

**THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA  
HELD JUNE 1, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Vice Mayor Lori McGoffin, Councilmembers Pat Boyle, Jeff Cook, David Lambert and Chris Moncada. Absent was: Councilmember Joe Konrad.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 14-2015 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, approving a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Mayor King stated the Council had received all the changes to the budget and opened the item for discussion. Councilmember Moncada then stated the budget included 1 full-time employee at the library to restore services, but that previous to furloughs and cuts being made to the library service hours, there was only an additional part-time person, adding he thinks the additional library employee should be a part-time employee. Mayor King asked if the library would be able to open on Saturdays with an additional part-time employee with Finance Director Dustin DeSpain stating a part-time employee should restore those hours. Mr. DeSpain then stated the budget is a threshold and stated the Council could direct the City Manager to hire an employee to restore services and could look at what was needed. Mr. DeSpain then stated the Council has a scheduled time to adopt the budget and any changes made now would affect the publication of the budget, again noting Mr. Stephens could look at the staffing issue and it wouldn't require a budget change. Councilmember Lambert then stated the Council could simply direct the City Manager to hire as needed.

Councilmember Cook stated he didn't want to sound contrary, but even with the increase in hours at the library, he didn't see a need to direct Staff to do anything, adding the library will be open an additional 10 hours each week and the library Staff and City Manager can address what needs to be done, again stating the Council doesn't need to involve itself in this personnel matter.

Vice Mayor McGoffin stated she thought she recalled the Council discussing an additional part-time employee, not a full-time employee, adding regardless, it was for the City Manager to address. City Manager William Stephens then stated if the furloughs are eliminated, the library staff can continue the current library hours, but to restore the library service hours to what they were before furloughs were implemented would require the addition of a part-time or full-time employee. Mayor King then stated the Council could direct Mr. Stephens to hire as needed. Mr. Stephens stated he could manage the situation, adding it wouldn't increase the proposed budget numbers.

Councilmember Lambert then moved to approve Resolution 14-2015. Seconded by Vice Mayor McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 15-2015 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, to accept the United States of America Federal Aviation Administration Grant for Improvements at the Benson Municipal Airport (3-04-0077-017-2015)**

Public Works Director Brad Hamilton stated this item is an airport improvement grant that was scheduled for the summer of 2014, but was held up for environmental reasons, however, he is now asking the Council for

permission to proceed. Mr. Hamilton then stated the grant was a 95% grant funding with the other 5% to be split between the City and the State. Mayor King asked if this grant was in the budget with Mr. Hamilton stating the grant was in the previous budget and carried into the new budget. Councilmember Boyle asked if the City might have to pay the entire 5% with Mr. Hamilton stating he has never had the State not participate in an FAA grant, adding it's a very easy process to apply for the funding from the State. Councilmember Boyle noted the State was reducing their funding with Mr. Hamilton stating the City and the State both pay 2.5% of the total grant funding and then the City collects 4% construction sales tax and the State collects 3.6% tax.

Councilmember Moncada moved to approve Resolution 15-2015. Seconded by Councilmember Lambert. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 16-2015 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with Pavex Corporation, for the Construction of a Helipad ), Install Miscellaneous NAVAIDS (Rotating Beacon, Relocate Taxiway Hold Signs, Runway 10 Threshold Lighting) in the amount of \$205,974.40**

Public Works Director Brad Hamilton stated this item is the construction contract for the airport grant the Council just approved, adding a bid was put out and Pavex Corporation was the lowest qualified bidder. Councilmember Moncada moved to approve Resolution 16-2015. Seconded by Vice Mayor McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Mayor McGoffin moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Boyle. City Attorney Gary Cohen stated he would like to note on the record that no one signed up for the Call to the Public. Motion then passed 6-0.

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Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk