

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item: IX-A

Date: 02/8/10

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
628 NORTH MAIN STREET
ELOY, ARIZONA 85131
JANUARY 25, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

Staff Present: Joseph Blanton-City Manager/Community Development Director; Stephen Cooper-City Attorney; Mary Myers-City Clerk; Bill Pitman-Police Chief; Paul Anchondo-Parks and Recreation Director; John Mitchell-City Engineer; Brian Wright-Finance Director; Rus Ketcham-Library Director, Martin O'Haus-Grants Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Jackson asked for a moment of silence.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jackson led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Council Member Joel Belloc, Vice Mayor Frank Acuña, Mayor Byron Jackson; Council Member Etta Ruth Amerson, Council Member Angie Saucedo, Council Member J.W. Tidwell

Council Members Absent: Council Member Jesse Rosel (excused)

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Blanton presented the following communications to Council:

- Updated Council on the storm damage around the city as a result from last Thursday's rain storm. The public works crews were commended for working tirelessly throughout the night during the storm;

- Pre-bidders conference call was held today regarding management services for the Housing Authority. Fifteen (15) bid packages were sent to various companies, but only four companies participated in the conference call. Mr. Blanton said he is hoping for a better response on February 4th when the bids are due;
- Proposals are due tomorrow for trash hauling services;
- An EDGE meeting is scheduled for January 28th at 11:30 a.m., at Robson Ranch;
- Round table discussion on possible continuation of the Solar Bullet project will be held at the Casa Grande recreation department on January 28th, from 2:00p.m. to 4p.m.;
- Eloy Chamber of Commerce annual banquet was held last Friday at Robson Ranch; and
- Handed out an informational flyer detailing the pros and cons for the Home Rule Option

VI. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed tonight.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Acuña, seconded by Council Member Belloc to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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| IX. | A. | Approval of Minutes: 01/11/10 (regular) |
| | B. | Committee Reports: None |
| | C. | Recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for a temporary Extension of Premises/Patio Permit January 30, 2010, for Tumbleweed Inn, located at 3815 W. Frontier Street, Eloy, Arizona |
| | D. | Adoption of Ordinance No. 10-774, amending Chapter 12, Section 12-13 of the City Code pertaining to violations and penalties, Business Regulations |

- XI.** Staff Reports: Check list payment of claims

IX. BUSINESS

E. APPROVAL OF HOUSING REHABILITATION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ROSA BRUCE, DBA BBAR CONSULTING SERVICES, TO PROVIDE HOUSING REHABILITATION SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ELOY FOR THE CITY'S OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Cover sheet discussion: The City advertised for Request for Proposals for Housing Rehabilitation Specialist Services for its owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. Three responses were received in response to the published Request for Proposal. On Thursday, January 14, 2010, the City Manager and Grants Coordinator reviewed the responses. The recommendation to the Mayor and City Council is to approve contracting with Rosa Bruce, dba BBAR Consulting Services, to provide Housing Rehabilitation Services to the City of Eloy

Approval is requested for the attached Housing Rehabilitation Services Contract with Rosa Bruce, dba BBAR Consulting Services. The term of the contract shall be three (3) years from January 25, 2010 through January 24, 2013.

The City has received CDBG funds through the Arizona Department of Housing for an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. An application for HOME grant funds was submitted on January 15, 2010 to the Arizona Department of Housing, and an application will be submitted by the City on February 15, 2010 to the Arizona Department of Housing for State Special Project Funds, for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation.

Fiscal Impact: None

Mr. Blanton conveyed that after a review of the RFPs received, staff is recommending that Rosa Bruce, dba BBAR Consulting Services, be awarded the service contract. The city has used Ms. Bruce's services in the past and has been very satisfied with her work. The contract with BBAR would be for three years to eliminate the need to go out for services every year.

Mayor Jackson pointed out that Ms. Bruce is very experienced in this field and has done a great job with rehabing homes in Casa Grande.

Motion by Vice Mayor Acuña, seconded by Council Member Tidwell to approve a contract with Rosa Bruce, dba BBar Consulting Services, passed unanimously.

F. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO.: 10-1205, ENDORSING THE SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERRIDE ELECTION

Motion by Vice Mayor Acuña, seconded by Council Member Belloc, to have the city clerk read Resolution No. 10-1205 by title only, passed unanimously.

Ms. Charie Wallace, SCVUHS Superintendent, gave a brief overview of the override election scheduled for March 9th and asked for Council support.

Ms. Wallace stressed to Council and members of the public that the override is not for frivolous or unnecessary items for the school, but for minimal educational operations. She pointed out that Arizona schools are underfunded which forces most school districts to operate on a budget override. Approval of the override would:

- ✓ Maintain teacher salaries and benefits;
- ✓ Attract and retain highly qualified teachers;
- ✓ Maintain smaller class sizes;
- ✓ Maintain a safe and orderly environment, providing funding for security;
- ✓ Maintain elective classes for students, such as band, music, art and career and technical education (CTE); and
- ✓ Increase athletic funding for current teams for uniforms, equipment, fields and salaries

Ms. Wallace said the school board is asking voter approval of a 15% budget override for maintenance and operation for the next seven years. Ten percent (10%) will not increase taxes; the remaining five percent (5%) will be new taxes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Acuña, seconded by Council Member Belloc, to adopt Resolution No. 10-1205 passed unanimously.

