

**THE WORKSESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JULY 23, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**MAYOR FENN
OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:30 P.M WITH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR FENN, VICE MAYOR KING,
COUNCILMEMBERS LODZINSKI, McGOFFIN, SACCO, SUAGEE AND TIPTON**

NEW BUSINESS:

Updating Chapter 16
of the Benson City
Code with a more
comprehensive fee
schedule for our
Planning & Zoning,
Building and Public
Works Departments:

City Manager Martin Roush addressed Council regarding this item stating these proposed changes have been studied by staff and one of the changes in development would enable the City to deal directly with the engineering firms on developer's projects.

Public Works Director, Brad Hamilton then addressed Council informing them that these proposed fees have been on our City website for 60 days and no comments have been received from the public or other affected parties and it is the proper time to now enact this update.

There was discussion regarding the development projects being processed or reviewed in-house before being sent to an engineering firm and this would be looked at on a case by case basis. In some instances, Mr. Hamilton stated, it would be handled in-house, but there are some instances in which the comments and requirements that will need to be addressed are long and time consuming and will therefore, be sent to an engineering firm. The number of projects that the City has will also need to be taken into consideration when deciding to process these requests in-house or by a third party engineering firm.

Discussion regarding the amounts of fees was had which included Mr. Roush addressing Council stating Planning & Zoning fees should help offset the cost of the Planning & Zoning Department.

Councilmembers Suagee and Lodzinski felt that high standards by the City would equal high standard developments. Councilmember Lodzinski then stated that the Home Occupation Permit Fee would need to be addressed in this update.

Councilmember Sacco stated a lot of work has gone into the study and development of these proposed changes.

Mayor Fenn then directed Mike Lockett to investigate the Consumer Price Index and to verify when the adoption of the Building Codes are updated; the Consumer Price Index is also updated in the fee structure.

Martin Roush then addressed Council regarding the addressing fees in conjunction with the recently approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Cochise County would be paid for by the developers.

Mayor Fenn then asked if this proposed format would be given out and posted on the City website, which was confirmed by Mr. Roush. Mayor Fenn then stated that the City needs to adopt what would fit our needs. Mayor Fenn likes for the City to look to other Cities and Towns to see what other jurisdictions are doing, but to verify the processes we adopt are again, fitting our needs now.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Lodzinski moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 7-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk