COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 p.m. at the Best Western Payson Inn, 801 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Ed Blair, Council Members Su Connell, Rick Croy, Michael Hughes, Mike Vogel, and John Wilson (arrived at 2:07 p.m.).

STAFF PRESENT: Sam I. Streichman, Town Attorney; Silvia Smith, Town Clerk; and Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Wright, Deputy Town Attorney.

The Council may discuss, consider or take action on any item listed on this agenda.

Council reserves the right to consider any matter out of sequence. Also, any matter may be considered earlier or later than scheduled, depending on the length of discussion on the prior item.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

The Town Council did not formally call the meeting to order.

The meeting was conducted per the order of the attachment by John Stanton, Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce Manager.

1. Discussion/possible action regarding the potential closure of the Tonto Natural Bridge.

   Mayor Evans introduced John Stanton, Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce Manager, Representative Bill Konopnicki, and Representative Jack Brown. Mr. Stanton noted the statistical benefits of the Tonto Natural Bridge and commented on House Bill 2088. Representative Konopnicki stated there were 3 out of 90 votes. Representative Brown commented on House Bill 2088.

   Numerous citizens made comments.

   Council Member Connell suggested bringing in roofers to fix the roof in less than six months by going out to bid and that volunteers could run the park.

   Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, believed closing the Tonto Natural Bridge would shut down businesses that were still suffering from the land slide closing the Beeline Highway.

   Council Member Croy asked if the mortgage had a stipulation that the

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Bridge had to stay open. Representative Brown responded no.

Representative Brown, Representative Konopnicki and Mayor Evans made closing statements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Council meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.

CLASSIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Note: Should an executive session be convened on any item(s) listed on the regular meeting agenda, Council will review, discuss, or receive advice of Counsel, which will be considered under the respectively approved classifications listed below:

a. ARS 38-431.03.A.1Personnel Matters. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee, or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

b. ARS 38-431.03.A.2 – Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection; including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

c. ARS 38-431.03.A.3 – Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

d. ARS 38-431.03.A.4 – Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

e. ARS 38-431.03.A.5 – Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body.

f. ARS 38-431.03.A.6 – Discussion, consultation or consideration for international and interstate negotiations by a city or town, or its designated representatives, with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city or town.

g. ARS 38-431.03.A.7 – Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiation for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

THE TOWN OF PAYSON ENDEAVORS TO MAKE ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. WITH 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE, SPECIAL ASSISTANCE CAN ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR SIGHT AND/OR HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS AT PUBLIC MEETINGS. PLEASE CALL 474-5242 (VOICE) OR 472-6449 (TDD) TO REQUEST AN ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING.

_____ Date: _____

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 3 of March, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES JACK A. BROWN & BILL KONOPNICKI MARCH 3, 2009

- INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVES BY MAYOR KENNY EVANS
- POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY JOHN STANTON & CAMERON DAVIS
- COMMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES
- PUBLIC'S COMMENTS
- ADJOURNMENT