

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
March 24, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Evans called the special meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member Su Connell.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Sam Streichman - Town Attorney, Martin deMasi - Fire Chief, Donald B. Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, LaRon Garrett - Public Works Engineer, Ray Erlandsen - Acting Community Development Director, and Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gaye Stidham - Deputy Town Clerk, Tim Wright - Deputy Town Attorney, Hope Cribb - Budget Analyst, Mike Ploughe - Hydrogeologist, Margaret Goodell - Assistant Library Manager.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

1. Review and update of the draft 2009/2010 Corporate Strategic Plan.
2. Background of Corporate Strategic Plan.
  - A. Review and update of Payson Goal Plan.
  - B. Review and update of 06/07 Corporate Strategic Plan. Scheduling future meetings to deal with updating and adoption of the 2009/2010 Corporate Strategic Plan/Payson Goal Plan. March 26, 2009, has been tentatively scheduled for adoption of the 2009/2010 Corporate Strategic Plan.

Mayor Evans explained this meeting was specifically for public input. Vice-Mayor Blair read the headline from the *Payson Round Up* newspaper concerning a grant application for \$10.6 million for the C.C. Cragin project. Council Member Croy noted another article announcing a \$1.8 million grant to finish the Tonto Apache sewage treatment plant and build another lake and park next to the Payson Event Center.

John Wakelin suggested that KRA #2, Objective #2, "Promote Water Conservation", should include rates promulgated to reward conservation and penalize waste. Item #6, "Review and revise growth management policies as needed", should not include rescinding housing start up limits, stating that the water was not flowing yet and building should wait until the water is available. Mr. Wakelin discussed KRA #6, Objective #2, "Develop 36-acre event center". He believed to fulfill the hope of being the fun center of Arizona the event center must be covered and public restrooms installed. He suggested KRA #7,

"Fire protection and emergency services", Objective #1, Item #6 include a plan for animal evacuation and shelter planning that should include horses. Mr. Wakelin was concerned about Payson police not being able to identify a location from a cell phone generated emergency call. Chief Engler explained that the police department is moving toward that capability but, because of our rural location, it is slower in being available here than in the larger communities. Chief Engler noted that Payson is a "model community" for rural Arizona in Project Next Generation 911.

**Motion:** to approve adding Objective #2 to KRA #9 to read, "Continue to improve and implement financial stability policies".

Moved by Council Member Su Connell, seconded by Council Member Mike Vogel.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member Su Connell.

**Motion:** to approve adding Objective #4 to KRA #3 to read, "Work to minimize vehicle congestion and pollution (See KRA #5, Objective #3) and Objective #3 to KRA #5 to read, "Support ADOT's PARA study to identify ways to expedite traffic flow and minimize congestion, including, but not limited to, studying the feasibility of an economically viable route to loop traffic north onto Highway 87 and east onto Highway 260".

Moved by Mayor Kenny Evans, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member Su Connell.

Council Member Vogel asked about the police department's ability to cite vehicles emitting pollutants. Chief Engler explained that only the large Arizona counties have emission controls and there are no other laws that would provide for such a citation.

Council Member Croy discussed Mr. Wakelin's comments. Manager Galbraith explained that the details of the Emergency Operations Plan in KRA #7 would be part of the Business Plan and address Mr. Wakelin's concerns. The Business Plan would also include covering the arena. She explained the CSP was the broad view of what we are doing where the Business Plan was the details. There will be public comments on the Business Plan, probably in May.

Vice-Mayor Blair asked Mike Ploughe, Hydrogeologist, to explain KRA #2, Objective #2, Item #2, "Develop financial incentives to reduce consumption". Mr. Ploughe responded saying the issue revolves around a base fee for water service up to 2,000 gallons. An additional charge is added for more usage than the base amount. There are also capacity charges (pipeline) and operational costs for providing water. These are all intended to promote conservation. Mr. Ploughe reminded the Council that any of these charges could be revisited by Council.

Council Member Croy pointed out that in previous CSPs the KRAs were prioritized.

However, without the funds, that would be hard. Manager Galbraith offered to do so if the Council desired. Council Member Croy asked that the public be made aware that just because an Item is #9, it did not mean it was on the bottom of the priority list.

**Motion:** to approve moving Objective #2, KRA #8, "Develop a joint Police/Fire training facility," to Objective #3 under KRA#7. After discussion, Council Member Connell substituted the motion with keeping Objective #2, KRA #8, "Develop a joint Police/Fire training facility," and adding it also as Objective #3 under KRA #7". The second, Council Member Vogel, concurred.  
Moved by Council Member Su Connell, seconded by Council Member Mike Vogel.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member Su Connell.

Jeanie Langham voiced her concern that xeroscape landscaping had become rocks and granite and not the low water use perenials needed to conserve water. She asked if the CSP had a plan on how the Town ought to look. She had heard that the Town was forcing commercial properties to use desert landscaping. Mike Ploughe, Hydrogeologist, explained that commercial developments bring their plans, including landscaping, to Community Development. The landscaping portion is taken to Buzz Walker, Assistant Public Works Director, for his review to make sure the landscaping plan fits within guidelines for the water department and the adopted plant list. This plant list came from a collaboration with the college and the Xeroscape Council. Design Review was doing its best to reflect the character of the Town. Though the Water Department could suggest low water use plants, they could not require a commercial property to use them as long as the plans were within the water use requirements. Mayor Evans reported that KRA #4, Community Development, Objective #3, "Implement TOP Beautification Plan, including signage, Town Scape and Highway 87 and Highway 260 right of way beautification" had been added to the CSP.

**Motion** to change KRA #2, Objective #2, Item #5 to read, "Encourage installation of water saving devices and drought resistant landscaping". LaRon Garrett, Public Works Director, explained that the Town Code already requires drought resistant landscaping that leaves it up to the owner to put in what they want as long as it is drought resistant. Moved by Council member Ed Blair. The motion did not receive a second and was lost.

**Motion:** to change KRA #2, Objective #2, Item #5 to read, "Encourage installation of water saving devices and drought resistant landscaping". LaRon Garrett, Public Works Director, explained that the Town Code already requires drought resistant landscaping that leaves it up to theowner to put in what they want as long as it is drought resistant.  
Moved by Council Member Ed Blair, seconded by -1.

**Motion:** to approve KRA #7, Objective #1, Item #5 to include the word "schedule". Chief deMasi said he assumed a time frame was included in a fire hydrant program and it was what we needed to do.  
Moved by Mayor Kenny Evans, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member Su Connell.

**Motion:** to cancel Thursday, March 26, 2009 CSP meeting and move forward with adoption of the plan at the April Council meeting.  
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member Su Connell.

Vice-Mayor Blair asked to look at the PGP, in particularly the rodeo. Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, gave an update of rodeo activities. Mayor Evans explained that the rodeo was an event as opposed to an objective. He believed the Town's portion of responsibilities concerning the rodeo were met. There were no other PGP items brought forward for discussion.

Mayor Evans adjourned the special meeting at approximately 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

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 24 of March, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_

Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk