

**THE WORKSESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD APRIL 18, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT THE BENSON BRANCH OF COCHISE COLLEGE,
1025 S. HWY 90, BENSON, ARIZONA**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Lodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Vice Mayor John Lodzinski, Councilmembers Jo Deen Boncquet, David Lambert, Nick Maldonado, Lori McGoffin and Al Sacco. Absent was: Mayor Mark M. Fenn.

Staff present were: City Manager Glenn Nichols, Building Official Luis Garcia, Chief of Police Paul Moncada, City Clerk Vicki Vivian, Finance Director Jim Cox, Fire Chief Keith Spangler, Library Sr. Assistant Kelly Jeter, Prosecutor Ann Roberts and Public Works Director Brad Hamilton.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion concerning each City Department's goals and accomplishments and objectives

Vice Mayor Lodzinski stated this meeting was to go over Department Head goals and accomplishments and objectives for the year and an explanation of the budget that will be coming to the City in the next few weeks for approval. Vice Mayor Lodzinski stated the budget process has come a long way in the 8 years he has been on Council, now being clear and easier to follow.

Finance Director Jim Cox stated that the last year has been very busy for the Finance Department. He stated first and foremost his goal was to get the City in such a financial state that the City could qualify for a bond rating, which was accomplished with an AA stable rating from Standard & Poor. Mr. Cox stated he does not know of another small city with a bond rating like that. Mr. Cox then stated two big items this year were the acquisition of the San Pedro Golf Course worth \$12.5 million through a donation and the transit system which we took over from Catholic Community Services. Mr. Cox stated that the golf course has and will present many challenges but staff is working hard to get through them and the golf course is completely self-funded. Mr. Cox stated not only did we take over the Dial-a-Ride portion of the transit service but have added a fixed deviated route service. Mr. Cox then stated the transit system is also self-funded through grants. Mr. Cox stated the hard work on the transit system grants has been done by Denise Wolford and he couldn't be happier with the work she has done. Vice Mayor Lodzinski stated he had heard a lot of cities are having trouble getting grant funding for their transit system and asked why that was. Mr. Cox stated he thought it was that those cities are not applying for reimbursement and not taking into account how important keeping on top of this is. Councilmember McGoffin asked for clarification on the provisional employees hired at the golf course and if their pay is coming from the budget or not. Mr. Cox clarified that their pay is coming from the golf course budget and that is the way it has to be in order to keep moving forward. Councilmember McGoffin stated that Mr. Cox is succession planning for a Finance Director since he is planning on retiring and wanted to know if he had a replacement in mind. Mr. Cox stated that his preliminary thoughts were looking at working through December 31st but it is not cast in stone as he feels he has a commitment to stay involved with the golf course for at least the 3 years that the agreement with Arizona Golf Systems is in place. Mr. Cox stated as far as a replacement, what may be best for the City, is somebody young and energetic, well schooled with perhaps a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a CPA. Councilmember Sacco asked if there had been a survey done of the golfers and if he knew how many were locals. Mr. Cox said there had not been a survey done and there is not a quick way to generate that information. Mr. Cox stated about 70% of players are out of Tucson right now, they have tracked that. Mr. Cox then stated expenses for the golf course are being prioritized as far as equipment replacement and the Department of Corrections labor is working out great.

City Manager Glenn Nichols stated there was a book handed to everyone that gave the accomplishments, goals and objectives of the City Departments and any questions should be asked that were not covered in those reports.

Vice Mayor Lodzinski stated it should go in the order of the reports in the book and asked Building Official Luis Garcia to go first. Councilmember McGoffin asked how the Call First Policy was working. Mr. Garcia stated he only had 2 calls that had to go beyond a phone call. Mr. Garcia explained that there will be a consolidation of departments creating what will be called Development Services which will oversee both the Planning & Zoning and Building Departments. Mr. Garcia stated that the Department Heads are in the process of updating the City Code and when Planning & Zoning and the Building Departments are addressed, the consolidation will take place. Councilmember Sacco asked when the Zoning Regulations would be completed with Mr. Garcia stating the Planning & Zoning Commission has made recommendations to Staff. Staff is taking those into consideration and will begin the process of getting that information to the public by holding public hearings and then present the Zoning Regulations to Council, but will probably still be months out. Mr. Garcia then stated his top priority listed in the report is to establish a Residential Green Building Program and then offered an explanation of this program.

