

COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Townsite Purchase of for Water Treatment Plant

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2011

PAYSON GOAL: NEW: EXISTING: X

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Within 12 months

SUBMITTED BY: Buzz Walker



AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$-0-

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: \$-0-



EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Draft letter

POSSIBLE MOTION: I MOVE TO AUTHORIZE TOWN STAFF TO SUBMIT A TOWNSITE PURCHASE APPLICATION FOR A WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RELATED FACILITIES AT THE SITE APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AUTHORIZE TOWN STAFF TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE AND TO ALLOCATE ALL COSTS TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION: It is necessary to construct a new water treatment plant to treat CC Cragin Reservoir water supply for use in the Town of Payson public water system. The preferred location for the plant is on E. Houston Mesa Road near the southwest corner of the subdivision. The parcel is owned by the general public and administered by the US Forest Service. Under the federal Townsite Purchase Act the Town can acquire public lands for public purposes. The land must be appraised for value and various NEPA surveys conducted as directed by the US Forest Service per the requirements of the Act. The Town has used this process to acquire land for water storage tank sites, etc. We do not need to purchase the site at this time, but we do need to get the appraisal and any required environmental studies started. Funds for the purchase of the parcel are included in the CC Cragin Project budget.

PROS: Necessary for the use of CC Cragin surface water supply within the Town of Payson and surrounding communities.

CONS: N/A

PUBLIC INPUT (if any): National Environmental Policy Act-required USFS public meetings and public comment periods.

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BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes): Numerous Town Council actions approving the CC Cragin Project activities.

FUNDING:

Acct:	Budget:	Available:	Expense:	Remaining:
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BA: _____ Date: _____



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(DRAFT)

_____, 2011

Angela Elam, District Ranger
Tonto National Forest
Payson Ranger District
1009 E. Highway 260
Payson, Arizona 85541

Re: Townsite Purchase

Dear Ms. Elam,

This letter will serve as notice that the Town of Payson wishes to utilize the Townsite Purchase Act process to acquire a parcel of land approximately eight acres in size. The parcel is located on East Houston Mesa Road and is described as:

(Legal description)

Please advise of any information or action needed to conclude this purchase.

Sincerely,

Kenny J. Evans
Mayor

cc: Town Clerk