

**THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**MAYOR FENN
OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:01 P.M WITH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR FENN, VICE MAYOR KING
COUNCILMEMBERS LAMBERT, LODZINSKI, McGOFFIN and SACCO
ABSENT WAS: COUNCILMEMBER BONCQUET**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the adoption of the 2006 International Building and Fire Codes – Keith Spangler, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Keith Spangler addressed Council stating the changes Council had requested were made to the proposed codes and had also included a 3' clear space around fire risers in conjunction with new construction. Chief Spangler stated the penalty and fines have also been added to the code. Mr. Michael McMillan of Brown & Associates indicated all changes since the last worksession were presented in yellow highlighted text, beginning with the standard specifications for public improvements being changed to the Pima Associations of Government (PAG) instead of Maricopa Associations of Government (MAG) citing the PAG standards were more in line with the contractors in Benson. Chief Spangler then stated in section 903.2.1, the exception to the sprinkler rule would not apply if after 12 months, there was a change in the use to a more restrictive occupancy and there was an enlargement or structural alteration of the building or structure. Mayor Fenn clarified that the rule would not apply if after 12 months **and** there was a change in the use to a more restrictive occupancy and there was an enlargement or structural alteration of the building or structure, asking Chief Spangler to insert the word "and". Mayor Fenn then asked about the wording in section 903.2.1 on page 7, requesting the change of: "An automatic sprinkler system is not required where the total floor area of temporary amusement building is less than one-thousand (1000) square feet ~~and~~ **or** the travel distance from any point to an exit is less than 50 feet", indicating it should state. Discussion was then had regarding the effective date of the new requirements; with direction to staff to change the code so that new requirements would not be effective with plans submitted prior to July 1, 2009, with construction required to begin before January 1, 2010. Mr. McMillan stated the proposed codes would require legal review before being brought to Council for action. Public Works Director Brad Hamilton then addressed Council stating his department was currently looking at special construction standards, which will be brought to Council at a later date. Mayor Fenn then thanked both Keith Spangler and Mike McMillan for their work.

2. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the proposed amendments to the Fire Department Response Guidelines – Keith Spangler, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Keith Spangler addressed Council stating with the Mescal Fire District being created, the Benson Fire Department would need to adjust the City's guidelines to reflect our correct response area, which will be the City limits. Discussion was then had regarding specific response areas concerning extrication, roadside emergencies and structure fires. Chief Spangler then reviewed the additional changes in the proposed amendments. Direction was given to Chief Spangler to add the amendment that it would be unlawful for any person to congregate within 100 feet of a gas leak, if it is not their place of residence. Councilmember Sacco recommended Section 4-3-12, the Income Continuation for Volunteer Firefighters, be amended to reflect not

only the establishment, but the continuation, of a reserve account for payment of injured firefighter wage claims. Mayor Fenn then asked about a major emergency and the notification of the Mayor and Council in such an event. Interim City Manager Glenn Nichols indicated the Mayor and Council would be notified and that there was going to be some training provided to the Mayor and Council to let them know their responsibilities in such an event. Councilmember Lambert asked about the utilization of the Arizona Rangers, with Chief Spangler indicating with a long on-scene presence, the Fire Department has utilized the Arizona Rangers for traffic control and can continue to do so. Mayor Fenn then thanked Chief Spangler for his work. Chief Spangler then indicated the proposed amendments, with the Council comments and direction, would be brought before Council for action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor King moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk