

**SUMMARY REPORT  
OF COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 17, 2010, REGULAR MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH  
MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.**

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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 Diane 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 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2010

The Council unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

OLD BUSINESS—None

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR JOHN BENEDICT FINNERTY, OWNER/AGENT FOR GREAT GAS LOCATED AT 607 EAST HIGHWAY 89A

The Council unanimously recommended approval of the new liquor license application for John B. Finnerty, owner/agent for Great Gas located at 607 E. Highway 89A.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CITY'S INTENT TO RAISE THE RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICE

Bob Oliphant, Dr. Bob Richards, and Ruth Kiessel spoke against the city raising the water rates. Janice Montgomery was also opposed to the rate increase and suggested the city implement "budget billing" for the water bill such as were offered by APS and Unisource if the rates were increased. Mr. James Allen spoke in favor of the water rate increase, and Mary Eichman stated she was not opposed to the higher rates as it was the only way people conserved water.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2530—AMENDING THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM RATES AND FEES, ADOPTED UNDER RESOLUTION NUMBER 2070 AND AS AMENDED UNDER RESOLUTION NUMBER 2100

The Council approved, with dissenting votes by Council Members Pratt and Smith, Resolution Number 2530, which amends the city's municipal water system rates and fees.

### POTENTIAL ANNEXATION OF THE QUAIL CANYON SUBDIVISION

The Council approved directing staff to file a blank petition and other material necessary to initiate the annexation of the Quail Canyon subdivision located along the south side of Quail Springs Ranch Road west of its intersection with old Highway 279.

Council Member Pratt was not present during the vote for this item.

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 2535--RECOGNIZING THE VERDE VALLEY REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, INC. (VVREO) AS A REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE, BUILDING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY WHILE PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE, MARKETING AND OUTREACH, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE VERDE VALLEY

The Council unanimously approved Resolution Number 2535, which recognizes the Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization, Inc., as a regional collaborative, building sustainable economic prosperity.

### CLAIMS & ADJUSTMENTS

The Council unanimously approved the Claims and Adjustments as presented.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7), THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ORDER TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION AND INSTRUCT ITS REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY IN OLD TOWN COTTONWOOD KNOWN AS GARDNER'S RECYCLING, YAVAPAI COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 406-36-023, 406-36-021B, 406-34-011 AND 406-34-010

Council Member Kirby moved to resolve into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith, and carried unanimously.

After discussion under executive session with the City Attorney, Council Member Kirby moved to resolve back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Elinski, and carried unanimously.

### DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING A PURCHASE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE GARDNER'S RECYCLING PROPERTY IN OLD TOWN COTTONWOOD

Council Member Kirby moved to authorize staff to continue negotiations on the purchase of the Gardner property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Elinski, and carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.