

SUMMARY REPORT
OF THE COTTONWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD AUGUST 10, 2011, AT 5:00 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:

INTRODUCTION OF THE VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The new Verde Valley Humane Society (VVHS) Board President, Kyla Allen (Executive Assistant to the Cottonwood City Manager) introduced the new Board Members: Dawn Hunsberger, Past President; Sandra Trautman, Vice President; Robert Hudson, Treasurer; and Val Hudson, Secretary.

The newly appointed Executive Director Sierra Neblina was also introduced.

PLANNING & FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Ms. Neblina reviewed her past experience which she felt was an asset to her new position and explained her vision for the Humane Society.

City Manager Doug Bartosh, informed the Council the city had forwarded the \$40,000 budgeted for the Humane Society upfront instead of on a quarter disbursement so they had money to continue operating.

STATUS OF THE VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY BUILDINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSSIBLE COLLABORATION WITH THE VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Scott Mangarpan, Project Manager for the City, reviewed his findings of the inspection of the old and new Humane Society's buildings.

Council Member Jauregui requested a list of what had to be done and the cost for it.

Mr. Bartosh indicated any additional funds to assist the VVHS could be drawn from either the capital reserves, or the manager's or Council's contingency funds.

The Council concurred with Mr. Bartosh's suggestion of the city working with the VVHS to get on a sustainable path and reporting back to the Council on a regular basis.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.