

SUMMARY REPORT

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COTTONWOOD CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 2, 2011, AT 4:00 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

This summary is a statement of action 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 Jesse Dowling, Tim Elinski, Ruben Jauregui, Linda Norman, and Terence Pratt.

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO ANGELINA BOETTCHER, FOOD CITY EVENT COORDINATOR, FOR THE FUNDRAISER HELD FOR THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Mayor Joens presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Angelina Boettcher for organizing the fundraiser for the public safety building's new fitness center that benefits the Police and Fire Departments.

PROCLAMATION—PINK FIRE TRUCK DAY

Mayor Joens proclaimed Friday, August 5, 2011 as Pink Fire Truck Day in Cottonwood and encouraged the community to join our Fire Fighters, Police Officers, City Officials, and employees to support this cancer awareness event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Work Session of 4/12/11, Special Meeting of 5/10/11, Regular Meetings of 7/5/11 and 7/19/11

The Council unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 578—RELATING TO THE PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX; ADOPTING "THE 2011 AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX CODE OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD" BY REFERENCE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; SECOND & FINAL READING

The Council unanimously approved Ordinance Number 578, which adopts the 2011 amendments to the city's tax code that are available for review in the City Clerk's office or from the Finance Director. The effective date of this Ordinance is September 2, 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA—The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE VERDE VALLEY FAIR ASSOCIATION FOR AN EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2011, AT THE FAIRGROUNDS LOCATED AT 800 E. CHERRY STREET

The Mayor requested that item number two be removed from the Consent Agenda. The Council unanimously approved the special event liquor license for the Verde Valley Fair Association under the Consent Agenda.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER PROGRAM AND SERVICES

The Council unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Arizona Council of Governments for the Development of the Business Assistance Center (BAC) program and services, housed in a city-owned building located at 821 North Main Street in Old Town.

NEW BUSINESS—The following items are for Council discussion, consideration, and possible legal action.

AWARD OF BID FOR THE OLD COURT BUILDING REMODEL PROJECT

The Council unanimously approved awarding the contract for the partial demolition and renovation of the former court office building to Tierra Verde Builders in the amount of \$39,954.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Mr. Robert Oliphant questioned the changes in the material that was posted on the web site pertaining to increases to the general fund of \$261,000 for sewer, and in water it appears there is a \$500,000 increase for capital and an indirect cost to the general fund for water of \$165,375. In the introductory section of the budget the Finance Director warns there are areas of the budget that are "out of control" and the citizens would like to know what area are out of control, how much out of control in the budget and what if anything is anticipated to be done to control these items.

Mr. Rodriguez stated the budget document changed throughout the year. The capital for water and sewer reflected projects that were ongoing and were changes that reflected the updated status of the projects. The change in water for indirect costs were the result of the placing the Natural Resource Director's position under the water department.

Council Member Dowling read from the introductory section of the budget, under the general commentary, which stated "There were issues that were out of our control such as rising health insurance rates, retirement contribution increases, utility costs, and common expenditures in general."

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2595—ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AND ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

The Council unanimously approved Resolution Number 2595, which adopts the city's fiscal year 2011-2012 budget and establishes an expenditure limitation of \$78,422,500.

CLAIMS & ADJUSTMENTS

The Council unanimously approved the Claims and Adjustments as presented.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03.(A)(1) DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISMISSAL, SALARIES, DISCIPLINING OR RESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY PUBLIC BODY, EXCEPT THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SALARY DISCUSSIONS, AN OFFICER, APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE MAY DEMAND THAT THE DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OCCUR AT A PUBLIC MEETING; THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CITY CLERK'S RIGHT TO COMPEL THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN OPEN MEETING—EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY CLERK

The Council convened into executive session to discuss an employment agreement with the City Clerk.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION & POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY CLERK

After reconvening into regular session, the Council unanimously moved to approve an employment agreement with the City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.