

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBER
August 26, 2008

A **Special Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE: Following a moment of silence, Boy Scout Troop 237 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Barrett; Vice Mayor Cathy Carlat; Councilmembers Ron Aames, Joan Evans, Vicki Hunt, Carlo Leone and Dave Pearson.

Members Absent: None

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; John Wenderski, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk; J.P. de la Montaigne, Brent Mattingly, Larry Rooney, Grady Miller, Dan Nissen, Steve Prokopek, Larry Ratcliff, John Schell, Jeff Tyne, Glen Van Nimwegen, James Mason, Dave Moody and Rhonda Simmons.

Audience: Approximately 100 members of the public were present.

Note: The order in which items appear in the minutes reflects the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting, which may or may not be the order in which they appear on the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION:

1. Certificates of Appointment to the following Board members elected to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Local Boards: • Mark Barbee to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board – Fire; and • Pat Kief appointed to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board – Police.

Clerk's Note: Mark Barbee and Pat Kief were not present to receive their certificates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1R General Plan Amendment, Land Use Map, 83rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road (Item 31R, June 17, 2008)

RESOLUTION NO. 08-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN OF THE GENERAL PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEPARABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The property owner requested Agenda Item 1R be carried over indefinitely.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Hunt to table indefinitely the discussion and possible action to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and adopt **RES. 08-130** amending the General Plan Land Use Map from Residential/Estate (0-2 du/ac, target 1.0 du/ac) to Office for a site located on the southwest corner of 83rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road and encompassing approximately 10 gross acres (GPA07-05).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2R Rezoning, 83rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road (Item 32R, June 17, 2008)

ORDINANCE NO 08-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ESTABLISHING INITIAL ZONING ON PROPERTY FROM CITY OF PEORIA AG (GENERAL AGRICULTURAL) ZONING DISTRICT TO CITY OF PEORIA PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD) ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The property owner requested Agenda Item 2R be carried over indefinitely.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Evans to table indefinitely the discussion and possible action to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and adopt **ORD. 08-26** establishing Planned Area Development (PAD) zoning on property located on the southwest corner of 83rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road (Z07-09).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5R Contract Amendment, Grand Avenue Peoria Holdings, L.L.C., Oldtown Redevelopment Project, 83rd Avenue and Washington Street (Item 12R, July 1, 2008)

Staff notified Council there were outstanding legal questions related to Agenda Item 5R.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Vice Mayor Carlat to table discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement with Grand Avenue Peoria Holdings, L.L.C. for the Old Town redevelopment project at 83rd Avenue and Washington Street (LCON07905A).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3R Design Principles and Guidelines Update (Item 4R, July 1, 2008)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Barrett opened the Public Hearing and asked if any Councilmember or citizen wished to comment on the new Design Principles and Guidelines document, a comprehensive revision to the existing design standards and encompassing architectural, site design and thematic elements.

Staff Report/Public Comment:

Chris Jacques, Principal Planner, Community Development Department, presented the new Design Review Draft Manual. Mr. Jacques stated that in order to be an effective policy document it has to be relevant, defensible, and implementable.

Mr. Jacques stated that in December 2007 a study session was held regarding the Design Review Manual and a number of issues were raised; those concerns have been addressed in the new Design Review Manual. The Design Review Manual has five chapters: Introduction, Nonresidential, Multi-family, Single-family and Utility Cabinets. A draft of the manual was released to the public and followed up with a joint meeting with both the Standards Board and the Advisory Board; the document was then released to the stakeholders. In June, the Design Review Standards Board recommended moving forward with the document. Mr. Jacques reviewed the Design Review Manual for Council.

Council Action:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE PEORIA CITY CODE (1977 EDITION), BY INSERTING SECTION 20-78, PROVIDING FOR A NEW DESIGN REVIEW MANUAL ENTITLED "DESIGN PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES" AS IDENTIFIED THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEPARABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Vice Mayor Carlat to concur with the Design Standards Advisory Board's recommendation and adopt **ORD. 08-27** approving the new Design Principles and Guidelines document, a comprehensive revision to the existing design standards and encompassing architectural, site design and thematic elements (DR08-09).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Note: Agenda Items 4R and 9R were presented together.