City Clerk Vicki Vivian stated the Clerk's office has focused this year on getting records scanned, indexed and organized so Staff can locate records if they choose. Ms. Vivian stated she has gathered information on Youth Councils and has that information available to review. Councilmember McGoffin stated she has spoken with a couple of teachers and they seemed interested in this type of program. Vice Mayor Lodzinski stated he has seen Youth Councils at the League of Cities and he would like to see the youth more involved in government. Ms. Vivian stated she thinks if people are knowledgeable about the process they will actively take a role. Ms. Vivian then stated she has spoken to the City Attorney about Boards & Commissions training and would like to have someone from each board or commission attend to learn about Open Meeting Law and what exactly the purpose of the board or commission is. Councilmember Lambert stated that the Youth Council was brought up about two years ago and has been one of his visions so he will be working on getting that started in the next year.

Fire Chief Keith Spangler stated in his accomplishments he has listed the Fire Prevention Inspections they are doing in certain occupancies that have the most potential for fire and life safety issues. Chief Spangler then stated that he has received some grants for new equipment. Chief Spangler stated he has firefighters interested in taking Firefighter I and II certification classes and three firefighters in the EMT class right now. Vice Mayor Lodzinski asked Chief Spangler how many firefighters he has right now with Chief Spangler responding he has 20 on the books with about 7 people out for various reasons and a core group of about 10 people. Vice Mayor Lodzinski asked how many are authorized with Chief Spangler answering 35. Vice Mayor Lodzinski stated more may need to be recruited. Councilmember Lambert addressed the goal of obtaining annual medical physicals for all Fire personnel and wanted clarification if that would include all of the volunteers and if it would all be done at one time or spread throughout the year. Chief Spangler stated the program is just being started and the company that is being used is from Tucson and they are willing to come to Benson and split it into 3 days to do physical assessments and blood draws and the next week spend 3 days doing individual physicals, adding it would be shared with Mescal, Pomerene and St. David. Councilmember Lambert then asked about the short term goals of one truck replacement and one truck being replaced in the long term goals. Chief Spangler stated it is hard to tell because as the trucks get older, they tend to break faster and more often without explanation. Chief Spangler then stated he has been checking on the most cost effective ways to replace the apparatus. Councilmember McGoffin stated that a pay increase for volunteers was listed in the short term goals and wanted to know if the EMS calls were included in the per call figure. Chief Spangler stated EMS calls are running about 75-80 calls a month and they have been paying the volunteers whether it is an EMS call or a fire call and they are both an important part of the Fire Department and their duties. Councilmember McGoffin asked how much more is he asking for with Chief Spangler responding he is asking for a thousand dollars a month. Councilmember McGoffin then stated he is asking for 2 new employees as well with Chief Spangler stating he has put that in his goals because they are a part of the City's Strategic Plan. Councilmember Sacco asked if the department was in a position where they needed a full-time firefighter right now with Chief Spangler stating he could use 1 full-time firefighter to help out with the operations portion of his duties as he gets inundated during the day with the trucks and phone calls and inspections, adding he could then spend more time on administrative duties like looking for grants. Mayor

elect Toney King asked what the per call rate was for a volunteer firefighter and Chief Spangler answered \$5.00 per call. Mr. King stated he thought an increase may help get more volunteers. Councilmember Maldonado asked what it costs for Firefighter I and II courses with Chief Spangler answering about \$3,000 per firefighter at Pima College for 1 semester and \$1,700 with Cochise College for a 2 semester course; he then added the City pays for this training. Councilmember elect Chris Moncada asked if there is a commitment from the volunteer if the City agrees to pay for the classes with Chief Spangler stating they look at the level of commitment before authorizing the classes. Councilmember Maldonado suggested maybe a 2 year commitment should be put into place.

City Manager Glenn Nichols stated he was speaking for IT and Human Resources and asked if there were any questions. Mayor elect Toney King asked about employees being able to take care of benefits online with Mr. Nichols stating it is being set up so employees can track these themselves.