G. PRESENTATION BY JEFF VAN HANDEL, BUSINESS MANAGER WITH THE SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT USE LIBRARY FACILITY BETWEEN THE SCVUHSD AND THE CITY OF ELOY

At this time, Dr. Jeff Van Handel, business manager for Santa Cruz Valley Union High School, discussed with Council the possibility of partnering with the high school to construct a joint use library facility that would be strategically located on the corner of 11th and Main Streets on the school's property. The high school will build the 12,000 square foot facility as well as maintain it. The city would operate the library and provide the staff. Dr. Van Handel believes this joint venture would be a

positive merger for the community that will serve the public as well as the high school students. Dr. Van Handel said the high school will be asking voters to approve a \$7.5 million bond election in November to finance the construction.

Vice Mayor Acuña wanted to know how much would each household within the district have to pay in new taxes if the bond is approved.

Dr. Van Handel conveyed he did not have the information at this time, however pointed out the tax rate in the city will decrease with the passage of the override election in March. He said the tax rate would drop again, even with the passage of the bond because of the school's current bonds maturing around 2012.

Council Member Amerson wanted to know will the school's bond election hinder the city's efforts in going out for bonds in the future.

Mr. Blanton said no. The city's bonding capacity is separate from the high school's bonding capacity. The city would move its library operations to the new facility freeing up the library which would probably be used for the parks and recreation department.

Council Member Belloc asked would the high school consider partnering with the city for a fuel farm.

Dr. Van Handel voiced that the district would probably be interested in a new joint fueling site. The current fuel station located at the school has reached the end of its life use and the tanks have been removed. Dr. Van Handel felt that a fuel station at the school would not be a good site and recommended possibly placing it at the public works facility.

Mayor Jackson conveyed he met with a representative from Phoenix Fuel about a high school/city joint use fuel station. He was told there was not enough fuel used on a monthly basis between the city and school to justify the company installing a fuel system.

Vice Mayor Acuña asked Mr. Blanton if he foresee any concerns with the city staffing the library.

Mr. Blanton said there are good intergovernmental agreements (IGA) between cities and schools that have joint libraries that the city can use as a template. He has had some discussion with Mr. Ketcham about staffing issues; whether high school students will be available to work for school credit or will the city have to hire additional staff to handle the increase in patrons. Mr. Blanton said it is staff's goal

to address all issues in a draft IGA well before it goes to election in November.

Vice Mayor Acuña asked about security for both the students and the public.

Dr. Van Handel explained this will be included in the IGA. There will be security fencing with signage on the corner of Main and 11th Streets depicting the high school campus entrance/exit on one side and public entrance/exit on the other. Students will enter and leave from the high school side and the public will enter and exit from the public parking lot.

H. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF ELOY INDUSTRIAL ZONE-WATER SYSTEM PLANNING REPORT

Cover sheet discussion: *Two meetings were conducted on August 27, 2009 and September 24, 2009 with property owners and Stakeholders in the City of Eloy Industrial Zone. The Industrial Zone is generally bounded by Eleven Mile Corner Road, Highway 84, Toltec Highway and Interstate 10. The primary purpose of the meetings was to discuss the lack of available water to serve the properties with adequate fire and domestic flows, and to determine a cost per acre.*

Various scenarios were modeled in order to determine the most cost effective solution to providing water. These scenarios concentrated on a regional facility being constructed to serve larger areas. Individual properties have been modeled, but in each case, it was necessary to construct a portion of a regional facility to insure adequate domestic and fire flow levels; thereby making it cost prohibitive.

Regional facilities, constructed to provide to backbone infrastructure are expected to cost approximately \$3095 to \$3250 per acre. It may be possible to phase the construction, but it has been determined that incremental increase in storage and source is required.

The consensus of the Stakeholders at the conclusion of the process was that they were unwilling to finance water system improvements at this scale at this point in time.

Fiscal Impact: *N/A*

At this time, Mr. Mitchell gave a brief overview of the Water System Planning Report which was conducted by PSOMAS.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

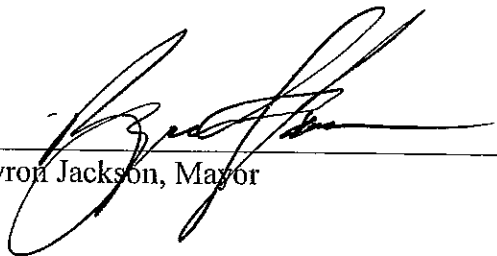
Mr. Wright submitted four options to Council for review and consideration regarding to the city's budget shortfall for FY 2010-11.

Mayor Jackson asked about having another budget work session next Monday. He also asked Mr. Blanton to submit his own recommendation from the list of options to Council as to what he thinks is the best way to approach the shortfall. Mayor Jackson told Council they have the option of adding or deleting anything that is or is not listed.

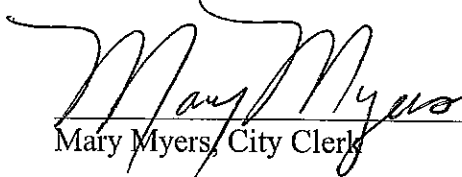
Mr. Blanton conveyed that what staff has presented to Council is the worst case scenario, which is a \$1.6 million deficit. He does not recommend having another work session at this time because none of the departments have submitted their budget, which may further reduce the gap and not require the city to dip into some of the options. Mr. Blanton said he will not have this information for another 30 days. He recommended holding another budget work session in 30 days in order to give department heads a chance to go through their budgets. He also recommended that the city continue to being mindful of its expenditures and expend only what is necessary this budget year.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:17 p.m.


Byron Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Myers, City Clerk