

RESOLUTION NO. 2740

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PAYSON TOWN COUNCIL, ADOPTING THE 2014-2024 GENERAL PLAN AND DIRECTING THAT THE 2014-2024 GENERAL PLAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON FOR RATIFICATION.**

**(2014-2024 GENERAL PLAN ADOPTION)**

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 461.05 requires all municipalities to adopt a comprehensive, long-range general plan for the development of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, on or before the tenth anniversary of the adoption of a municipality's general plan, a municipality shall either readopt or adopt a new general plan pursuant to A.R.S. § 461.05; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Payson ("Town") adopted its most recent general plan in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Arizona State Legislature passed and the Governor signed HB2145 allowing municipalities, notwithstanding the ten year requirement, to delay adoption of a new general plan until July 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, during 2012, the Town began the process of adopting a new general plan; and

**WHEREAS**, during this process, the Town followed both the spirit and letter of A.R.S. § 461.05; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2012, the Council adopted Resolution 2694 which provided procedures for effective, early and continuous public participation in the general plan adoption process; and

**WHEREAS**, such public participation included:

- 1) A consultant who has extensive experience in both drafting general plans and community outreach was retained to facilitate public involvement during the adoption process;
- 2) A general plan steering committee was created, met in person four times, was provided with periodic updates, and provided ongoing feedback at all stages in the process;
- 3) Numerous community meetings, workshops, and informational symposiums were held;

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- 4) A community wide survey was created and distributed at different locations, to a variety of demographic and community interest groups within the Town. Such survey was also available online;
- 5) The Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Commission discussed the Plan during 4 of its public meetings during 2012 and 2013; and
- 6) There was an extensive media outreach which included PSAs on local radio, newspaper community calendars, local cable channel ads, the Town's TOP Talk show, KMOG's Town Day program, ads on the Trades-n-Sales website, and a series of articles by the Payson Roundup.

**WHEREAS**, during this public participation process over 700 people directly participated in person, in writing, by electronic communication, and/or by filling out the survey.

**WHEREAS**, in June of 2013, the draft of the 2014-2024 General Plan was submitted to the following agencies and entities for review: Gila County Planning Department, Gila County, Star Valley, Central Arizona Governments, Arizona Commerce Authority, United States Forest Service, Payson Ranger District, Federal Aviation Administration, Arizona State Land Department, and the Tonto Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2013, following notice to the public, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the 2014-2024 General Plan. At the public hearing, the Commission received a presentation by the consultant on the draft plan, received comments from members of the public, and provided input to Town staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the August 12, 2013 Planning and Zoning Commission presentation was rebroadcast on the local government access channel at least 4 times per day for the next 8 weeks to ensure that the public had an opportunity to see the consultant's presentation, including an overview of the draft; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the first Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing, several changes were made to the draft in response to input from citizens, Town staff, and Commission members; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a second public hearing on the 2014-2024 General Plan. At the public hearing, the Commission received an update on changes that had been made, heard from members of the public, and discussed the new draft; and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of this second public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to 7-0 to approve the 2014-2024 General Plan and recommend that the Town Council adopt the 2014-2024 General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, following notice to the public, the Town Council held a public hearing on the 2014-2024 General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to adopt the 2014-2024 General Plan and direct that the Town Clerk submit the 2014-2024 General Plan to the electors of the Town for ratification,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. That the Council finds that all of the procedural requirements for the adoption of a general plan as set forth in A.R.S. § 461.05 have been followed.
- Section 2. That the Council adopts the 2014-2024 General Plan, attached here to as Exhibit A.
- Section 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to do the following:  
(A) send a copy of the adopted 2014-2024 General Plan to the Gila County Planning Agency;  
(B) prepare a general description of the 2014-2024 General Plan and its elements for the August 2014 election pamphlet;  
(C) provide public copies of the 2014-2024 General Plan in at least two locations within the Town; and  
(D) submit the 2014-2024 General Plan to the electors of the Town of Payson at the next regularly scheduled Town election (August of 2014 Primary Election) for ratification.
- Section 4. That this Resolution shall only become effective upon approval by two thirds of the members of the Town Council, i.e., five Council Members.
- Section 5. That the Town is authorized to take such actions as are necessary to carrying out the purposes of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA**, this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NOES \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Timothy M. Wright, Town Attorney

**Exhibit A**  
**to**  
**Resolution 2740**