

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item: IX-A

Date: 11/9/09

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
628 NORTH MAIN STREET
ELOY, ARIZONA 85231
NOVEMBER 2, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

Staff Present: Joseph Blanton-City Manager/Community Development Director; Stephen Cooper-City Attorney; Sylvia Lopez-Deputy City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jackson led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present:, Council Member Joel Belloc, Vice Mayor Frank Acuña, Mayor Byron Jackson, Council Member Etta Ruth Amerson, Council Member J.W. Tidwell

Council Members Absent: Council Member Jesse Rosel, Council Member Angie Saucedo (excused)

IV. BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION.

Mayor Jackson declared a public hearing open to allow comments and/or questions from the public regarding a proposed extension of the alternative expenditure limitation.

Mr. Blanton conveyed that tonight's public hearing is the second of two hearings required for the proposed extension of the alternative expenditure limitation. The passage of the proposition is important for the city because it will allow Council to set and adopt a budget based on estimated revenues for the city. If it is not passed by

the voters of Eloy, Mr. Blanton said the city will be under a state imposed expenditure limitation that is based on a formula taking the city's population from the 1980s. Mr. Blanton said the cap amount would be considerably less than what the city would receive in revenue. And any revenues received by the city above the capped amount could not be expended. Given the current state of the economy, a state imposed limitation would be devastating to the daily operations of the city. Mr. Blanton explained the city cannot promote the passage of the expenditure limitation, however, civic organizations such as the Eloy Chamber of Commerce can get the word out to the public to support its passage.

Mayor Jackson wanted to know how often does this have to go before the voters for approval.

Mr. Blanton said every four years.

Council Member Amerson asked can members of the Council publicly promote the proposition.

Mr. Blanton said he is not sure, but he knows that city staff cannot promote it.

Mr. Cooper conveyed that Council is free to state their position on the proposition, however, using city funds or an office to advance the passage of it is prohibited. Mr. Cooper said any member of the Council can submit an argument for or against the alternative expenditure limitation in the publicity pamphlet, but city funds cannot be used.

Council Member Belloc wanted to know if there would be an increase in taxes if the expenditure limitation is passed.

Mr. Blanton said no; the expenditure limitation is not a tax issue. All it does is allow the city to set its own budget based on projected revenues.

There being no further questions and/or comments, Mayor Jackson declared the public hearing closed.

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO.: 09-1198, PROPOSING AN EXTENSION OF THE ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

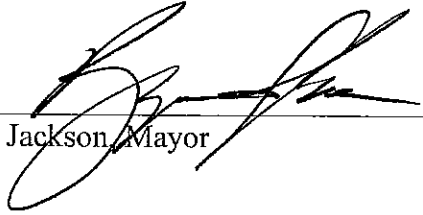
Motion by Vice Mayor Acuña, seconded by Council Member Belloc to read Resolution No. 09-1198 by title only, passed unanimously.

Motion by Vice Mayor Acuña, seconded by Council Member Belloc, to adopt Special

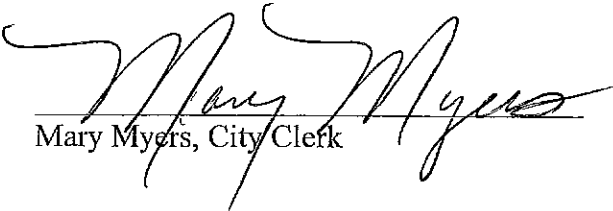
Resolution No. 09-1198, passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:08 p.m.


Byron Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Myers, City Clerk