Senior Library Assistant Kelly Jeter stated the Library front desk had been remodeled and they had received 10 new computers and a reservation system for computer sign-ups which is saving Staff a lot of time. Councilmember Maldonado asked how many computers the Library has with Ms. Jeter stating there are 17 public computers and they are always busy. Councilmember Sacco asked if there was anyway to monitor the Wi-Fi usage in the evenings with Ms. Jeter stating currently there is not. Ms. Jeter stated the eucalyptus tree in the parking lot has died and needs to be removed. Councilmember McGoffin stated in the next few years the Library would probably need a new roof and asked if it should be sooner than later. Public Works Director Brad Hamilton stated the Library roof is probably ok for a couple more years, adding the Fire/Police Department needs a new roof first. City Manager Glenn Nichols then stated the Library and the Fire/Police Departments will both be getting new air conditioning units installed which will help on energy costs.

Chief of Police Paul Moncada stated he was here to answer any questions. Councilmember McGoffin noted the G.I.I.T.E.M officer has been the same for 2 years and asked if there were any plans to rotate him out. Chief Moncada stated it depends on funding and he will probably not know about the funding until the last minute and then stated the current officer is involved in a couple of investigations and he does not want to pull him off those cases, but it would probably be in the fall or the end of the year. Councilmember McGoffin then stated she saw Chief Moncada wanted to address salary issues with the lowest paid employees, but it may start salary compression again. Chief Moncada then stated he wished to address the civilian employees in the Police Department who are on the lower end, adding he felt it was important to address those positions first since they were the ones who needed it and when the City is in better financial shape, the next level could be addressed. Discussion then focused on an IT person for the Police Department with Councilmember McGoffin stating with computers now in the vehicles, this would be needed even more. Chief Moncada agreed stating since the City has lost its IT person, he has been looking at options, adding his department probably took up a significant amount of time and he thinks it's important to have their own IT person since their department is 24/7 and their issues can become critical in the way they function and without computers they can't generate incident reports, can't process arrest records, and many other things. Chief Moncada then stated he had talked to a couple of vendors to see how they would charge us on a monthly basis for a certain number of hours and he had received a proposal from one of the companies familiar with their systems as they exist currently and they were willing to do it for about \$15,000 per year. Chief Moncada then stated with employment and benefits for an IT person, this may end up being less expensive. Discussion then moved to a driving course for teens offered by the Tucson Police Department (TPD) and whether something like that could be done in Benson. Chief Moncada stated he thought it was a valuable instrument they have, targeting young and inexperienced drivers and it teaches such things as how to handle a car when it goes off the road, but he had spoken to TPD and they were reluctant to open it to Benson because it draws on TPD resources. Chief Moncada then stated the school used to have a drivers education program and several parents tried to get it brought back, but the school can't afford it, adding it may be something the school, the City of Tucson and the City could partner up in.

Councilmember Lambert then asked how many officers we have with Chief Moncada stating there are 16 officers, including himself and we have 6 dispatchers, 2 animal control officers, 1 records clerk and 1 police assistant all assigned to the Police Department. Councilmember Lambert then mentioned the 2 new vehicles the Police Department had recently received and asked how many marked vehicles the department had, with Chief Moncada stating they had 16-18, with a vehicle for every officer and a couple of the poorest vehicles for

spare, so when one vehicle has to go into the shop, there is a temporary replacement. Vice Mayor Lodzinski then brought up that the City must be careful to make sure the officers' pay remains competitive, with Chief Moncada stating retention has always been a concern but with Council's action in recent years, we were able to raise the pay to be competitive with other jurisdictions. Chief Moncada then stated with the economy the way it is, a lot of departments just aren't hiring since there is no money anywhere in the State, adding DPS, one of our biggest competitors, has a hiring freeze, and Tucson, Oro Valley and Marana have all lost officers. Chief Moncada then stated in that respect, the economy has been a good thing because we don't have to compete with other departments for officers, however, when the economy improves to the point where those entities start hiring again, we will need to be proactive and adjust the pays accordingly, otherwise it's a given that we will lose people.

Councilmember elect Chris Moncada asked about the K9 dog and if he was reaching the end of his working career, with Chief Moncada stating a dog's career is about 10 years and we are fast approaching that, adding his personal thought is the dog is a useful tool and the officer that has him now is extremely proactive and has been successful from the first week he had the dog. Chief Moncada then stated he will probably be seeking RICO money to replace the K9 when the time comes and he and the K9 officer will both take an active role in seeking a replacement dog; he as the administrator and the officer for his involvement with and expert knowledge of the K9.

Vice Mayor Lodzinski then stated the Council would take a 5 minute break before continuing the retreat.

