

SUMMARY REPORT
OF THE COTTONWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD JUNE 13, 2011, IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT 2:00 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 Jesse Dowling, Tim Elinski, Ruben Jauregui, Linda Norman, and Terence Pratt.

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

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

Fire Chief Mike Casson reviewed the fire department's accomplishments for the current fiscal year and its goals and proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-12.

Police Chief Jody Fanning, reviewed the accomplishments for the police department, animal control, and communications department for the current fiscal year and the departmental budgets for fiscal year 2011-12.

Richard Faust, Community Services General Manager, reviewed the accomplishments for the following departments: parks and recreation, recreation center, and pool. He then reviewed the proposed 2011-12 budgets for each department.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the cemetery budget.

Representatives from the following agencies that provide core services within the city reviewed the services their respective agencies provided the community: Old Town Association, Humane Society, Veterans Van, Catholic Charities, and Verde Valley Senior Center.

A copy of the city's budget is available for public review on the city's web site and in the city clerk's office located at City Hall.

The Council made no additions or deletions to any of the departmental or agency budgets that were presented and proposed.

BUDGET WRAP-UP

Mayor Joens indicated the \$2,500 budgeted for the Youth Commission may not be enough. It was determined it would be checked into and if an increase was necessary it would be brought up during the adoption of the tentative budget.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the following items during the wrap-up of the budget:

- The public works/utility maintenance specialist position staff was working on by eliminating one of the frozen positions permanently and replacing it with this one; The public works parks and buildings maintenance manager was encompassing both street maintenance and the public works following the retirement of the street superintendant and the name change for the position; The increase in the number of paramedics from 12 to 16.
- The city-wide contract for cleaning the recreation center fee costs were about \$88,000 a year and the possibility of an increase of that amount due to additional events that were held that required additional cleaning of the meeting rooms.
- Municipal Information System software in the amount of \$300,000 for a new accounting package, utility billing package, business licensing, and planning and zoning permitting program.
- Eliminating the water system refinancing in the amount of \$33,690,000.
- Budgeting the funding of outside agencies for the following amounts: Senior Center-\$45,000 (the director of the Senior Center requested an additional \$20,000 and the consensus of the Council was to maintain the funding at its current amount), Old Town Association-\$10,000, Humane Society-\$39,450, Veterans Van-\$2,500, Catholic Charities-\$15,000, Verde River Days-\$2,000, Birding Festival-\$1,000, Verde Valley Concert Association-\$2,000.

The Council made no changes or additions to the proposed budget.

The adoption of the city's tentative budget is scheduled for July 5.

ADJOURNMENT

The budget work session adjourned at 5:54 p.m.