4R Intergovernmental Agreement, Maricopa County, City of El Mirage, City of Glendale and City of Peoria, Northern Parkway Improvements, State Route 303 Loop to US60 (Item 8R, July 1, 2008)

Dave Moody, Transportation Planning Director, addressed the Council providing background on the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County, City of El Mirage and the City of Glendale. Mr. Moody reminded that the voters approved the regional transportation plan in November of 2004. The Parkway goes from Grand Avenue to the Loop 303; the project links 12 ½ miles. The design concept report is \$641 million and the funding, MAG money plus our local match, is only \$330 million, leaving a large disparity between the ultimate plan that was envisioned and what we can afford to build.

Mr. Moody explained that in addition to the four agencies involved, ADOT is also involved because of both Loop 303 and Loop 101. Luke Air Force Base is involved because Northern Parkway shifts off alignment so that it does not interfere with the mission of Luke. Finally, Flood Control District is involved because there are some major drainage issues. Mr. Moody further explained that this project is linked with the Beardsley Connector by the City of Glendale. Glendale is a party to both IGAs and Glendale has told City staff that they will not approve the IGA for Beardsley unless the Northern Parkway IGA is approved; both IGAs are being presented to Council this evening. Mr. Moody provided a project overview of Northern Parkway.

Mr. Moody explained that there are two homes in the area that need to be purchased at some time in order to complete the Northern Parkway project. Staff has made contact with the owners and neither party wants to sell. We would not need to buy those homes until 2020.

Mr. Moody stated that Peoria's IGA responsibilities require the City to issue no-cost permits to the County and purchase or protect right-of-way for the project. The City will maintain and operate the roadway within the City limits by utilizing our Police Department.

Mike Rogers addressed the Council stating that this project was originally instituted by the City of Glendale with no input from the residents of the City of Peoria. Mr. Rogers stated his quality of life will go down due to this project. Mr. Rogers encouraged the Council to table the decision to allow the residents to give input on the final plans.

Pat Temes addressed the Council stating that four lanes will be built on the Peoria side between 111th to 107th Avenues, which will take the retention basin and a home. Peoria will have to maintain and operate that road. Ms. Temes stated that this is a large project and to do it would be very unfair without more input. Ms. Temes requested the Council table the issue and have further discussions.

Sam Stockard was called but declined to speak.

John Durham addressed the Council stating that he purchased his home three years ago and did not know anything about this project. He has learned that some of his neighbors have received offers for their house but the only thing he has received is a retaining wall placed on his master bedroom wall. Mr. Durham requested the Council table this issue, vote no on this issue or at least separate the two projects.

Lesla Montana addressed the Council inquiring what the City of Peoria is going to do to correct the severely congested problem on Olive Avenue because it cannot handle anymore traffic. Ms. Montana stated they do not have enough lights and they are already having multiple accidents. Ms. Montana stated she knows this is inconveniencing multiple residents in a 12-mile area and this project is detrimental. Ms. Montana inquired where the money will come from to fund this project.

Clerk's Note: Public comment was heard after the presentation for 9R.

Motion was made by Councilmember Leone, seconded by Councilmember Hunt to table indefinitely the discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement, between Maricopa County, the City of El Mirage, the City of Glendale and the City of Peoria for improvements to Northern Parkway, from State Route 303 Loop to the US 60 (LCON15808).

Councilmember Aames stated he would like to see this Agenda Item tabled in order to receive more information on what the citizens have mentioned and also on the cost of the project and how it will be paid for.

Discussion was held regarding the motion before Council; Steve Kemp, City Attorney, clarified that the precedential vote before the Council at this time is whether to table action on Agenda Item 4R.

Upon vote, the motion failed 3 to 4 with Mayor Barrett, Vice Mayor Carlat, Councilmembers Evans and Pearson voting "no".

Councilmember Evans inquired whether Agenda Items 4R and 9R are issues that are joined together. Mayor Barrett clarified that the vote on Agenda Item 4R will determine the fate of both Agenda Items 4R and 9R.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to authorize the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement, between Maricopa County, the City of El Mirage, the City of Glendale and the City of Peoria for improvements to Northern Parkway, from State Route 303 Loop to the US 60 (LCON15808).

Upon vote, the motion carried 4 to 3 with Councilmembers Aames, Hunt and Leone voting "no".

NEW BUSINESS

9R Intergovernmental Agreement, State of Arizona, City of Glendale and City of Peoria, Design and Construction, Beardsley Connection Project and Union Hills Traffic Interchange Widening Project

RESOLUTION NO. 08-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA, THE CITY OF GLENDALE AND THE CITY OF PEORIA FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PEORIA'S PHASE II OF THE BEARDSLEY CONNECTION PROJECT AND THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE'S PROJECT; UNION HILLS WIDENING AT STATE ROUTE 101L.