City Prosecutor Ann Roberts then addressed the Council and stated the biggest issues the City has is enforcement and the upcoming medical marijuana issue. Ms. Roberts stated enforcement wasn't as easy as it was 5 years ago and an added difficulty is a larger amount of absentee ownership of property in the City. Ms. Roberts then stated they are looking at the best way to get onto people's properties that are not compliant, because there are issues with warrants and affidavits and law enforcement training. Discussion then moved to medical marijuana with Ms. Roberts stating there are many questions concerning medical marijuana that have not been answered with the County Attorney even responding they were unsure how they were going to address the issue. Ms. Roberts stated the training that was provided so far were attorneys attempting to figure out how it's all going to work, adding she hopes at the summer training for prosecutors in the State held in August, that maybe we'll have some guidelines or better ideas since everyone has a different opinion on even whether the State will actually recognize another State's certification. Ms. Roberts then stated another issue is there are so many parameters to make sure a certification is actually valid, there's no way she would expect law enforcement agencies to figure it out, so when she met with the Sheriff's Department 6-8 weeks ago, she told them if they didn't know if a certification was valid, they should cite them into court and the court will handle it, adding the burden of proof is with the certificate holder. Chief of Police Paul Moncada stated his department had access that would allow them to check certificates for validity, but only for Arizona. Vice Mayor Lodzinski asked how certificates could be issued when no dispensaries have been approved with Building Official Luis Garcia confirming the State had actually issued its first certification for use at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the 14th to a gentleman in Scottsdale. Ms. Roberts then stated initially people weren't going to have any certification card until the middle of June, so that was another change. Mr. Garcia then stated as far as the dispensaries, he understands people will be given a 12 month grace period to be able to grow their own plants until the dispensaries are up and running. Councilmember elect Chris Moncada stated he had heard complaints were being made in the Phoenix area that no commercial builders would rent to would-be dispensaries with Mr. Garcia stating the amount of moisture needed for this purpose ruins buildings. Ms. Roberts then added there are all kinds of issues with medical marijuana such as it can't be smoked on public transportation, but can be eaten, adding there will be the issue of monitoring it, especially if the public transportation is being run by government.

City Manager Glenn Nichols then addressed Recreation and Tourism starting with Recreation and the great job they are doing. Mr. Nichols stated the biggest problem is when the pool was being prepared for this season, it was discovered that all the shower copper in the walls and all the chlorinators had frozen and split. Mr. Nichols then stated the City had been looking at changing the pool to a salt system, so it will probably be done instead of replacing the damaged equipment that never performed as it should have. Mayor elect Toney King stated in the long run, a salt system saves money and is a better system. Mr. Nichols then stated the summer programs are going well again this year, as is the Community Center. Mr. Nichols then addressed Tourism

stating the department is good, there were a lot of advertisements for the City in the last year and they are a busy department, partnering with the Chamber and others on events and other things. Mr. Nichols then stated with the economy being what it is, partnerships and working together are very important.

Councilmember McGoffin stated Laura Parkin did an excellent job; she has put a lot of effort into the cancer walk and wanted to thank her for her work. Councilmember McGoffin then stated if it's half as successful as the poker run held this past weekend, she will be happy. After being asked about the poker run, Councilmember McGoffin stated it had one of the best turnouts Benson has seen for an event, with approximately 485 people attending, adding she was surprised she didn't see many people from Benson there. Chief of Police Moncada stated many people didn't know about it and the only communication he received was for assistance for traffic control prior to ADOT turning them down. Building Official Luis Garcia stated he didn't think the organizers envisioned it to be the size it was, because whenever she came in to talk about the kitchen issues, she said they "were going to serve some burritos to a couple of bikers." Councilmember McGoffin then agreed, adding they registered over 480 people in 90 minutes and the organizer really appreciated the City transit giving free rides to everyone that needed a ride home, with Mr. Nichols stating that was the City's in kind assistance in partnering for the event.

