

CITY OF BENSON CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 23, 2013 – 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.,
AT BENSON CITY HALL,
120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

AMENDED AGENDA

The Council may discuss, consider and take possible action pertaining to the following:

CALL TO ORDER: The Call to Order will consist of the Mayor calling the Council to order. The Mayor or his designee shall then lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance before introducing the invocation speaker, who will offer the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The City Clerk shall call the roll of the members, and the names of those present shall be entered in the minutes.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: The Mayor shall use this time to present employment awards to those City employees or to present recognition awards for specific acts regarding public service, if any.

PROCLAMATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: The Mayor and Council will be available to receive comments from the public regarding the use of approximately \$170,697 in Fiscal Year 2014 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Communications and comments from the citizens regarding the City of Benson or other matters properly addressed to the City Council shall be heard by the Council. Such remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless additional time is granted by the Council. **

CITY MANAGER REPORT: The City Manager will update and inform the public of specific items of interest regarding City matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consent Agenda: *** **APPROVED**
 - 1a. Minutes of the November 25, 2013 Worksession *
 - 1b. Minutes of the November 25, 2013 Regular Meeting *
 - 1c. Invoices processed for the period from November 30, 2013 through December 12, 2013 *
2. Discussion and possible action on hiring a Communications consultant to examine the City's Information Technology (IT) systems and assist the City's Attorney regarding the investigation about RikerTek it was ordered, at the last meeting, to conduct – **Vice Mayor Sacco and Councilmember Brooks DIRECTIVE TO CITY ATTORNEY TO LOCATE A COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH AN INVESTIGATION OF IT SERVICES AND TO EXAMINE RADIOS, PHONES AND IT EQUIPMENT**
3. Discussion and possible action in regards to replacement of members or the termination of the Benson Economic Development Subcommittee – **Councilmember Boyle and Councilmember Brooks THE BENSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE IS TO BRING INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL IN JANUARY; COULD WILL DECIDE IF FURTHER ACTION IS TO BE CONSIDERED**
4. Resolution 34-2013 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 – **Brad Hamilton, P.E., Interim City Manager/Public Works Director/City Engineer * APPROVED**
5. Discussion and possible action on a citywide hiring freeze and scope of such – **Councilmember Boyle and Councilmember Brooks SOFT HIRING FREEZE CITYWIDE FOR ALL NON-CRITICAL POSITIONS APPROVED – HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: As per A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1), (3) & (4), Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, salaries, or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. The Council will discuss and consider the status of negotiations regarding the possible appointment and employment contract of the City Manager, and may receive legal advice and give instructions per A.R.S. section 38-431.03(D).

6. Discussion and possible action in approving an employment contract with William Stephens for the position of City Manager – **Brad Hamilton, P.E., Interim City Manager/Public Works Director/City Engineer** * **ITEM REMOVED – NO ACTION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: As per A.R.S. section 38-431.03(3)&(4), discussion and/or consideration with City Attorney of proposed Commercial Lease Agreement between the Benson Area Food Bank and the City of Benson for a portion of space upon real property located at 370 S. Huachuca Street, Benson, Arizona.

7. Commercial Lease Agreement between the Benson Area Food Bank and the City of Benson for a portion of space upon real property located at 370 S. Huachuca Street, Benson, Arizona – **Brad Hamilton, P.E., Interim City Manager/Public Works Director/City Engineer** * **APPROVED**
8. **Discussion and possible action to terminate the City’s Information Technology (IT) services provided by RikerTek – Vice Mayor Sacco and Councilmember Boyle IT SERVICES PROVIDED BY RIKERTEK TERMINATED**
9. **Direction to Staff to start the procurement process for the City’s Information Technology (IT) services – Vice Mayor Sacco and Councilmember Boyle MOTION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR IT SERVICES APPROVED**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Written Department Reports will be provided to Councilmembers as part of the Council packet monthly.

ADJOURNMENT

POSTED this 17th day of December, 2013

Material related to the City Council meeting is available for public review the day before and the day of the meeting, during office hours, at the City Clerk’s Office located at 120 W. 6th Street, Benson, Arizona, 520-586-2245 x 2011.

All facilities are handicapped accessible. If you have a special accessibility need, please contact Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk, at (520) 586-2245 or TDD: (520) 586-3624, no later than eight (8) hours before the scheduled meeting time.

Any invocation that may be offered before the start of regular Council business shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, for the benefit of the Council and the citizens present. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.

Executive Session – Upon a vote of the majority of the City Council, the Council may enter into Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03.

* Denotes an Exhibit in addition to the Council Communication

** Call to the Public

Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.01(H) provides that “A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.” As such, Call to the Public agenda items are provided as a courtesy to allow citizens an opportunity to voice any concerns or opinions they may have regarding the City of Benson or other matters properly addressed to the City Council. However, in accordance with Arizona law, citizens need to understand that the City Council is not permitted to enter into a direct discussion with the citizens speaking on any issues of concern during the Call to the Public and no legal action can be taken, unless the matter is properly noticed on the agenda.

In order to speak during the Call to the Public, please complete the Call to the Public form requesting to do so.

*** Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda will be the first item under New Business and shall list separately distinct items requiring action by the City Council that are generally routine items not requiring Council discussion. A single motion will approve all items on the Consent Agenda, including any resolutions or ordinances, or claims/invoices that are of a routine nature. A Councilmember may remove any issue from the Consent Agenda, and that issue will be discussed and voted upon separately, immediately following the Consent Agenda under its proper regular category of New Business.