City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **April 25, 2016**

To: Mayor and Council Consent Agenda Item # 3

From: Dustin DeSpain, Finance Director

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 12-2016 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the City Manager to apply for Arizona Department of Transportation Section 5311 Funds to operate a Rural Public Transit System

Discussion:

Staff is seeking approval and authorization from the City Council to apply for the Arizona Department of Transportation Grant for rural transit (i.e. BAT). There was a Public Hearing held for the Grant on April 11, 2016 at the Regular Council meeting. There were no comments made for or against the seeking of financial assistance from the Arizona Department of Transportation; the only comment was made by Mr. Paul Lotsof, who felt it was unclear what the purpose of the public hearing was and that the public hearing notice should include more details.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 12-2016

RESOLUTION 12-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPPLY FOR ARIZONA DEPARMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECTION 5311 FUNDS TO OPERATE A RURAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation provides funding to rural communities with a population of less than 50,000 through its Section 5311 program to fund rural public transit systems that provide rides for elderly and disabled persons on an as-requested basis as well as a Fixed Routes open to the general public on a fare basis; and

WHEREAS, the local elderly/disabled transportation and fixed route programs are currently operated by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to operate the local elderly/disabled transportation and fixed route programs, provided that funding sources are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Arizona Department of Transportation for section 5311 funding to operate a local public transit system as of October 1, 2016, and is further directed to prepare funding and budget proposals and projections for inclusion in the City's FY2016-17 budget that set forth the means for acquiring the assets and personnel needed to operate a local transportation service, both a Dial-a-Ride service for the benefit of the region's elderly and disabled persons and for a Fixed Route System for the Fare-paying general public.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 25th day of April, 2016.

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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