

**THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA  
HELD JUNE 4, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Acting Mayor McGoffin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were: Acting Mayor Lori McGoffin, Councilmembers Ron Brooks, Nick Maldonado and Chris Moncada. Excused was: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr. Absent were: Councilmembers David Lambert and Al Sacco.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 27-2012 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, approving a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

Finance Director Jim Cox addressed Council stating the purpose of the meeting is for Council to consider the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Mr. Cox then stated if Council chooses to approve the Tentative Budget, it will be published in the paper for two weeks as required by law, followed by a public hearing held on June 21, then presented to Council for consideration of approval and adoption of the final budget at the June 25, 2012 Council meeting. Mr. Cox then stated once a Tentative budget is approved, the Council can rearrange line items or decrease the budget, but it cannot be increased. Mr. Cox then went over minor changes made to the Tentative budget since the Council received the documents, stating on page 8, the last item under personnel relates to the golf course and the statement from the City Manager and the Finance Director reads one maintenance worker would be promoted to the position of an irrigation tech/foreman, but it will actually be an open process and will be an interviewed position, adding one maintenance worker position will be vacated and deleted, with the City hiring an irrigation tech/foreman. Mr. Cox stated the other minor change was that he recalculated the salary rate plan to be precise, adding over the years, there have been adjustments made to the rate plan for cost of living increases and technology changes with new excel formats, adding in the recalculation, some dollar amounts changed by up to as much as \$.95. Mr. Cox then stated these minor changes will be reflected in the final budget.

Councilmember Brooks then asked about the employee health insurance plan with Mr. Cox stating we are still waiting to get a final answer, but we are very confident the cost will be below the 6% budgeted increase. Councilmember Brooks then asked about the \$225,000 for capital improvements associated with the UAS system with Mr. Cox stating that amount was in the budget for the construction of infrastructure that may be required at the airport should we be selected and be instructed to proceed very quickly with a wastewater system or other infrastructure that may be needed, adding this funding would be pulled from the bond proceeds, since it is infrastructure. Councilmember Brooks stated it is very difficult to estimate the amount needed for such infrastructure and questioned where the City would obtain more funding if needed with Mr. Cox stating if additional funding were required, the Council could make an allocation from the miscellaneous grants, which was budgeted at \$4.2 million, to the capital improvements and the City could utilize additional funding from the bond proceeds.

Acting Mayor McGoffin stated she was comfortable with the budget amount and noted the Council could still change line items or decrease the budget, if they chose. Councilmember Moncada moved to approve Resolution 27-2012. Seconded by Councilmember Maldonado. Motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Maldonado moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Maldonado.  
Motion passed 4-0.

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Lori McGoffin, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk