

**SUMMARY REPORT  
OF COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 12, 2010 WORK SESSION**

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This summary is a statement of legal actions taken by the Cottonwood City Council at a regular 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 Joens, Vice Mayor Karen Pfeifer, Council Members Tim Elinski, Duane Kirby, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt, and Darold Smith.

Mayor Joens called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. immediately following the adjournment of the preceding special meeting of the Council.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:

UPDATE REGARDING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TO PROMOTE THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND DIRECTION TO CREATE AN EVENT PROGRAM FOR THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL

Ms. Kyla Allen spoke about various activities that could be conducted in conjunction with the city fiftieth anniversary of incorporation with Walkin' on Main being the major event planned.

Council direction to staff was to focus on statewide and regional promotions, and to conduct as many events as volunteers, business sponsors, and the city budget would permit.

BUDGETARY UPDATE ON THE LACK OF REVENUE TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND REVIEW OF SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO BEST MANAGE THE SITUATION

Finance Director Rudy Rodriguez reviewed the ongoing budget deficit resulting from less than expected revenues. Despite implementing a hiring freeze, deferring capital expenditures, and reducing departmental budgets, the deficit was still over \$400,000.

The Council chose to reduce its total budget by approximately \$100,000, and contracted janitorial services by approximately \$19,000, leaving a remaining deficit of approximately \$300,000.

Mr. Rodriguez explained coverage for the remaining deficit would have to come from the reduction of staff, staff's hours of work and/or benefits, or from reserves.

The Council directed staff to determine the preferences of staff members and report the results at a future meeting so that a final determination could be made regarding necessary cost reductions.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.