City Clerk Vicki Vivian then addressed the Council stating once the parks are ready, the Recreation Department could book different sports tournaments, such as baseball, softball, soccer and little league all-stars, bringing in teams and drawing their parents and families from all over to fill up hotels, restaurants, etc. City Manager Glenn Nichols stated this has been looked at before but we didn't have the facilities. Mayor elect Toney King then stated he would like to ask the current Council to consider, in the upcoming budget, allocating a small amount of funding, such as \$20,000, each year to be able to develop the other side of the park over the next few years, adding it could be done in phases. Discussion then moved to the lights at the park and the new fees for utilizing them with Mr. Nichols stating the fees for different leagues using the lights at the park will go into effect July 1, 2011, if approved at the May 23, 2011 Council meeting. Mr. Nichols stated the fees were set up to be 60% of the cost of the lights per hour and is figured against schedules, adding any extra activities on weekends they want to rent, would be extra. Mr. Nichols then stated the Recreation Department met with the leagues and they were all on board with only one group complaining, adding that group felt the City should furnish everything. The lights and options were then discussed, including having the leagues solicit donations for the lights, coin-operated lights and locks on the lights, which have been bypassed by those using the lights. Mr. Nichols then stated part of the problem is our light systems are antiquated and while he feels the City should support recreation, we do provide nice facilities, and at some point, people have to take responsibility and help pay for the costs. Councilmember elect Moncada agreed stating Benson has some of the best fields and the Parks Department does a great job, but not only the City feels the pressure with the economy, the community does also, and a lot of parents can't afford the fees to play, adding even though Benson has some of the lowest fees, they are still expensive. Mr. Nichols then stated before the light fees were suggested, Staff researched and found that almost all cities charge fees and recently Sierra Vista is not even letting some of the leagues use their fields, adding we tried to be comparative with what others are doing while understanding everyone has been hit in the economy. Councilmember McGoffin then stated if we want nice fields, we've got to be able to cover the cost of keeping them nice. Councilmember elect Moncada asked if the fee percentage was anticipated to increase each year with Mr. Nichols stating it will be looked at each year and we will have to see how it goes.

Public Works Director Brad Hamilton then addressed the Council regarding Public Works stating the department is currently down 5 positions from when he started and it's starting to affect how fast they can work on different projects, such as the park, which right now, is a top priority with trying to get the fields back online. Mr. Hamilton then stated the project was not only to level the fields, but to install a variable frequency drive (VFD) on the well at the park as part of the VFD Grant they obtained. Mr. Hamilton then explained the VFD actually controls the speed of the motor on the pump so it can be programmed for different parameters, such as how much water is to be pumped or to maintain or to not exceed a certain pressure. Mr. Hamilton then stated they had installed a pressure transducer to maintain 80psi and now they are re-trenching to use the ballpark well to water the fields, adding the ballpark well is a higher arsenic well that we're not allowed to use in our system, but it would be fine for watering at the park and since Lions Park currently takes anywhere from 13.5 to 15 acre feet each year to water, he expects not only to save electricity, but the draw on our potable water system as well. Mr. Hamilton discussed integrating the Department of Corrections labor into the Streets

Department, stating it has been working very well; they have been cleaning around the City yard and Harvest Way going back to the treatment plant and have now started on 4th Street where they recently picked up 63 55-gallon bags of trash. Mr. Hamilton then said they will continue concentrating on 4th Street to trim all the trees and clean up the landscaping. Mr. Hamilton then discussed the pool and the damage the recent freeze caused, adding they are now looking at some type of system in the showers where air can be pumped in to blow the water out or maybe even drain valves on the showers down through the wall to prevent this from happening again. Mr. Hamilton then spoke about changing the pool over to a salt system, stating he had spoken to a few salesmen and each one's opinion on what needed to be done was completely different, so he contacted Pace Engineering, who does a lot of high-end resort pools, and had them come look at the pool to give us an evaluation. Mr. Hamilton then stated he will then be trying to get a bid out and get the pool equipped, changing the pumps, the filters and installing a salt system, adding the current pumps and filters were designed for residential use, not commercial use.

Mr. Hamilton then gave an update on the airport, stating the runway is now 3,600' instead of 4,000' and the City has applied for a grant to do the design and repairs of the runway. Mr. Hamilton then stated it appears water got underneath the runway and saturated the sub-grade so when the heavy paint truck went over it, away it went, leaving big enough potholes, he was not comfortable having aircraft land on it. Mr. Hamilton then stated the lights were then disabled to prevent having to rewire all the lights for 3,600' and turn around and put them back at 4,000' when the repairs are made. Mr. Hamilton then stated he is also working on the helipad, trying to get the contract so it can move forward, adding the FAA was very happy that Congress finally passed a budget, noting the last two years of airport grant funding was uncertain, but we'll now be moving forward concentrating on the runway repair.

