

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

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

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 5:00pm

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sanderson at 5:13 pm. Councilmember Montoya led the Pledge.

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON
VICE MAYOR-VACANT

COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER-Excused
COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN SCHOPPMAN

Also present were: Eric Duthie, Town Manager

3. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND BENEFIT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF TUSAYAN AND GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK WITH DOUGLAS A. LENTZ, CHIEF OF CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT

Chief Lentz addressed the Council on the following subjects:

Shuttle Bus extension;

After discussion with Paul Revere Transport, and discussion with the Town Manager, a draft agreement has been prepared and is being revised. The agreement will extend the shuttle service from May 7, 2016 – October 9, 2016 (5 additional weeks) will cost approximately \$75,000. Details will be completed on the agreement and staff will present the final agreement for Council review.

Clinic Contract;

It is anticipated that the Clinic contract will be issued soon. It is the hope the clinic will not have an interruption of service.

Federal Lands Access Program;

The FLAP is a funding program to assist in the possible improvement of trails to, and through, the Grand Canyon National Park. The Town may apply for funding to improve the current existing trail from Tusayan to the Park, by setting asphalt and other improvements, possibly to include fiber-optic conduit. Council expressed a concern for the trail to be improved, but allow for continued equestrian access, as well as bicycle and pedestrian paths. The deadline for application is April 2016.

Council inquired about other subjects as well, including:

Fueling Station

Councilmember Montoya asked about the status of the vehicle fueling facility inside the Park, as it was understood this was being closed. Chief Lentz confirmed the closure of the fueling station to any non-federal vehicles, as the fuel station does not pay the federal taxes. The concessionaires and others now must fuel at another location, likely the station in Tusayan. Council expressed concern for the demand on the Tusayan station, since it is the only fuel point within a twenty-mile radius. Lentz said he had not considered the demand issue and would consider further options. Mrs. Clarinda Vail spoke about discussions the lease holder has had with the concessionaire and were exploring options to address the demand, as well.

Highway 64 closure signage at Cameron

Councilmember Schoppman expressed concern that during the recent storms, Highway 64 was closed at Desert View, but no warning signs at Cameron. This causes visitors to drive more than 30 miles before discovering they cannot enter the Park and must retrace their path. Chief Lentz understood the signage was to be active at the Cameron turnoff and would inquire about the issue.

Speed limit changes to existing signage

Councilmember Schoppman expressed concern about speed limit signage being changed by hand during "bad weather". The speed limits are changed from 45mph to 25mph, just by a crew covering the 4 with a two. Chief Lentz said he would forward the concern to the appropriate department.

Water pipeline repairs and upgrades

Mayor Sanderson identified a social network video the Park Service had distributed regarding the water pipeline from the North Rim. He said the video was informative of the history and need to repair/upgrade the pipeline and was well done. Chief Lentz commented about the pipeline issues and would view the video.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Montoya moved to adjourn the meeting.
Councilmember Schoppman provided a second to the motion.
Voting was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.



Craig Sanderson, Mayor Date 01/20/16

ATTEST:



Eric A. Duthie, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona)
) ss.
Coconino County)

I, Eric A. Duthie, 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 January 6, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 19th day of January, 2016



Town Manager