

**QUALITY OF LIFE AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
LAKE VIEW ROOM  
RIO VISTA RECREATION CENTER**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

A Meeting of the Quality of Life Ad Hoc Committee of the City of Peoria, Arizona, convened at 8866 West Thunderbird Road, Peoria, AZ in open and public session at 6:04 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Former Mayor John Keegan; Vice Chair Kirk Haines; Secretary Eva Osuna; and Committee Members Dave Allsop, Clay Allsop, John Auckland, Ian Dowdy, Jack Fletcher, Dennis Grenier, Robert Hall, Michael Higgins, MJ Johnson, Ken Krieger, Scott Lekan, Ron Lyzniak, Mark Mauer, Howard Openlander, Kim Price Olsen, Franklin Schiller, Kathy Senseman, Barry Spiegel, Gene Sweeny and Christian Williams.

**Members Absent:** Joe Pfeiff.

**Others Present:** Councilmember Jon Edwards; Councilmember Carlo Leone; Carl Swenson, City Manager; Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Tammy Shreeve, Strategic Management Officer; John Sefton, Community Services Director; and Karen Halstead, Administrative Assistant.

**Audience:** There were ten members of the public present.

**Note:** The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Presentation**

Chairperson Keegan welcomed the Quality of Life Committee members and outlined the meeting agenda.

2. **Open Meeting Law Discussion**

Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney, presented regarding:

- Discussion allowed between the Committee Members and Alternate Committee members
- Serial meetings

3. **Tour of Rio Vista Recreation Center**

A guided tour of the Rio Vista Recreation Center facility was provided to the members of the Committee.

4. **Financial Background**

Carl Swenson, City Manager, provided an overview on how the City budgets and the City's financial philosophies. Information included:

- Council Policy Goals
- Peoria's Financial Foundations
  - Work within our means
  - Have a long-range perspective
  - Distinguish between ongoing and one-time expenditures
  - Recognize the local economy
  - Follow good financial policies
- How We Make Financial Decisions
  - Citizen input
  - Identify the right service levels
  - Apply all available resources
  - Leverage dollars
  - Measure results

Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager, presented regarding the City's budget. Information included:

- Operating expenditures
  - General tax functions
- Capital budget
- Debt service
- Contingency
- Public budgeting
  - General taxes and other revenues
  - User fees
  - Enterprise funds
- Current revenue sources
  - City sales tax
  - Utility rates
  - State-shared revenue
  - Internal fund charges
  - Fees for service
  - Intergovernmental revenue
  - Miscellaneous income
  - Franchise fees
  - Property tax
- Significant Capital Projects

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Tyne provided an explanation of franchise fees.

5. **Recreation and Leisure**

John Sefton, Community Services Director, presented regarding:

- Community Services Department Administration
- Sports Facilities and Community Parks
- Trail Systems
- Neighborhood Parks
- Recreation Services
- Library System
- 2014 Community Services Master Plan
- Proposed future concepts and amenities

Mr. Sefton concluded his presentation with a Google Earth virtual tour of Peoria.

In response to questions from the Committee, Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, explained the process involved with annexing land located in the County islands.

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits to the City and County island residents to annex land.

6. **Meeting Schedule**

Tammy Shreeve, Strategic Management Officer, provided an update of the Committee meeting schedule.

**Call to the Public (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Quality of Life Ad Hoc Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Eva Osuna, Secretary

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk

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