

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amend No. _____

Date Prepared: April 18, 2008 Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2008

TO: City Council
FROM: Bob Barrett, Mayor 
SUBJECT: Appointment of Carl Swenson as City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

- A. Adopt the resolution of Appointment of Carl Swenson, as the City Manager of the City of Peoria, Arizona, effective July 1, 2008
- B. Approve the Terms and Conditions of Employment Agreement with Carl Swenson as City Manager for the City of Peoria, Arizona.

SUMMARY:

As we are aware, Terry Ellis will be retiring as City Manager of the City of Peoria, Arizona on June 30, 2008 after 11 years of distinguished service to this community. Upon becoming aware of Mr. Ellis' retirement, the City commenced a recruitment process for the City Manager position, with those applicants in-house being considered prior to any outside recruitment.

Carl Swenson, Deputy City Manager for Development and Community Services of the City applied for and was interviewed for the position. After a comprehensive interview with Mr. Swenson and an evaluation of his qualifications and abilities by the Council, this agenda item is submitted for our approval.

Mr. Swenson has an extensive background in City Management. Prior to his tenure in Peoria, he served as City Manager in Oak Park, Illinois from 1996 – 2006. Previous to his tenure in Oak Park, Mr. Swenson served in a number of capacities in Bellevue, Washington, including Deputy Manager, Deputy Utility Director and Assistant to the City Manager.

During his tenure in Peoria, Mr. Swenson has overseen the Development Services functions that address growth and development related issues in the City. He has

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recruited a talented staff and has a number of accomplishments. These include improving the management of capital projects, improving land use and development guidelines, and established a close working relationship with the other deputy managers.

The City Attorney has been instructed to draft a proposed agreement regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment which is attached to this Council Communication. The basic provisions are nearly identical to the current agreement with Mr. Ellis.

Based on the council discussion, I would like to recommend for your approval a resolution appointing Carl Swenson as City Manager of the City of Peoria, Arizona, effective July 1, 2008 and a proposed Terms and Conditions of Employment with Carl Swenson as City Manager.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution of Appointment of the City Manager
2. Terms and Conditions of Employment Agreement

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM

IS ON FILE IN THE

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