

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

This summary is a statement of discussions held by the Cottonwood City Council at a 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 Linda Norman, Terence Pratt, and Darold Smith. Council Member Duane Kirby attended via teleconference. Council Member Absent: Tim Elinski

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 8.32, ALARM SYSTEMS, PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS, ALARM USER RESPONSIBILITIES, REGULATIONS, PENALTIES, ETC

The Council heard from staff a proposal to increase penalties for police and fire responses to false alarms. The fines for such call-outs would begin at \$50 and increase with each repetition. This was expected to result in a substantial savings to both departments.

Staff was given direction to formally present these changes in the form of amendments to the Municipal Code for approval by the Council.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COTTONWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO ADDRESS UNRULY GATHERINGS OF FIVE OR MORE PERSONS ON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY, INCLUDING PROPERTY USED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS, IN A MANNER WHICH CAUSES A DISTURBANCE OF THE QUIET ENJOYMENT OF PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS

The Council heard from staff a proposal to amend the Municipal Code to include offenses for unruly gatherings. Such offenses would result in the placement of public notices on properties where the offenses occur for a period of sixty (60) days and incur fines commencing at \$100 for a first offense and increasing for subsequent offenses.

Staff was given direction to formally present these changes in the form of amendments to the Municipal Code for approval by the Council.

PROPOSED FEE STRUCTURE FOR USE OF THE COTTONWOOD RECREATION CENTER

The Council heard preliminary proposals for fees to be charged for use of the new Cottonwood Recreation Center. The fee structure was in line with fees charged by similar facilities in Colorado and Arizona. The base fees for annual membership were proposed to be \$300 for adults and \$140 for children. Discounts would be offered for couples and

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families. Short term membership would incur higher costs. Residents of Cottonwood would receive discounts and subsidies would be considered for hardship cases.

Staff was directed to continue with the formalization of a full rate structure and present it to the Council for discussion at a future Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:12 p.m.