

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETS ON  
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014  
6:00 P.M.  
THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE  
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135  
For a  
STUDY SESSION MEETING

This is a Study Session Meeting and the Town Council will discuss but take no action on the matter set forth below

The Study Session Meeting began at 6:18 P.M.

Present:

Mayor Thomas Lagunas, Vice-Mayor Maria Munoz, Council Members Gloria Ruiz, Bobby Smith and Enrique Lopez

Not Present: Council Member Rhonda Cooper

Staff:

Chief of Police Louie Tartaglia, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Town Clerk Laura Romero, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Finance Director Alexis Rivera and Finance Consultant Teresa Williams

Audience:

Hayden Resident Nellie Acton

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

1. Review and Discussion on the Town of Hayden's Budget for FY2014-2015  
Vice-Mayor Munoz began by explaining to the council that the town is in the position where if the town does not make half a million dollars, the town will experience some struggles throughout the year and possibly through next year as well. Vice-Mayor Munoz asked Ms. Williams how many employees the town is budgeted for. Ms. Williams stated there are 39 employees. Vice-Mayor Munoz recommended the Town Manager position be eliminated immediately. Eliminating the Town Manager position would save the town \$100,000.00. She also recommended making cuts in the Mayor and Council budget, as well as all department budgets. It would be beneficial to cut cost for all departments. Ms. Williams suggested cutting \$17,000.00 from Mayor and Council budget, \$18,000.00

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Cont'd Review and Discussion on the Town of Hayden's Budget for FY2014-2015  
from Fire Department and \$100,000.00 from the Police Department. Council Member Ruiz asked how much is the overall town cost. Ms. Williams said that as of June 2014 the general fund was overspent by \$642,000.00. Excluding the grant money the town spent \$3.1 million. Ms. Williams also suggested in order not to use the monies from the saving account, the town will have to make a total savings of \$626,000.00. Vice-Mayor Munoz asked how many employees in public works are budgeted for. She also asked General Superintendent Cruz how many employees he has currently working. General Superintendent Cruz stated there is a total of 8 public employees. Ms. Williams told the council they have budgeted for 9 employees in the public works department. She mentioned the Police Department is budgeted for 11. Chief of Police Tartaglia told council that he can try to do the best they can with the 8 Police officers he currently has.

Vice-Mayor Munoz stated the town is not out of money but the town is receiving less revenue and it is more about decreasing expenditures.

The Council will have a study session meet on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. to review budget cuts and will have the information emailed no later than Monday, July 14, 2014 to Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams will have the new budget report to be approved at the regular council meeting Monday, July 21, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The study session ended at 7:18 P.M.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the following study session minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a study session meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Date

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Melissa Lovio - Office Clerk