Chris Kmetty, Senior Civil Engineer, addressed the Council providing background on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona and the City of Glendale regarding the Beardsley Connection Project and Union Hills Traffic Interchange Widening Project. Mr. Kmetty stated the project is located on Beardsley Road and it is an extension of the existing Beardsley Road that currently ends at 81st Avenue. It will extend Beardsley Road over the New River and connect to a new frontage road that will be built between 75th Avenue and Union Hills Drive.

The project between 81st Avenue and 83rd Avenue will widen the existing roadway to the south that was worked on with the developer who built the apartment complex there to accommodate the additional widening. Additionally, Lake Pleasant Parkway north of Beardsley will be widening and completing the portion of Lake Pleasant Parkway that was not completed up to the Safeway Center. On the Loop 101 portion, the outside frontage road will be built from 75th Avenue down to Union Hills where a u-turn structure will be built.

Mr. Kmetty stated that the City of Peoria is the lead agency on design and coordination of many of the items in this project and the City has maintenance responsibilities for Beardsley Road in the future as well as portions of the frontage road. ADOT is providing the funding for Union Hills widening as well as doing construction of Beardsley Phase II and maintenance. Glendale is a partner for maintenance of Union Hills and MAG is a funding partner through the Regional Transportation Program. The current project status is anticipated that Phase I construction will begin in early 2009.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Evans to adopt **RES. 08-132** authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement in the amount of \$18,090,000 with the State of Arizona, City of Glendale and the City of Peoria for design and construction of Peoria's Phase II of the Beardsley Connection Project and the design and construction of the Union Hills Traffic Interchange (TI) Widening Project (Project P-0702 and P-0710) (LCON17008).

Upon vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Leone voting "no".

6R PUBLIC HEARING - Liquor Licenses, Various Locations

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Barrett opened the Public Hearing and asked if any Councilmember or citizen wished to comment on the following:

- a) A Person Transfer for an On-Sale All Liquor License (Series 06) for McDuffy's, located at 15814 N. 83rd Avenue. Applicant: Randy D. Nations. LL#10012294;
- b) A Location and Person Transfer for an On-Sale Wine & Beer Liquor License (Series 07) for WineStyles, located at 9744 W. Northern Avenue. Applicant: Tawna M. Turner. LL#10012896;
- c) A new Wine and Beer Liquor License (Series 10) for ARCO AM/PM, located at 7501 W. Peoria Avenue. Applicant: Hisham A. Beydoun. LL#10012141;
- d) A new Wine and Beer Liquor License (Series 10) for Thunderbird Oil Corporation, located at 8271 W. Thunderbird Road. Applicant: Anwar Nakib. LL#10012892; and
- e) A new Restaurant Liquor License (Series 12) for Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery, located at 16840 N. 83rd Avenue. Applicant: Randy D. Nations. LL#10012846.

Staff Report/Public Comment:

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk, reported that the properties had been posted in accordance with Arizona law, all fees were paid, all reviewing Departments recommended approval, and no comments were received from the public.

Having no requests from the public to address this item, Mayor Barrett declared the public hearing closed.

Council Action: Motion was made by Councilmember Aames, seconded by Vice Mayor Carlat, to recommend approval to the State Liquor Board for:

- a) A Person Transfer for an On-Sale All Liquor License (Series 06) for McDuffy's, located at 15814 N. 83rd Avenue. Applicant: Randy D. Nations. LL#10012294;
- b) A Location and Person Transfer for an On-Sale Wine & Beer Liquor License (Series 07) for WineStyles, located at 9744 W. Northern Avenue. Applicant: Tawna M. Turner. LL#10012896;
- c) A new Wine and Beer Liquor License (Series 10) for ARCO AM/PM, located at 7501 W. Peoria Avenue. Applicant: Hisham A. Beydoun. LL#10012141;
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- e) A new Restaurant Liquor License (Series 12) for Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery, located at 16840 N. 83rd Avenue. Applicant: Randy D. Nations. LL#10012846.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7R Development Impact Fees, Tierra del Rio Development Zone

ORDINANCE NO. 08-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE PEORIA CITY CODE (1992) BY AMENDING TABLE SECTION 20-53 PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT FEES; AND AMENDING SECTION 22-22 BY AMENDING TABLE 22-22 PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT FEES AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-95 BY AMENDING TABLE 25-95.1 PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT FEES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Steve Kemp, City Attorney, addressed the Council regarding development impact fees for the Tierra del Rio Development Zone, which is located off Jomax Road west of 107th Avenue. Because a large residential community development had already gone through some of the County permitting processes, and then later came into the City, the City of Peoria needed to create a specialized impact fee zone. Staff recommends that the Council approve the ordinance establishing a specialized fee for the Tierra del Rio impact fee zone.

