

**SUMMARY REPORT  
OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION & DIRECTION GIVEN AT THE MAY 27, 2009, BUDGET WORK  
SESSION**

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This summary is a statement of actions taken by the Cottonwood City Council at a budget work session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D), and is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D.).

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Diane Joens, Vice Mayor Karen Pfeifer, Council Members Duane Kirby, and Darold Smith. **Council Members Absent:** Tim Elinski, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt.

Mayor Joens called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**FUNDING OF OUTSIDE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE CORE SERVICES**

**Senior Center**

The executive director of the Verde Valley Senior Center discussed the programs and services provided and requested continued funding of \$45,000 for the next fiscal year.

**Catholic Charities**

The site director of the Cottonwood office of Catholic Charities discussed the programs and services provided with funds donated by the City and requested funding continue at the same level, and on the existing as needed basis, for the next fiscal year.

**Humane Society**

The chief executive officer of the Verde Valley Humane Society discussed the programs and services provided and requested funding be doubled to approximately \$50,000 for the next fiscal year because of higher costs and the increased number of animals being taken in, mostly from the City.

**Veterans Van**

The senior co-ordinator for the Verde Valley Veterans Van discussed the programs and services provided and requested funding of \$7,500 for the next fiscal year.

**Old Town Association**

Lisa Pender, President of the Old Town Association, discussed programs and services provided and requested funding of \$10,000 for the next fiscal year.

**PUBLIC SAFETY MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM DETERIORATION**

Staff discussed the heavy use by the public of the multi-purpose room at the Public Safety Building. Such use has resulted in the need to replace furniture, carpet, and equipment and the need for increased custodial services. The room was intended as a staff meeting and training location and often cannot be used for those purposes because of public use. Planned use of it as an emergency operations center would jeopardize security should open access to it continue. Alternate public space will soon be available when the recreation center is completed. There was the possibility of requiring security deposits to ensure unnecessary expenses incurred are not borne by the City.

#### REFUNDING 2006 MPC BONDS

##### Foxworth Building Remodel, Water System Improvements, Wastewater Improvements, Well Acquisitions

The finance director discussed the refunding of Municipal Property Corporation bonds with other financial instruments to reduce liability risk and simultaneously reimbursing the utility department for funds used to acquire the Foxworth building and to make improvements in both the water and wastewater systems as well as to acquire new wells.

#### BORROWING NEEDS DISCUSSION

##### Streets

Additional borrowing by the City was recommended to finance the costs of several major street improvement projects, including the reconstruction of West Mingus Avenue and Twelfth Street, which totaled \$3.7 million.

##### Public Safety Lease Purchase

Such borrowing would also be used for lease purchases for police and fire department vehicles totaling \$230,000.

#### RE-ORGANIZATION OF CITY DEPARTMENTS

Discussion regarding re-organization of city departments was tabled.

#### BUDGET WRAP-UP

Budget wrap-up was tabled.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The budget work session adjourned at 8:34 p.m.