

RESOLUTION 2015-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; TASKING THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION (CAC) WITH EVALUATING CURRENT SERVICE DELIVERY NEEDS, CITY-CONTROLLED REVENUE SOURCES, AND COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CITY-CONTROLLED REVENUE SOURCES TO MEET THE COMMUNITY'S ANTICIPATED SERVICE, FACILITY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS CONSISTENT WITH THE VOTER-APPROVED VISTA 2030 GENERAL PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the review of revenue sources is an important task for the City to complete on a periodic basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista faces a significant budgetary challenges in FY16 and beyond without making changes to either revenues or service levels; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Advisory Commission consists of a broad-based group of citizen representatives who are appointed by the City Council to review and provide recommendations on a variety of issues affecting the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has historically called upon the Citizens' Advisory Commission to review such issues, in order to allow for maximum public input, most recently through Resolution 2011-082 in May of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the analysis of revenues must be completed prior to April 10, 2015 to ensure the City Council has enough time to deliberate on the findings and recommendations, and take steps to incorporate final decisions in the next fiscal year budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That the policy of the City Council of Sierra Vista supporting the use of citizen committees to provide recommendations to the City's elected body, be and hereby is, reaffirmed.

SECTION 2

The City Council hereby directs the Citizens' Advisory Commission to evaluate the adequacy of current revenue sources to meet the community's current and anticipated future service, facility, and infrastructure needs in keeping with the framework included in Attachment A of this Resolution, and present its recommendations regarding any tax structure or service-level policy changes to the Council no later than April 10, 2015.

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

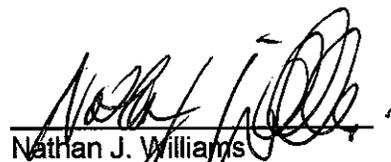
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.



Frederick W. Mueller
Mayor

Approval as to Form:

Attest:



Nathan J. Williams
City Attorney



Jill Adams
City Clerk

Givens/Parameters:

- The CAC will be provided with existing service level expenditures for personnel, operations and maintenance, current debt service, and capital. The CAC will also receive a five year projection of these expenditures based on no additional service expansions, but including reasonable cost of living increases.
- The CAC will also be provided with projections of personnel, O&M, and capital (both operating/maintenance and new projects) that have been identified as needs by City staff. These projections will be based upon available data, studies, plans, etc.
- Line department managers will be made available to the CAC to review how/whether current service levels are meeting community needs, and to review departmental projections for needs of the future.
- The CAC will be provided with a list of major revenue sources, to include a historical perspective, current budget estimates, and projections for the future based upon best available information.
- 100% user fee funds/operations (enterprise funds consisting of Sewer and Refuse) will not be included as part of this analysis.
- Any fund that is not the direct result of Council-established fees, nor assisted by the general or CIF fund, will not be included in the review. (e.g. donation accounts, police special revenue, judicial enhancement, etc.)
- The CAC may consider, if a more narrowed focus is determined to be more efficient, eliminating from the review process other funds where the operations are not materially supported by the general fund.
- The development fee process will be not be reviewed with the CAC as a part of this analysis.
- Staff will provide the CAC will a list of all available revenue sources, and provide estimates, as requested, on revenue generated under different scenarios.
- Staff will assist the CAC to develop a community engagement strategy to include public input in the CAC analysis.
- Final CAC recommendations regarding any tax structure or service-level policy changes, due April 10, 2015 per the City Council tasking, should reflect a balance between projected expenditures and projected revenues, and shall meet all bond covenants as well as all state legal requirements.