Vice Mayor Carlat commented that the City annexed this development a number of years ago and has restructured impact fees at least twice since then.

Mr. Kemp responded stating modifications were made to our infrastructure improvement plans and capital plans to reflect the differences in fees; those modifications were used to recalculate the fees and were then sent through a specialized process, further meetings were held with the developer. In addition to this process, there is a statutory timeframe for fees of this nature of six months from the time of initiation until this stage. In response to questions from Vice Mayor Carlat, Mr. Kemp stated that the City initiated this request.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Aames to:

- a) Adopt **ORD. 08-28** adjusting the General Government and Wastewater, Solid Waste Utility Impact Fees for Tierra del Rio;
- b) Establish November 10, 2008 as the effective date for the new fees; and
- c) Adopt the Tierra del Rio Infrastructure Improvement Plans which estimate future necessary public services and costs used to calculate the development fees.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

8R General Plan Amendment, Land Use Map, Lake Pleasant Parkway and Pinnacle Peak Road

RESOLUTION NO. 08-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN OF THE GENERAL PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEPARABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Director, addressed the Council stating that the request before Council tonight is to make a minor amendment to the General Plan for 1.67 acre parcel on the east side of Lake Pleasant Parkway and 1/8 of a mile south of Pinnacle Peak Roadway. One of the changes made to the General Plan in 2006 provided for a limited amount of office uses at the intersection of Lake Pleasant Parkway and Pinnacle Peak Road, and another at the intersection of Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway. Staff recommends approval of the General Plan amendment. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval on August 7, 2008.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Hunt to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and adopt the **RES. 08-131** amending the General Plan Land Use Map from Residential/Estate (0-2 du/ac, target 1.0 du/ac) to Office Commercial for a site located south of the southeast corner of Lake Pleasant Parkway and Pinnacle Peak Road and encompassing approximately 1.67 gross acres (GPA07-14).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10R Litigation, Maricopa County, Residential Development Adjacent to Military Facilities

Steve Kemp, City Attorney, addressed the Council providing background related to the military facilities in Arizona and the pending litigation. Mr. Kemp stated that in 2000 legislation was enacted that created a land use chart around Luke Air Force Base only. The land use chart outlined certain types of land uses near the base given that the base consists of clear zones, accident potential zones, and established noise lines. The chart recognized that due to the nature of military operations there are certain areas where there should be no residential at all and other areas there could be residential under certain conditions.

In 2004 legislation was brought forward that would apply the same kind of land use restrictions around auxiliary fields that occur around the main base. The legislation also required cities and counties to modify their General Plans and Zoning Codes to ensure that land uses in the area would be compatible with the operations of a military facility.

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Mr. Kemp stated that all jurisdictions have complied with the exception of Maricopa County. Maricopa County has not amended their General Plan to address the compatibility or the zoning codes.

Maricopa County responded by temporarily freezing building permits but thereafter, began approving building permits and houses went up near Auxiliary Field 1 in the accident potential zones, and high noise zones. In early 2008, houses were being permitted in close proximity to the main base.

Mr. Kemp stated the request before Council is to approve the City's participation along with the Cities of Glendale and Surprise in the Attorney General's litigation against Maricopa County to obtain compliance by Maricopa County with provisions of State Law. Mr. Kemp stated there is sufficient funding to approve an IGA with Surprise and Glendale to hire outside counsel. Mr. Kemp stated that both Cities of Surprise and Glendale have pledged their support.

In response to questions from Councilmember Evans, Mr. Kemp stated the County recently announced it would temporarily suspend issuing building permits around both the main base and the auxiliary field during the pending litigation.

Motion was made by Councilmember Evans, seconded by Councilmember Aames to:

- a) Authorize the City of Peoria to participate in litigation against Maricopa County to obtain compliance by the County with Arizona State Statutes prohibiting residential development in areas adjacent to military facilities; and
- b) Authorize the City Attorney to enter into intergovernmental agreements with one or more cities or the State of Arizona pertaining to the conduct of such litigation and the retention of special counsel.

