarding the 2.5 percent one time discretionary pay for employees based on their salary.

Mr. Bartosh stated what they wanted to do is thank the employees for hanging in there during the hiring freeze when many employees had to take on additional work. The employees' costs were going up as was their contribution to retirement so this did not even really cover the additional costs the employees were going to pay this next year for their benefits.

Mr. Horton stated it was fine the Council give direction and staff can act on it, but this was not part of the approval of the fiscal 2012 budget but a redirection of money that had been budgeted this fiscal year. At one of next week's meetings they should have it on an agenda and formally approve it.

Mr. Rodriguez stated they already had money allocated for it in last year's budget in the amount of \$450,000, and were supposed to bring it to the Council in November. The

amount for the one time discretionary pay amounted to approximately half of the amount that had been budgeted for merit pay.

Mr. Bartosh stated this was the merit program they said they would bring forward and were just doing it in a different format.

The direction of the Council was to move forward with it.

Municipal Court

Judge LaSota reviewed the court department's accomplishments for the current fiscal year and the goals and proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-12. The court was still one staff member short and when things got unfrozen they may be asking to fill that position because they could not keep up with the volume on everything. Something had to suffer in the meantime, such as issuing warrants and orders to show cause for contempt for people who have not been paying things. They were a little bit behind on those types of things.

Economic Development

Mr. Rooney reviewed the economic development aspects of his job, the Business Assistance Center, and his work with the Cottonwood Economic Development Council whose focus areas are educational workforce, tourism, Old Town, sustainability, leadership, and quality of place. He then reviewed his accomplishments for this fiscal year and his budget and goals for the next fiscal year.

Engineering Services, Public Works, Planning & Zoning, Building Maintenance, Water, Wastewater, Airport, Street Maintenance & Construction

Mr. Lueder reviewed the changes that had taken place with the reorganization and the efficiencies accomplished through the different departments working together when needed. He then reviewed the accomplishments and proposed budgets for the following departments: Engineering services, Public Works, Planning & Zoning, Building Maintenance, Water, Wastewater, Airport, and Street Maintenance and Construction.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Pratt moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jauregui, and carried unanimously. The work session adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Diane Joens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marianne Jiménez, City 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 8, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

Date