

RESOLUTION 5-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECTION 5311 FUNDS TO OPERATE A RURAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation provides funding to rural communities with a population of less than 50,000 through its Section 5311 program to fund rural public transit systems that provide rides for elderly and handicapped persons on an as-requested basis as well as Deviated Fixed Routes open to the general public on a fare basis; and

WHEREAS, the local elderly/handicapped transportation program is currently operated by Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, which has notified the City that as of October 1, 2010, it will cease operating this program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that at a minimum an elderly and handicapped transportation program be continued in this community and is prepared to operate the program as a City service; and

WHEREAS, the City is open to the possibility of operating a public Deviated Fixed Route transit system open to the general public on a fare basis, provided that funding sources are available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Arizona Department of Transportation for Section 5311 funding to operate a local public transit system as of October 1, 2010 and is further directed to prepare funding and budget proposals and projections for inclusion in the City's FY2011 budget that set forth the means for acquiring the assets and personnel needed to operate a local transportation service, primarily for the benefit of the region's elderly and handicapped persons, but which also explores the potential for operating the system on Deviated Fixed Routes for the fare-paying general public.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA this 11th day of January, 2010.



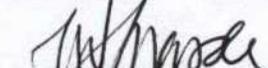
MARK M. FENN, Mayor

ATTEST:



VICKI L. VIVIAN, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney