

**TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.02 & 38-431.03

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013 @ 6:00 PM

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan, AZ 86023

**TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following were present:

**MAYOR GREG BRYAN**

**VICE MAYOR AL MONTOYA**

**COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD**

**COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER**

**COUNCILMEMBER CRAIG SANDERSON**

Also present: Will Wright, Town Manager

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Superintendent for the Grand Canyon National Park, Dave Uberuaga addressed the Council and community regarding the directive to close the park. He indicated that 438 employees had been furloughed as of yesterday. He stated that all 401 national parks were now closed and that he realized the impact this situation had on the community, region and state, but he was not considering any efforts locally or at the state for a partial or limited opening of the park. He acknowledged that both private and public entities were offering funding for some relief, but said this park would not make any special accommodation to keep the park open.

He noted that he personally observed someone do a u turn immediately in front of him as well as people moving barricades, safety cones, parking in the street and realized the extreme limits the public would cross to see the park, which makes any opening of the park without being fully staffed a public safety issue. Further, he announced that Highway 64 within the boundary of the park would be closed as of 8 am tomorrow morning.

Council sought clarifications to these dramatic actions the superintendent had described. Vice Mayor Montoya asked how much delay would there be when the funding is renewed before the park would open again. Dave said when they receive the

revenues to open the park that it would be their highest priority to get it open in a safe, efficient manner.

Councilmember Sanderson asked what effect this closure would have on various services within the park. Dave said the Post Office, Bank and Clinic would remain open as well as the school. He stated that the General Store would be open on a limited schedule, but wasn't sure about the churches that met in the park. Dave indicated that local traffic could use all of these services but that visitor traffic could not be permitted in the park. Deliveries to any of these businesses or services would be allowed as well as any local traffic going east to the Cameron area. Councilmember Sanderson asked if there was anything we can do? Dave said educate the visitors about this situation and be patient. He noted he saw a piece on public television about someone waiting for years and spending thousands of dollars to launch on the river, but that too was closed. Vice Mayor Montoya asked about air flight businesses, which Dave said is managed by the FAA and he hadn't heard anything about that. Mayor Bryan thanked Dave for coming noting that we were all in this together. He also said that the Council and community would certainly be working on alternatives to get the park open as soon as possible, which Dave acknowledged that he understood and knew you wouldn't be doing your jobs, if you didn't pursue all alternatives at this point.

There were no other persons who requested to speak in the Call to the Public.

#### **4. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS**

Brian Harris representing the Coconino Community College (CCC) addressed the Council with a power point that reviewed the history of CCC and their 2 campuses in Flagstaff, one in Page and several instructional sites throughout the county. CCC currently serves 10,000 students. He then reviewed the funding for the college and how they have had to raise tuition as property taxes have declined and State funding support has decreased. There have been a number of reductions and cutbacks due to their declining budget. He spoke about the importance of the upcoming override election on November 5<sup>th</sup> for CCC. Indeed, this election is critical for CCC to be able to maintain their current service level and urged everyone to vote in support of CCC's efforts. This election would raise about \$4.5 million a year for seven years. Robbie Evans spoke in favor of CCC as he has taught classes over the last 12 years and been involved with various community outreach programs that he's felt have benefitted the town.

Will stated that Andrew Aldaz had asked him to share some information about the School's Community Service hours requirement. All High School students are required to have 40 hours upon graduation. Andrew is assisting with these efforts and plans on conducting a group of students on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to clean up along the highway by picking up the garbage and trash. They will also work at the park to do some pick up and use the existing wood chips to spread the remainder in the tot lot area.

Kevin Dickerson spoke to the Council about the status of the school reviewing the park rules that they'd been given to present to the School Board for input. He said they would meet next week (Tuesday at 5 pm for the work session and 6:30 pm for the regular meeting) and you're all invited. He indicated there were a few recommendations that they would provide for the Council to consider for these rules.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration and possible approval of September 18, 2013 meeting minutes.**

**B. Accounts Payable Billings.**

Councilmember Rueter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items for the minutes and accounts payable. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Parks Committee**

**B. Planning & Zoning Committee**

There were no reports for either of these two committees.

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration, discussion, and possible adoption of Municipal Code Chapter 7 (Building Codes)**

Councilmember Rueter indicated that he'd like to see the code exceptions in their entirety, since the town is not in any real hurry. Others agreed and this item was tabled until next meeting.

**B. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on request from Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton regarding HIV Awareness**

Councilmember Rueter made a motion to approve support for Aunt Rita's and World Aids Day per request from Mayor Stanton of Phoenix. Vice Mayor Montoya seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**C. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution 2013-12 establishing Worker's Compensation Insurance for volunteers**

Councilmember Sanderson wanted to know if there was a termination date since there was nothing on the resolution. He also wondered about having a sign-up

sheet so that we'll have a record of those who have been appointed to work for the town. Councilmember Fitzgerald also asked about safety along the highway for the youth who are planning their clean up and checking with ADOT. Further, he reiterated his concern about the timeframe for which this resolution was valid. Will indicated he thought the resolution coincided with the town's fiscal year or through June 30th, but would follow up on with AMRRP, as well as the need for a sign-up sheet for each project which he thought was a good idea. Councilmember Rueter made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-12 to establish Worker's Compensation coverage for volunteers. Councilmember Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it carried with a unanimous vote.

**D. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution 2013-13 committing local leveraged funds/resources for FY2013-14 CDBG project**

Will explained that action item E should probably be considered first as it explains the need for budget overage for this project. Mayor Bryan then asked staff to review item E at this time. Councilmember Rueter made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-13 pertaining to local leveraged funds/resources for the CDBG project. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous for the motion.

**E. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of additional funding for Community Park improvements associated with the CDBG project**

Will reviewed the budget document for the CDBG project that was provided for this item. It showed the earlier decisions to reduce the number of restrooms from 3 smaller vault and haul units to 1 full service restroom. The costs associated with this change increased the budget to about \$265,000 and could be an estimated \$50,000 more than the CDBG grant would cover. The big expense was the \$130,000 needed for utility extensions that had not been budgeted at all in the previous budget. There was some discussion regarding how the budget estimates were arrived at by staff. Vice Mayor Montoya made a motion to approve the excess funds needed for this CDBG project. Councilmember Rueter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**F. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of (Community Park) Facility Use Policy for CDBG Project**

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked how the word 'regular' was defined by NACOG, ADOH or the federal government so that they wouldn't inadvertently violate these use regulations. Will indicated that he would research this so the Council and staff would understand the limits to this policy. Mayor Bryan made a motion to approve

the Facility Use Policy and Funding Agreement. Councilmember Rueter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**G. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding a Branding Study**

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that the Council had previously committed to having a Branding Study conducted but the Chamber and Visitor's Bureau had not been about to accomplish it. He felt it was important for the town and wanted to see the Council move forward with this study. Councilmember Fitzgerald made a motion to direct staff to proceed with an RFP or RFQ to get someone to conduct this study. This motion died for the lack of a second.

Councilmember Sanderson acknowledged some frustration on the slow movement of the CVB for performing this study. He sympathized and understood where Councilmember Fitzgerald was coming from on wanting to see something move forward. Councilmember Rueter concurred with Councilmember's sentiments in wanting to renew the effort to get a Branding Study underway, but also felt the CVB should have additional time to see if they could move forward on this project. The Council would like to see this item on a future agenda for further discussion and possible action.

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. AIRS Program by Chief Robbie Evans who introduced Mark Venuti, representing the AIRS Committee**

Mark Venuti who works with Guardian, an ambulance service, explained AIRS mission then showed a ten minute video from the website of [www.azpsis.com](http://www.azpsis.com) on how AIRS, which stands for Arizona Interagency Radio System (AIRS) State Plan, works in Arizona. He explained how AIRS is able to translate and communicate between UHF, VHF and 800 range frequencies allowing each agency's radios to be able to talk to each other for interoperability when there is a crisis in an area or the need for enhanced communications.

Discussion ensued about the airport tower possibly being a good site for this area to place the equipment. Mark also said there is an application the town would need to submit to be considered for this system. Mayor Bryan thought the town had an estimate of \$35,000 for the equipment needed to become a part of this program. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Venuti for coming and they would consider moving forward with this project through staff with perhaps Chief Evans' assistance.

**B. ADOT ROW Abandonment along Highway 64**

Mayor Bryan explained that beyond the street, sidewalks and adjacent landscaping there is a strip of no mans' land that the town has considered to acquire from ADOT. Will explained his discussion with Audra Merrick, Flagstaff District Engineer, found that someone from the town should send a letter to initiate the process of having ADOT consider this request, since there are a lot of areas with regard to ownership, etc. that must reviewed by ADOT staff.

Further, she said any abandonment of this type would preclude future expansion or possible improvements to this section of Highway 64, since ADOT would no longer own the property to make these upgrades. She also said ADOT generally likes to give the entire right-of-way (ROW) to the community when such a request is made.

### **C. Stilo Development Agreement**

Councilmember Rueter recused himself from the Stilo discussion due to his conflict of interest with his employment. The Mayor made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:16 pm. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The purpose of this was to hear from the Town Attorney regarding the ongoing negotiations with Stilo pertaining to the first amendment to the Pre-Annexation Development Agreement (PADA). Councilmember Sanderson made a motion at 9:15 pm to exit Executive Session back into Public Session. Councilmember Fitzgerald seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to enter back into public session.

## **9. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Will indicated the report was in the Councilmember's packet and would be happy to answer any questions on it, which there were no questions.

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The future agenda items were also in the packet with no discussion at this time.

## **11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were no reports by the Council at this time.

## **12. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor indicated that the National Park Service was to be a party to the CPWAC but had recently decided the direction of that group was not what they had thought it would be with core drilling along highways, etc. The Mayor had, therefore directed staff to hold on to the check for their participation until all the other parties were agreeable and willing to contribute their share for this study.

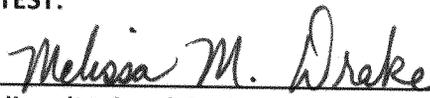
The Mayor indicated he had been inundated with requests to speak about the impact of the closure of Grand Canyon National Park and there had been a lot of discussions with National Park Service staff and members of the Tusayan business community, as well as surrounding communities and our elected representatives. This is why he had directed the Town Manager to post an agenda for a Special Council Meeting tomorrow evening at 5 pm. Councilmember Sanderson stated that he thought time was of the essence so he would plan to attend this meeting to see if we could develop a strategy to address the closure of Grand Canyon National Park.

### 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Sanderson made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 pm. Councilmember Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

  
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Al Montoya, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa (Malone) Drake, Town Clerk

### CERTIFICATION

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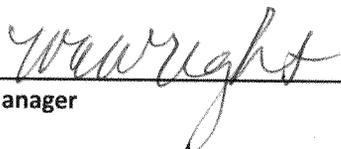
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Coconino County)

I, Will Wright, do hereby certify that I am the Town Manager of the Town of Tusayan, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Council of the Town of Tusayan held on October 2, 2013.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013

  
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Town Manager