

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JANUARY 7, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE BENSON COMMUNITY CENTER, 705 W. UNION STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Vice Mayor Joe Konrad, Councilmembers Pat Boyle, Larry Dempster, Lupe Diaz and Barbara Nunn. Absent was: Councilmember Levi Garner.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: None

PROCLAMATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Interim City Manager Vicki Vivian addressed Council, giving the dates of upcoming meetings and events.

- Tuesday, January 8, 2019 - Library Advisory Board, 4:00 p.m., Library
- Monday, January 28, 2019 - City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center

- Monday, January 21, 2019 - Martin Luther King Day, City Offices Closed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion and possible action on the Consent Agenda**

- 1a. Minutes of the December 10, 2018 Worksession
- 1b. Approval of the Job Description for City Manager
- 1c. Reappointment of Nancy Huey to the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the City of Benson
- 1d. Reappointment of Linda Lamb to the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the City of Benson
- 1e. Resolution 1-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the acceptance of a Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant to fund equipment purchases and overtime
- 1f. Invoices processed for the period from November 29, 2018 through December 12, 2018

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Nunn. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, approving a Special Event Liquor License for Helping Hands @ Cochise Terrace for January 26, 2019 at Cochise Terrace, 1030 S. Barrel Cactus Ridge, Benson, Arizona**

Mayor King asked Ms. Pat Bale from Cochise Terrace RV Resort to come forward in case there were any questions. Ms. Bale then addressed the Council stating last year they raised \$5,000 for the Senior Meals on Wheels program. Ms. Vivian asked how the public could attend with Ms. Bale stating tickets are sold for anyone wanting to attend the event. Vice Mayor Konrad thanked Ms. Bale for what they do for the community.

Mayor King moved to approve Resolution 2-2019. Seconded by Vice Mayor Konrad. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding the proposal from Willdan Financial Services to complete a Water and Sewer Financial Planning and Rate Study in the amount of \$30,000**

Finance Director Seth Judd stated this item is the proposed agreement with Willdan to perform a rate study for the Water and Wastewater utilities. Mr. Judd then stated the contracted price for the study will be \$30,000, adding the expense for the rate study was budgeted in FY19 in both the Water and Wastewater funds under professional services, with \$15,000 in each fund.

Vice Mayor Konrad then moved to approve \$30,000 for the rate study with Willdan Financial Services. Seconded by Councilmember Dempster. Motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) & (7), for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body and discussions or consultations with the Mayor and Council's designated representatives to consider its position and possibly instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, lease, or exchange of city-owned real property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: As per A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1), (3) & (4), Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, salaries, or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. The Council will discuss and consider the status of negotiations regarding the possible appointment and employment contract of the City Manager, and may receive legal advice and give instructions per A.R.S. section 38-431.03(D).

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to enter into both executive sessions with the Mayor and Council, the Deputy City Clerk, the City Attorney and for the first executive session only to include City Clerk/Interim City Manager and Public Works Director at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Diaz. Motion passed 6-0.

Council reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

4. **Discussion and possible action in approving an employment contract with Vicki Vivian for the position of City Manager**

The was no Council discussion.

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve the employment contract with Ms. Vicki Vivian for the position of City Manager with an annual salary of \$112,000 a year effective as soon as all parties sign the agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Nunn. Motion passed 6-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Boyle moved to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Dempster. Motion passed 6-0.

Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk