



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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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 Retheford, Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Susan MacKay and Council-Elect Judy Johnson
Council absent: Shirley Oglesby
Staff present: Town Manager Lloyce Robinson, Finance Officer Jackie Hoffman
3. **Business**
 - A. Council Briefing from Staff Re: FY 2008-09; 7 Months-General Fund Revenue Posted 2% Increase over anticipated; Expenditures Posted 8.6% Below Revenue
 - Town Sales Tax continues to increase over prior month and prior year. Is attributable to the Town hiring a Tax Auditor, who has identified over \$191,000 in owed commercial rental taxes. Town has engaged in payment plans as the property owner requests. Monthly increases of this Local Tax reflect continual payments while paying back taxes. A separate line item on the monthly financial reports shows Audit Payments #4326 (back taxes paid).
 - State Sales Tax continues to be a decreasing number.
 - Expenditures are kept in concert with the Revenue. Striving to live within our means.
 - Highway User Revenues are continuing to be very low and pose a concern for funding for balance of year. General Fund is reimbursed by the Highway User Fund (HURF) quarterly for its operating expenses. If the revenue does not cover the monthly fees then General Fund has difficulty keeping its Fund in the black.
 - B. Council Briefing from Staff Re: FY 2009-10 Anticipated Revenue Streams for \$4,819,671 Town-wide Budget-Including All Funds
 - State Shared Revenues – Final sales tax and HURF figures will not be available until late June 2009. We are working with very early estimates.
 - State Sales Tax – Estimates are 15% lower than FY 2008-09 and may be subject to revision in late June 2009.
 - State Income Tax – Estimate is 13.5% lower than FY 2008-09.
 - HURF Revenues – Estimates are down @12.5% from FY 2008-09 and could change depending on final version of State Budget.
 - Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) – Youngtown expected to receive at least \$10,000.
 - LTAF II – No estimates were provided from the State. These are revenues based on a grant process.
 - Local Sales Tax – Has grown substantially in the past 3 years.
 - Suggestion to consider forming a Street Lighting District for other than Agua Fria Ranch area. This would have the applicable property owners paying for the lights and the monthly electrical costs.
 - Economic Stimulus funds are moving forward through various Federal, State and County agencies to the municipalities. Youngtown will realize over \$640,000 from MAG for Peoria Avenue paving and \$400,000 plus from CDBG monies for completion of Phase II of the Alley Paving Project.

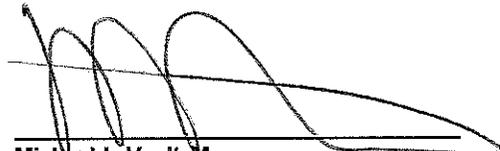
- General Fund Revenue proposes to move \$82,000 from Developer Impact Fees to finance Parks' cameras (\$10,000), Police's two vehicles (\$72,000); \$2,700 from Library's LGIP investment account for \$1,200 (equipment-chair/lamp) and \$1,500-English as a Second Language (ESL); \$42,111 will come from the Agua Fria Ranch CFD monies; and \$116,880 is expected to be Surplus Carry Forward. These actions will balance the Town's General Fund Budget.
- Suggestion to consider investing \$100,000 from LGIP-General to purchase targeted properties to rent and/or future commercial zoning.
- Suggestion to consider applying for grant monies to fund the fire flow improvements. Town Manager is speaking with private bonding company and WIFA for possible grants. Issue is that the Town does not own the water lines and might not be able to meet the requirement as a non-property owner.

Discussion ensued regarding Community policing and costs to consider in the future.

4. Public Comments
None.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn –Vice Mayor Duran
Second – Councilmember Mello
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Letty Goldberg, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at the May 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.