

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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Council Meeting Date: August 26, 2008

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SUBJECT: Town Hall Meetings for Bond Election in November 2008

SUMMARY:

In October of 2007, the Mayor and Council appointed citizens to serve on a bond committee. The Citizens Bond Committee was asked to review potential capital projects for utilities, public safety, parks and trails, operational facilities and streets that would require voter authorization over a fifteen year period. After meeting over the course of several months, the committee developed a recommendation package related to those projects and provided a presentation to Council in March 2008.

On June 3, 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution to authorize a special bond election on November 4, 2008 and obtain voter authorization for the projects recommended by the Citizens Bond Committee and the Mayor and Council. These projects, totaling \$378 million, will be submitted to the voters in the form of three separate questions and will be grouped as follows on the November ballot:

- 1) Approve Streets, Bridges, Traffic Control, and Transportation and Drainage Bonds in the amount of \$276,743,120
- 2) Approve Public Safety, Technology and Municipal Operations Bonds in the amount of \$60,317,685
- 3) Approve Parks, Recreation and Trails Bonds in the amount of \$40,939,195

As part of the education campaign for the upcoming bond election, staff has scheduled informational Town Hall Meetings throughout the City during the month of September for citizens to attend. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

| <u>Date and Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| September 9, 2008, 6:30 p.m. | Country Meadows Elementary School |
| September 11, 2008, 6:30 p.m. | Christ Church of the Valley |
| September 18, 2008, 6:30 p.m. | Vistancia – Kiva Club @ Trilogy |
| September 22, 2008, 6:30 p.m. | Westbrook Village Ballroom |
| September 25, 2008, 6:30 p.m. | Ventana Lakes Yacht Club |
| September 27, 2008, 9:30 a.m. (Saturday) | Rio Vista Recreation Center |

City staff will provide a presentation at each of these meetings to discuss the bond election process and provide an overview of projects included in the bond package.