Discussion then moved to the condition of the streets with Councilmember elect Chris Moncada asking about the recent chip seal project and if it was a long-term solution or a quick fix. Mr. Hamilton then stated if money wasn't an object, we'd be doing something different and then stated one thing about the economy is it has made all of us, the City, the County and ADOT work together more, adding the County was using the same chip seal system and the price per sq. ft. was good enough the City could get a lot for our money. Mr. Hamilton then stated he hopes to expend about \$200,000 per year so we can just take the streets a piece at a time and finally get them back into good working shape. Mr. Hamilton then stated he has gotten complaints about which streets are chosen to be done first, but we're trying to address the worst streets that have the highest traffic volume to be fair to everyone and if the City keeps up with pavement management, we'll eventually get to all of them. Councilmember elect Chris Moncada agreed that some side streets are not as important as main streets that get a lot more use and added 7th Street looks better than it ever has.

Councilmember Lambert asked about the status on the soccer field situation and how long it will take to be completed with Mr. Hamilton stating they are repairing sprinkler heads and getting them straight and then we can restart watering with potable water. Mr. Hamilton then stated at the sandlot, the sprinkler system was abandoned because it was never big enough to properly water and a completely new sprinkler system will be installed.

2. Discussion concerning Councilmembers' individual goals and objectives

Councilmember McGoffin stated over the next two years, she wants to successfully pull off 2 cancer walks. Councilmember McGoffin then spoke about the recent poker run held for the Border Patrol agent who was killed in December, stating it was a motorcycle run that went to Tombstone, Bisbee, Sierra Vista, Huachuca City and then ended in Benson and the event raised approximately \$12,000. Councilmember McGoffin then stated if she could get half as many participants of the poker run to take part in the cancer walk this year, she would be very excited. Councilmember McGoffin then stated the cancer walks and starting a Youth Council with Councilmember Lambert are her two big goals for next two years.

Councilmember Lambert then spoke stating establishing the Youth Council will be his main objective over the next year and in the budget meetings, he will be requesting a line item for it.

Councilmember Maldonado stated he would like to see the lights at the park handled so they aren't on when they are not in use. City Manager Glenn Nichols stated the groups using the facilities have been told to turn off the lights when they leave, with Councilmember Maldonado stating he would like see the situation addressed to make sure the lights are off when they are not needed.

City Manager Glenn Nichols then addressed the Council regarding the budget process for Community Enrichment and how those funds are allocated, stating many times, the recipients of this funding expend the allocated amount and come back to Council for more. Mr. Nichols then stated community enrichment is important for the City to support, but many times those receiving this support don't solicit any other entity for donations and when some of them ask for more than was allocated to them, it puts a burden on the City to come up with this money from another area. Discussion then centered on parties requesting not the initial funding allocated to them, but additional funds from the City and if they should fill out a brief form giving the Council information on their request and if they have solicited any other donations.

Councilmember Maldonado then added one recipient he would like to make sure is in the Community Enrichment budget is the Community Food Pantry, adding they have 280-320 people a week and are having to close down one Wednesday each month because there isn't enough food to give out. Councilmember Maldonado then stated all the money and food is donated and Safeway and Wal-Mart do a lot, but since a lot comes from the USDA, they can't ask for donations from those who receive assistance and the Food Bank is in constant need of donations.

Councilmember McGoffin then asked Councilmember elect Chris Moncada and Mayor elect Toney King if they had any goals with Councilmember elect Chris Moncada stating his goal was to learn as much as he could about the City and all the processes in place. Vice Mayor Lodzinski stated the training the League of Arizona Cities & Towns provides is very beneficial to new elected Councilmembers, with Councilmember elect Chris Moncada stating he would be attending that training in June. Mayor elect Toney King stated he is just looking forward to the year ahead, knowing it will be tough and there will be tough decisions to make, but hopefully the Council will continue to work together as good as they have in the past and they continue to lead the City into what he calls one of the greatest cities in Arizona.

Vice Mayor Lodzinski then stated he had heard General Electric is talking about putting in big plant that makes solar cells in the United States, providing 400 jobs and we should send them information on Benson. Councilmember McGoffin then moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Sacco. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **Discussion and possible action in reviewing and updating the "City of Benson, Arizona, Strategic Plan – 2010-2011"**

The meeting was adjourned as stated under New Business Item 2.

ADJOURNMENT:

As stated under New Business Item 2, Councilmember McGoffin moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Sacco. Motion passed 6-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk