

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD AUGUST 12, 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 7:12 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor King then introduced Kirk Sorenson from the First Assembly of God who gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Vice Mayor Joe Konrad, Councilmembers Pat Boyle, Larry Dempster, Lupe Diaz, Nick Maldonado and Barbara Nunn.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor King read a proclamation declaring October 12, 2019 as “Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Day”.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

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

- Monday, August 26, 2019 – City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center
- Monday, September 2, 2019 – **Labor Day Holiday – City offices will be closed**
- Saturday, September 7, 2019 – Lantern Festival, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., San Pedro Golf Course

Come hang out with us for the breathtaking Lantern Festival. Start off the Afternoon with Cornhole, Face Painting and visiting Food and Merchandise Vendors, then spread out a blanket or your chairs and enjoy the warm glow of tiki torches as you relax and connect with those around you while enjoying some good music until sundown. At 8:00 p.m., we'll go over safety and lantern releasing directions with everyone, and then we will begin releasing lanterns for an amazing experience. Whether you're sending a message to a departed loved one, releasing a weight you've been carrying for way too long, celebrating a milestone, celebrating with loved ones or simply celebrating yourself, this will be a magical experience for all.

Get your tickets today to share this moment..... it's a moment you'll never forget.

Lanterns cost \$25.00 and include admission for two (2) people, Admission only is \$15.00 per person, (5) and under are free). Tickets and more information are available at the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion and possible action on the Consent Agenda**
 - 1a. Reappointment of Gary Thomson to the Historic Preservation Commission
 - 1b. Resolution 23-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, (“City”) approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the St. David Unified

School District(“District”) to permit reciprocal use of the buildings and grounds of the City and the District

1c. Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting

1d. Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting

1e. Invoices processed for the period from July 11, 2019 through July 31, 2019

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Nunn. Motion passed 7-0.

2. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 24-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, to appoint a member of the Council as the City’s Liaison to the Benson/San Pedro Valley Chamber of Commerce**

City Manager Vicki Vivian stated on January 12, 2015, Council appointed Councilmember Pat Boyle to serve as the City’s liaison to the Benson/San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and recently, Councilmember Boyle stated he would like other Councilmembers to have the opportunity to serve in the position. Ms. Vivian also stated in checking with the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., adding Council can discuss the item and then choose a member of the Council to serve in this capacity, should they choose.

There was no Council discussion.

Mayor King moved to approve Resolution 24-2019 and appoint Councilmember Nick Maldonado as the City’s liaison. Seconded by Councilmember Boyle. Motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Diaz abstaining.

3. **Discussion and possible action on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Cochise County Law Enforcement Agencies Multi-Agency Critical Incident Response Team Protocol**

Police Chief Paul Moncada stated in an effort to provide some transparency on investigations involving officers involved in some kind of critical incident, all the law enforcement agencies in Cochise County have banded together to form a protocol so incidents can be investigated by someone other than the agency involved. Chief Moncada then gave an example of how the protocol would work, stating for example, if one of his officers was involved in an officer-involved shooting, his investigators would not participate in the criminal investigation; they would only conduct an internal investigation, adding investigators from Cochise County, Sierra Vista, Douglas, Bisbee and Willcox would do the actual criminal investigation. Chief Moncada then stated this is an effort for all of Cochise County Law Enforcement to provide some transparency when it comes to investigations.

Mayor King stated the City already has an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the other law enforcement agencies and this will be a new agreement for the critical incident response team protocol.

Councilmember Boyle moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cochise County Law Enforcement Agencies. Seconded by Councilmember Maldonado. Motion passed 7-0.

4. **Discussion and possible action on Resolution 25-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, to accept the United States of America Federal Aviation Administration Grant for Improvements at the Benson Municipal Airport (3-04-0077-019-2019)**

Bradley J. Hamilton, P.E. Director of Public Works/City Engineer stated this is the next (CIP) Capital Improvement Project at the airport. Mr. Hamilton then stated the total cost of the project is \$333,642.50; the FAA’s (Federal Aviation Administration) share would be \$303,814.00, the State’s share is \$14,913.82 and the City’s cost is \$14,914.68.

Mayor King stated the CIP project is already in the budget.

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve Resolution 25-2019. Seconded by Councilmember Nunn. Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding the cancellation of the August 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

City Manager Vicki Vivian stated the annual conference of the League of Arizona Cities & Towns will be held the week of August 19, 2019. Ms. Vivian also stated that in the past, the Council would consider cancelling the second meeting in August due to the conference schedule with Council and Staff being out of the office. Ms. Vivian then stated whenever a Council meeting has been cancelled, a special meeting could be called should anything need to be addressed before the next regular meeting. Ms. Vivian then stated placing this item on the agenda for action maximizes public information regarding the Council's schedule.

Mayor King stated this is something the Council has done in the past, with the Council and City Manager being out of the office, and he recommends cancelling the meeting.

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve the cancellation of the August 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Dempster. Motion passed 7-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Nunn moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Seconded by Vice Mayor Konrad. Motion passed 7-0.

Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk