

**SUMMARY REPORT  
OF COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE MARCH 11, 2010, WORK SESSION**

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This summary is a statement of discussions engaged in 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: Diane Joens, Mayor; Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor; Council Members Tim Elinski, Duane Kirby, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt.

Staff Members Present: Doug Bartosh, City Manager; Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk; Mike Casson, Fire Chief; George Gehlert, Community Development Director; Charlie Scully, Planner; Kyla Allen, Executive Assistant.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

UPDATE ON THE SLAG REPROCESSING REQUEST

The Planning & Zoning Commission was due to award or deny a conditional use permit March 17th to Minerals Research and Recovery, Inc. (MRR) regarding its request to recover slag from the fairgrounds property. It appeared that concerns over noise, lights, and the overall safety of the operation to the neighbors was minimal or could be mitigated. It project would create about fifteen jobs over a period of approximately twenty years. MMR had agreed to contribute to a mitigation fund which would accrue to the city at the conclusion of the operation. Truck traffic was not considered a major concern. Construction would take about 18 months prior to the commencement of actual extraction.

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION PROGRAM

Council directed staff to prepare a detailed addition to the city code which would provide for the establishment of a residential maintenance code. Enforcement would be conducted at the invitation of either owner or renter for the purposes of ensuring compliance with building codes for purposes of health and safety. It was expected that proper maintenance would help revitalize neighborhoods and lower crime rates as well.

ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Council determined to establish a separate Board of Adjustment to hear cases appeals of zoning issues and grant variances. This would separate the Council, a legislative body, from also acting as a quasi-judicial body in zoning matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The Work Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.