City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **July 27, 2015**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 2

From: William Stephens, City Manager

Subject:

Resolution 24-2015 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, to seek assistance from the National Parks Service in developing a Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan.

Discussion:

Staff is laying the foundation for a Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Master Plan. There are several components required to create a successful, working master plan. It is critical we receive public input prior to implementing this plan. On August 1, staff will submit an application to the National Parks Service requesting assistance with identifying key players, establishing partnerships, to identify the needs of our community through critical analysis to ensure we are meeting the needs of our residents today and in the future.

Overall a Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Master Plan (PTOM) will increase our economic value, enable us to increase health and environmental benefits and social importance. The end result of the PTOM will provide the Parks and Recreation Departments with a strategic plan that will define the general working operations of the departments and provide long term planning goals and objectives.

Attachment: Resolution 24-2015

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 24-2015

RESOLUTION 24-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE IN DEVELOPING A PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACES MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, a parks and recreation are essential public services to communities like the City of Benson; and

WHEREAS, communities like the City of Benson generally increase economic value, vitality, and sustainability through quality parks and recreation programs and facilities and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation provide revenue to local and regional economies through events, tournaments, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, open spaces, parks, recreation, and parks and recreation programs, facilities, and services generally benefit the overall health of children, youth, adults and seniors; and

WHEREAS, open spaces, parks, recreation, and parks and recreation programs, facilities and services provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to communities like the City of Benson; and

WHEREAS, all of the above benefits are maximized though strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benson believes it maximize these benefits through strategic planning with the National Parks Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Benson will seek to enter into a partnership with the National Parks Service, at no cost to the City of Benson, to whereby the National Parks Service will assist the City of Benson with strategic planning in its Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is directed to take the appropriate actions to try and enter into such a partnership with the National Parks Service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 27th day of July, 2015.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH, CLARK & ROTHSCHILD
By: GARY J. COHEN,
City's Attorney