



## MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ

THURSDAY, March 26, 2009, TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 12030 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. **Call to Order** Mayor LeVault called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**

Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jack Duran, Councilmembers Lucille Rethford, Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Shirley Oglesby, Susan MacKay and Council-Elect Judy Johnson

Staff present: Town Manager Lloyce Robinson, Finance Officer Jackie Hoffman, Court Magistrate Lex Anderson, Court Administrator Petra Mendez, Town Marshal Dan Connelly, and Police Chief Kimberly Johnson
3. **Business**
  - A. Council Briefing from Staff Re: FY 2009-10 Court-\$238,349
    - Correction to Line Item 7710-Clerical Error-Should be \$10,000, but reads \$1,000.
    - Revised Court budget - \$247,349
    - Increased \$20,525 attributable to medical premiums estimate of 40%
    - Court personnel includes Magistrate, Court Administrator, Court Clerk and 1/5 Administrative Assistant.
    - FY 2008-09 realized coverage by the Town Marshal for Court security, but will change next year to contract with County (\$14/hour vs. \$30/hour and FY 2009-10, \$14 vs. \$18/hour
    - Explanation of complicated breakdown of Court fees: JCEF, Fill the Gap, etc.
    - Court makes every effort to collect outstanding fees i.e., tax returns.
    - Magistrate Anderson working on new project, "Shakin' Baby Syndrome", "Bait & Switch" project has been very successful and gets the Youngtown Court via Magistrate's name in the public's view.

Discussion ensued regarding number of Youngtown residents cited into Youngtown Court vs. non-residents; cost of maintaining Court vs. regionalizing it with other courts or a larger court.

Council requests an in-depth analysis of Court revenue vs. expenses and number of Youngtown residents cited into Court. Council may need to future decision on a net revenue loser as Town is funding @ 50% for the Court annually.
  - B. Council Briefing from Staff Re: FY 2009-10 Code Enforcement \$48,152\*
    - Budget incorrectly listed on Agenda (\$481,152)
    - Deleted Line Item "Process Server" \$1,500
    - \*New Budget total \$46,652, reduced by \$18,934
    - Lora Isaacs, current part-time Code Compliance Officer, will author and start Code program, make initial contact and list of citations; program will include ride-alongs with Police Dept.
    - Town Marshal, will serve citations
    - Reduction in personnel services: Connelly reduced from \$30/hour to \$18/hour (15 hours per week) and Isaacs will continue at \$15/hour (25 hours per week)

Discussion ensued regarding foreclosed properties and weeds.
  - C. Council Briefing from Staff Re: FY 2009-10 Police Dept. and Police Grants - \$1,303,073
    - Police Dept. Budget revised from \$1,192,254 to \$1,497,699 and Police Grants \$110,819 for a total of \$1,608,518

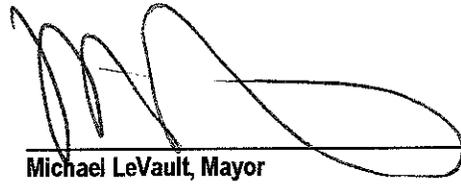
- Revised Line Item 7956 from \$48,000 to \$72,000 (purchase of 2 vehicles)
- Revised Line item 7405 from \$500 to \$3,000 (minor tools & equipment)
- Plans to request a grant from Gila River Indian Community for mobile computers for use in the Police cars. This will enable safer and faster information for officers during a traffic stop. Cost is for 10 units.

Discussion ensued regarding purchasing vs. leasing police vehicles. Purchasing is the recommended process. Animal Control contract (from Maricopa County) had negative comments from Council regarding scheduling immunization and spay/neuter clinics as outlined in the contract. Chief will schedule these activities at the County's earliest open dates.

4. Public Comments  
None.

**Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn – Councilmember MacKay  
Second – Councilmember Oglesby  
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Letty Goldberg, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at the May 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.