

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-02

A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson Expressing Its Support for a Study of Regional Economic Development, Commitment of Funds, and Authorization of a Grant for Rural Development Funds, and Authorize the Mayor to Sign

WHEREAS, the City of Benson is authorized to expend funds for economic development purposes;

WHEREAS, the City of Benson desires to explore the potential for a regional economic development program in Cochise County;

WHEREAS, Cochise College has submitted a proposal to work with Cochise County and interested local city governments to: (1) measure the efforts/successes of existing economic development efforts; (2) ascertain the expectations of key local city and county leaders as they relate to economic development; (3) research and analyze other successful regional economic development models; and (4) identify key issues that may impair a regional economic development effort;

WHEREAS, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors has expressed support for regional economic development activities provided that there is support from the participating cities;

WHEREAS, the first step, the above-mentioned research project, may cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000, and there may be grant funds available from the Rural Development Administration for all or a portion of these costs;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Benson to support said project, and if necessary, to provide its share of funding for said research should grant funding not be available;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson hereby express support for a study to be performed by Cochise College concerning current and future regional economic development efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council acknowledge and support a grant from Cochise County as sponsor to acquire funding for Cochise College to perform the research for the regional economic development study as proposed.

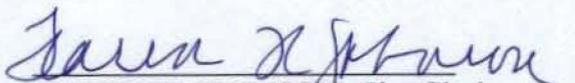
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to commit funding for said study in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for the cities' share to the extent that grant funding is not available for said study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Benson expresses its general commitment to a regional economic development program in the County, the parameters of which will be determined upon completion of the Cochise College study.

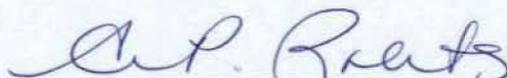
APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

  
MIKE MONTROY, MAYOR  
City of Benson

ATTEST:

  
KAREN H. JOHNSON, City Clerk  
City of Benson

APPROVAL AS TO FORM:

  
Ann Roberts, City Attorney