

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD AUGUST 20, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Mayor Smith called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Luke Smith	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Stephanie Irwin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Vice Mayor Rich Crockett	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	Kim Webb	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Woody Biscoe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Leslee Wessel	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Norris Dodd	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

STAFF PRESENT:

L. Kelly Udall, Town Manager; Rosemary Rosales, Town Attorney; Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk; Susan Stein, Deputy Town Clerk, and Sherwood Eldredge, Chief of Police.

ITEM NO. 14, COUNCIL CREATION OF A STRATEGIC VISION WORKING GROUP:

Mayor Smith stated the discussion on this topic began at a special meeting. He said they dissolved the 2020 Vision Committee, discussed the number of members on a future committee and the Council relationship to the committee. He stated staff provided a draft which included the changes discussed previously. He stated he would like the entire Council to make the decision, and he asked the Council members for their comments. Councilman Dodd stated they had discussed bringing closure to this matter two meetings ago and said he does not want to drag it out. Mayor Smith stated he would like to have a conclusion in an expedited fashion and said he would like to discuss it as they directed at the last meeting.

Councilwoman Wessel stated if they are going to have seven members, then the terms of the members would have to be changed. She stated she is not in favor of moving forward with this particular group at this time, and said she does not care for the meetings being held as deemed necessary and said she thinks they need regularly scheduled meetings.

Mayor Smith stated if the meetings were held as deemed necessary they would be coordinated with the committee to have as many present as possible. He said it would not necessarily be random but would be a set pattern. Kelly Udall stated he understood they would have ad hoc groups or focus groups called to address a certain issue and at that point the committee would lay out the meeting schedule, and said meetings would be issue driven. Mayor Smith stated meetings would focus on a conclusion of a controversy, or address an urgent issue. Councilwoman Wessel stated if members do not know when meetings would be held, the committee could end up with a core group and some members would not know what is going on. Councilman Dodd stated having regular meetings allow the public to attend. He said there is a lot of work to be done on the General Plan and said he thinks set meetings would be valuable. Councilwoman Irwin stated she did not believe they needed to rush into this right now; and said she thinks they need to have an end to committees, possibly with a sunset review. She stated under "Membership," she would like to see five Town residents with two at-large. Mayor Smith stated this committee's mission would allow ad hoc meetings, but said it would work under the

guidance and umbrella of the Strategic Management Plan and General Plan. He added the discussion surrounding those documents do not necessarily sunset. He said he envisions forming a “go-to” group when those issues come up and focusing those issues to tie into the Strategic Management Plan and General Plan. He said when they have ad hoc committees, the problem lends to only dealing with issues as they come up. Councilwoman Irwin said that is their job as the Council. Mayor Smith stated if they are to have groups to help focus on the community, regular ad hoc committees are a totally valid way to do things. He said the intent is to create a strategic community focus through the documents that have been adopted and said he hopes they can guide and direct strategically. He said each seat is a different constituency, and said different perspectives can be brought to the table. He stated he is not opposed to specifying Town residents. Councilman Dodd stated it is important for all to understand the previous meeting addressed problems of the former 2020 Vision Committee, and said the Town needs to have some type of committee. He added the former Committee members showed they cared, a frank discussion ensued; and said he felt they were on the verge of doing something positive. He said he saw a desire to make it work at the special meeting. Councilwoman Wessel said she is curious how the Strategic Vision Working Group would work when members of the community may start a 2021 committee. She said she thought there may be some conflict between the two groups. Mayor Smith stated if the citizens want to form their own groups that is fine, but said he wants to make sure the Town is presenting a consistent and directed face to the committees formed. Councilman Dodd stated another key item from the meeting was the expectation if they move forward with some type of committee with Council involvement; the bottom line expectation is the Council representative would be engaged at a higher level. He said he thinks the 2020 Vision Committee understood and had a major focus on the Vision Plan; and said that is just one of many plans which will not go away until they roll it into the General Plan. He said greater Council involvement can make it a better focused committee.

The Work Session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of September 2009.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk