

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JULY 30, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**MAYOR FENN OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:00 P.M WITH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR FENN, VICE MAYOR KING
COUNCILMEMBERS LODZINSKI, McGOFFIN, SACCO, SUAGEE, and TIPTON**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Barbara Buntin addressed the Council in reference to their recent decisions being made.

Julia Robinson addressed the Council in reference to all of the tension going on at City Hall. Ms. Robinson told the Council that it was no way to run a City. Ms. Robinson said she hoped Council would reconsider its decision and restore the City Manager.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible appointment of an Interim City Manager; possible discussion and action concerning the search for a new City Manager.

Councilmember Suagee handed out a memo and read to Council. Councilmember Suagee moved to appoint Mr. Jim Mellentine as Interim City Manager. Seconded by Councilmember Tipton. Motion failed 2-5 with Councilmembers Lodzinski, Sacco, McGoffin, Vice Mayor King and Mayor Fenn voting nay.

Councilmember Suagee moved to appoint Mr. Jim Cox as Interim City Manager. Seconded by Councilmember Tipton. Motion failed 3-4 with Councilmembers Sacco, McGoffin, Vice Mayor King and Mayor Fenn voting nay.

Councilmember Sacco moved to appoint Police Chief Glenn Nichols as Interim City Manager. Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion was then had on the process for hiring a new City Manager. Mayor Fenn asked Gilda Gomez to explain the process. Ms. Gomez had a file with the information from the previous time and spoke on how it was done. Mayor and Council directed Ms. Gomez to look into outside agencies to process the search for a City Manager.

2. Consideration and possible action on a freeze on Involuntary Termination of City Employees.

Councilmember Suagee moved to approve Resolution 52-2008. Seconded by Councilmember Tipton.

Discussion was had in reference to Resolution. Councilmember Suagee then withdrew her motion.

Councilmember Tipton then moved to approve Resolution 52-2008. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Vice Mayor King said he would like the Resolution amended to have the Council come together immediately if a major problem arises. Councilmember Tipton then amended her motion to include that Council could meet immediately to lift the moratorium in the event of a serious disciplinary action. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.

After discussions between the Mayor and Council, and questions were asked of City Attorney Benavidez, they agreed that this issue is already included in the Resolution.

Councilmember Tipton then moved to approve the original Resolution 52-2008 as presented to Council, with no amendments. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 4-3 with Councilmember Sacco, Vice Mayor King and Mayor Fenn voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember McGoffin moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 7-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk