

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 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> |
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| Mayor Luke Smith | <u>X</u> | ___ | Stephanie Irwin | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Vice Mayor Rich Crockett | <u>X</u> | ___ | Kim Webb | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Woody Biscoe | <u>X</u> | ___ | Leslee Wessel | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Norris Dodd | ___ | <u>X</u> | | | |

STAFF PRESENT:

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

PRESENTATION ON THE U. S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BY STEPHEN HALE, SENIOR AREA MANAGER:

Stephen Hale stated the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is in the area as a matter of policy and said this will allow them to cover many different venues. He stated his cause is SBA loans and SBA procurement opportunities. He stated there are a number of programs for small businesses to take advantage of procurement activities. He said the Fed Biz Ops Program (FBO) uses a central contracting registry and said this assists many local businesses in getting contracts. He stated lending is down about 70% in this area and said he is contacting local Councils and Congressional Representatives to make them aware of the program. He said the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which blossomed into the American Recovery Capital Loan Program, makes it easy for a small business to refinance debt. He said they have seen an increase in activity. He stated his office is located in Show Low at 1201 E. Cooley. Vice Mayor Crockett asked Mr. Hale to explain the difference between community and national banks. Mr. Hale explained the lending partners have a vested interest in the SBA product. He stated he has been with the agency 17 years and said investors have heard their loan process is paper intensive; but said they can process loans just as fast using the central process. He stated they will not see the kind of lending as in the past, and said they are attempting to talk about SBA lending and loans by the agency. He said there are a lot of good reasons for going with an SBA loan.

PRESENTATION ON THE ADOT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LAKESIDE TOWN SITE BY TOM THOMAS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Tom Thomas acknowledged Brian McCabe for his assistance in putting the presentation together. He stated this project was initiated in 2001 and said since then there has been a lot of negotiation and deliberation over the project. He said there were issues from the beginning, but said 9 or 10 years later; they finally have a project that can be built with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). He said they are not getting everything they asked for in the beginning, but said they are getting a good product. He said the project runs from Jackson Lane

to Woodland Road. He stated ADOT proposed 29 solar lights in strategic locations throughout the project. He said the lights are spaced due to existing right-of-ways and existing underground utility lines. Mr. Thomas displayed drawings of the proposed solar pedestrian lighting. He stated banners could be hung on the back side of the lights. He stated there would also be landscaping planters within the project. He reviewed the map and showed the location of pedestrian lighting and landscaping. He also showed proposed landscaping plants. He stated some plants are not appropriate for this elevation and said if they die, they would be replaced with something more appropriate.

Mayor Smith asked why there are no lights on the west side between John L. Fish and Jackson Lane. Mr. Thomas stated that is due to obstacles in the right-of-way. Mayor Smith asked if they might want to encourage other landscaping to be consistent with this theme. Mr. Thomas stated he believes the plantings may evolve over time. He stated they could encourage that. Mayor Smith asked if this could be a theme throughout the Town. Mr. Thomas stated that is one of the reasons they were having consternation with ADOT as they had been attempting to create a theme. He stated hard-wired lighting in the same configuration and style could be used in other areas. Mayor Smith stated he likes the solar lighting. Councilwoman Wessel asked if there was something on top of the lights to keep the light from going up. Mr. Thomas stated the top is cast aluminum, and said the lights are 12 volt LED. He said it would give them sufficient light, but not be obstructive. Councilwoman Wessel confirmed the Town is responsible for maintaining the lighting and landscaping. Councilwoman Irwin asked what the timeline is on this project. Mr. Thomas stated it depends on the weather; but said ADOT is motivated and said he believes they may start this Fall and finish in the Spring.

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

Dated this 24th day of September 2009.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk