

**A WORKSESSION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA  
HELD ON MAY 17, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M. AT  
BENSON CITY HALL,  
120 W. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

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

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR SCOTT  
COUNCILMEMBERS FENN, KING, LODZINSKI, McGOFFIN and SUAGEE  
ABSENT WAS: VICE MAYOR HAMILTON**

Topic:

Budget Worksession for  
the City of Benson

Fiscal Year 2007-2008: Finance Director Jim Cox and City Manager Martin Roush addressed Council concerning the Administration and City Council Departments in the budget. Video presentation equipment for the Council is included in the budget and the Employee Council is now a separate line item in the budget.

Building Official Mike Lockett then addressed Council concerning the Building Department budget followed by Police Chief Glenn Nichols regarding the Police Department budget. Chief Nichols informed Council the leases in the previous budget have now been paid off.

Mr. Roush then spoke to Council regarding the Fire Department budget, stating the hiring of a full-time Fire Chief is a milestone for the City. Mr. Roush also stated that a full-time assistant Fire Chief will not be pursued in the 2007-2008 budget since the addition of two police officers have been made. Chief Spangler then informed the Council that the Fire Department has five new volunteers coming on board.

City Attorney Ann Roberts then addressed Council regarding the Magistrate and City Attorney budgets. Ms. Roberts will be presenting a contract for legal services to the Council in the near future. Ms. Roberts requested the Wastewater budget Legal Fees be moved to the City Attorney budget.

Library Director Peggy Scott then addressed Council regarding the Library budget. Ms. Scott informed the Council that the library was in need of two computers and a copier.

Mr. Roush then addressed Council regarding the Parks & Recreation budget, stating pool supplies will need to be added to the budget. Mr. Roush also informed Council that our part-time Recreation employee, Kim East has requested the new full-time Center Coordinator take over the swimming programs, to include the hiring of lifeguards when needed.

Public Works Director Brad Hamilton then addressed Council regarding the Public Works budget. Mr. Hamilton stated the reclassifications of positions in Public Works are not reflected in the personnel section of the Public Works budget. It was also discussed that the Development Fees that will be charged will need revenue and expenditure lines added to the budget.

Finance Director Jim Cox then addressed Council on the Finance budget. Mr. Cox stated that professional development in his department is a continuous goal. Mr. Cox also addressed the changes in the budget format and feels this budget is a step toward budget recognition from the **Government Finance Officers Association**. Council stated they liked the new format.

City Manger Martin Roush then addressed Council regarding the Planning & Zoning budget. Mr. Roush informed Council the vacant position of Planning Technician has been filled. Mr. Roush stated that while the City must prepare for high growth, we must also prepare for no growth. Development Fees charged to developers is a way to have development work processed using third parties without having to add additional staff.

Mr. Cox then informed Council that he would be looking at paying off the Visitor Center Depot in June. Council had previously approved this, but Mr. Cox wanted to make sure we stayed within our budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Mr. Cox also clarified that the 5% Cost of Living Adjustment was to apply to contract employees as well.

Adjournment:

Councilmember King moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

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George Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk