

SUMMARY REPORT

OF THE COTTONWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2011, HELD AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

This summary is a statement of direction given 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 Tim Elinski, Linda Norman and Terence Pratt.

Council Member Absent: Council Members Duane Kirby & Darold Smith.

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

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YAVAPAI COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION REGARDING YAVAPAI COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

Elise Link, Planning Division Manager for Yavapai County Development Services, informed the Council of the County's plan process for updating its Comprehensive Plan. Public meetings will be held to introduce the public to the Comprehensive Plan and inform the public how they can take part in the process. A Citizen Advisory Committee will be formed and applications will be available at the meetings. Information regarding the process is available on the County's web site (www.co.yavapai.az.us/DevServ.aspx).

CHANGING THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THE CITY USES FROM BANK ONE TO WELLS FARGO

Mr. Rodriguez stated staff had looked into changing the city's financial institution in order to receive better service and save money. Wells Fargo had contacted him and prepared a proposal for banking services. Wells Fargo was part of the Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures program of which the city was a member, therefore, the city did not have to go out to bid for this service.

Representatives from Wells Fargo reviewed the services they were offering the city and the money the city would save by changing to their financial institution.

Council directed staff to proceed with the process of changing the city's financial institution.

CITY SUPPORT OF LOCAL INDEPENDENTLY OWNED BUSINESSES

Council Member Pratt requested this item be discussed by the Council as Cottonwood had a variety of small locally owned private businesses that contributed much to the community, and his research of similar communities around the country revealed that those that had a strong support for these kinds of businesses were among the healthiest in economic and quality of life issues.

Lana Tollison, President of the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce, indicated the Chamber was beginning to discuss some type of shop local program and other things that could be done to encourage the community to shop locally.

Economic Development Director, Casey Rooney, reviewed what was occurring in Old Town and how much it had progressed the past few years.

Community events were discussed with Council Member Pratt stating he would like to see a second Walkin' On Main event added. The general consensus was there were groups that were working on supporting the shop locally movement which were supported by the city such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Old Town Association.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:28 p.m.