

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**MAYOR FENN
OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M WITH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Fenn opened the public hearing to receive comments and questions from the public regarding the Home Rule Option (Alternative Expenditure Limitation) at 7: 01 p.m. stating this was the second public hearing regarding the Home Rule Option. Mayor Fenn indicated no one had signed up for the public hearing and asked if there were comments from any others present who wished to speak. After receiving no comments from the public, Mayor Fenn closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 60-2008 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation

Finance Director Jim Cox addressed Council giving a brief overview of why the City proposes the Alternative Expenditure Limitation. Mr. Cox explained that in 1980 the State of Arizona enacted legislation that limits spending by Cities, Counties and School Districts, using the 1979-1980 fiscal year budget amounts as a basis for the expenditure limitation in the future. Mr. Cox stated while this sounded like a good idea, it did not take into consideration the unique needs of each community and therefore with further legislation, cities were able to set their own expenditure limitation through the budget process with voter approval every four years. Mr. Cox went on to state that after speaking to the auditor general, he confirmed that City Council as well as employees may discuss the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule), but that the City may not spend any resources promoting the Alternative Expenditure Limitation. Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve Resolution 60-2008. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Resolution 61-2008 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, Designating the Election Date and Purpose of Election, Designating the Deadline for Voter Registration and Designating the Place and the Last Date for Candidates to file Nomination Papers

City Clerk Vicki Vivian addressed Council stating the primary election would be held March 10, 2009 and the general election, if needed would be held May 19, 2009. Ms. Vivian stated this Resolution informs the public that an election will be held, the voter registration deadlines, and the deadline for candidates to file nomination papers. It was noted that the terms of Mayor Fenn, Vice Mayor King, Councilmember McGoffin and Councilmember Lambert would be up for

reelection. Ms. Vivian then stated the deadline for candidates to file nomination papers was December 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and that she and Interim City Manager Glenn Nichols would host a Candidate Information Forum at City Hall on December 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Vice Mayor King moved to approve Resolution 61-2008. Seconded by Councilmember Sacco. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **Resolution 62-2008 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, seeking Voter Approval to Adopt a Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option) to Apply to the City of Benson for the Next Four Years**

Finance Director Jim Cox addressed Council stating this Resolution provided the financial details that would be provided to the auditor general's office for approval, as required. Mr. Cox stated two sets of projections are included in the resolution, with the first set being the City's projections, assuming Home Rule is in effect. Mr. Cox then stated the second set of projections for the State imposed limit were estimated based on the projection formulas as required by statute. Mr. Cox stated it was important to note that the City is not tied to these numbers, but that they are estimates. Councilmember Sacco moved to approve Resolution 62-2008. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 6-0.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

None.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor King moved to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Boncquet. Motion passed 6-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk