

SUMMARY REPORT
OF THE COTTONWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2011, 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 Jesse Dowling, Ruben Jauregui, and Terence Pratt.

Council Members Absent: Council Members Tim Elinski and Linda Norman.

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

PRESENTATION OF A STUDY CONDUCTED BY NAU REGARDING TOURISM AND THE WINE INDUSTRY

Thomas Combrink, Senior Research Specialist for the Arizona Hospitality Research and Resource Center and Arizona Rural Policy Institute presented the results of a study they had conducted in relation to the Wine Industry Tourism. The full study can be found on the internet at <http://home.nau.edu/ahrrc/library.asp>.

REQUEST TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE BUSINESS IN OLD TOWN

Jackie Odom, owner of the Gypsy Wind Carriage Company, to conduct a horse carriage operation along portions of North Main Street and Pima Street in Old Town. The carriage currently operates during the Farmers Market on Thursday evenings. She is seeking approval to operate approximately four to five nights a week to provide a carriage ride in Old Town.

The Council directed staff to prepare an agreement with Mrs. Odom and bring it back to Council for consideration.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THE ARIZONA CATTLE GROWER'S ASSOCIATION'S "SAVE ARIZONA'S FOREST ENVIRONMENT" (SAFE) PLAN

Paul Groseta discussed with the Council the possibility of seeking support for the Arizona Cattle Grower's Association's Save Arizona's Forest Environment Plan. The plan would allow for harvesting of trees and allowing cattle to graze on national forest land in hopes of controlling wild fires. The full plan can be found on the internet at <http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1104839038625-43/SAFE+PLAN.pdf> or from the City Clerk's office.

The Council directed staff to bring the resolution back to a regular meeting on October 4 for consideration and allow for public comment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COTTONWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN CITY LIMITS

Staff presented to Council for discussion adopting a change to the zoning ordinances to allow the keeping of chickens in residential areas. The proposed changes to the zoning ordinance staff is recommending are the chickens be confined to the R1 and R2 residential zones.

Council directed staff to bring the proposed ordinance change back on a regular meeting for consideration to allow for public comments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COTTONWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 406 "PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS," REGARDING PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN THE OLD TOWN HISTORIC COMMERCIAL AREA

Staff presented for discussion proposed changes to the parking and loading requirements for Old Town. The current standards in Old Town are subject to all standard parking requirements, including providing off-street parking for new and expanded uses. The proposed amendments would correct an ongoing policy deficiency and waive the individual parking requirements for each property in Old Town.

Council directed staff to bring back the proposed ordinance changes on a regular meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COTTONWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS

Staff presented the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance in regards to political signs. The state passed legislation requiring municipalities to allow political signs to be located in municipal right-of-way and detailed in Arizona Revised Statutes §16-1019.

Council directed staff to bring the proposed ordinance back on a regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:53 p.m.