

**SUMMARY REPORT  
OF COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 25, 2009, SPECIAL MEETING**

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This summary is a statement of legal actions taken by the Cottonwood City Council at a special meeting 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 Tim Elinski, Duane Kirby, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt, and Darold Smith.

Mayor Joens called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2471—DECLARING THE COUNCIL’S STRONG DESIRE THAT FOREST SERVICE LANDS THE CITY DESIRES TO ANNEX LOCATED NORTH AND ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD REMAIN FOREST SERVICE LAND AND NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR TRADE BY THE FOREST SERVICE IN THE FUTURE

The Council unanimously approved Resolution Number 2471 which reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2471

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE COUNCIL’S STRONG DESIRE THAT FOREST SERVICE LANDS THE CITY DESIRES TO ANNEX LOCATED NORTH AND ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD REMAIN FOREST SERVICE LAND AND NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR TRADE BY THE FOREST SERVICE IN THE FUTURE.

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood City Council recognizes the importance of retaining open space land adjacent to and within its incorporated boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to promote the quality of life for the citizens of Cottonwood and adjacent communities by preserving and protecting the natural, open areas of Forest Service lands; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Service lands surrounding the City of Cottonwood and Verde Valley include beautiful vistas and panoramas, native flora and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has voted to annex Forest Service land located north of the city limit boundary of the City of Cottonwood; and

WHEREAS, it is the strong desire of the Cottonwood City Council that these Forest Service lands remain in their natural state and not considered for trade by the

Forest Service in order to preserve this area for the outdoor recreational enjoyment of the communities of the Verde Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to partnering with the Forest Service to protect this land and its environmental resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, THAT:

1. The Forest Service lands located north and adjacent to the boundary of the City of Cottonwood the City desires to annex remain as Forest Service land.
2. These Forest Service lands should not be considered for trade at any time, now or in the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2472--PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADJUST WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES

The Council approved Resolution Number 2472 on a five to two vote (Council Members Pratt and Smith voted no), which provides a Notice of Intent to adjust water and wastewater rates, fees, and charges for the City of Cottonwood water and wastewater utilities.

A public hearing regarding the adjustment of the fees will be held at a regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for October 6, 2009, at 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers building.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ATTORNEY

The Council unanimously approved offering the position of city attorney to Steve Horton based on the mutual acceptance of an employment agreement.

The Council then convened into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.(A)(1)- Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Council unanimously approved reconvening into regular session.

The Council then unanimously approved that Doug Bartosh, Council Member Linda Norman, Vice Mayor Pfeifer, Marianne Jiménez, and Steve Horton meet on Wednesday to discuss the appointment and contract of the city attorney and return to the Council with the contract.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.