Vice Mayor Carlat stated that she finds it shameful that this has gotten to this point with Maricopa County in order for them to abide by something that benefits the greater good of the entire west valley, and that they have to be brought to the point where they are threatened in order for them to do something that is right for our national security and our economic engine for the West Valley.

Councilmember Evans stated she is very proud of Peoria for taking a leadership role in this and she is embarrassed to be a part of Maricopa County.

Roy Coulliette addressed the Council stating that he is concerned about the houses that have been built in the accident potential and high noise zones. Mr. Coulliette encouraged the support of this litigation.

Mayor Barrett stated that he supports the Attorney General and the lawsuit because he believes it is critical that we preserve the mission of Luke Air force Base. Mayor Barrett also encouraged the support of this litigation.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Call to the Public

Dolores Ceballos addressed the Council inquiring about the propositions before the voters on the September ballot.

Mike Rogers addressed the Council stating that he believes it is time to stand up to the City of Glendale. Mr. Rogers expressed his disapproval of the Council's earlier vote regarding Northern Parkway.

Melissa Fittro was called to speak but was not present.

Sam Stockard addressed the Council complimenting Councilmember Leone and Councilmember Aames for standing up for their people with respect to the vote on Northern Parkway. Mr. Stockard requested that the Council reconsider their decision regarding Northern Parkway.

Reports from the City Manager:

Carl Swenson, City Manager, stated the Reports from the City Manager will be presented in three sections. The first section is a calendar, which lists the topics and council meetings; the calendars will be available on the website. The next section will be brief presentations. The third section will be for informational memos. There will be no presentation on informational memos, but the Council may ask questions on the information if they wish.

Reports with Presentation

Arizona Public Service Line Siting Process

Steve Burg, Assistant City Attorney presented information regarding the status of the Arizona Public Service Line Siting process. Mr. Burg stated that the hearings began last week before the State Line Siting Committee to consider an application from Arizona Public Service for a total of about 40 miles of high-voltage electric lines they want to construct from a power electrical substation in Buckeye and continuing up through Surprise through a future substation that will be built just south of Lake Pleasant. Mr. Burg stated that in the two days of hearings last week the most rousing aspect was a public comments session on Monday night where over 200 residents from Vistancia were present.

Mr. Burg outlined the next steps in the process stating that when everything is presented to the Line Siting Committee, they will make a decision on the route they choose along the 40-mile stretch. If any party objects to the chosen route, they have the right to appeal that to the Arizona Corporation Commission; the Corporation

Commission will make the final decision on where the route should be. Mr. Burg stated the Line Siting Committee should make its decision by the end of this year. If it is appealed to the Corporation Commission, it will be sometime early next year before the final resolution.

At the end of the hearings last week the Chairman of the Committee suggested potentially grouping the parties into three groups; one in the Buckeye area, one in the Surprise area and one in the Peoria area to see if some of the differences could be resolved about where the lines should go and then try to present this to the Committee to streamline the process and move it along faster. The City's goal will be to go back to the Committee with a joint proposal that all of the Peoria interests will find acceptable.

Vice Mayor Carlata thanked Mr. Burg for the work he has done in this project. Vice Mayor Carlata also thanked the residents of Vistancia for showing their support and for all of the professional comments that were made that evening.

Utility Billing Restructuring

Vicki Rios, Revenue Manager, presented information to the Council on a change to the utility billing process. Ms. Rios stated that beginning in October, customers are going to see their due dates for their utility bills change. The City is currently split into 6 utility billing cycles, the change will increase the billing cycles to 20.

Councilmember Aames stated he is happy to see this change as it will create more efficiency and may save the City some money, while also providing timely response to customers.

Informational

Peoria Place/Cotton Crossing Project

Carl Swenson, City Manager, provided an update on this informational item, stating this project is a significant mix-used project across the street from the City Municipal Campus. The construction is set to begin on that project in early October.

Small Business Resource Program

Carl Swenson, City Manager, provided notice to the Council and community about an upcoming Small Business Resource Program Workshop. The Economic Development Department is hosting a half-day workshop on the 10th of September that will include staff from Economic Development, individuals from the banking community, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and other resources that are helpful to small businesses.

Town Hall Meetings for November 2008 Bond Election

Carl Swenson, City Manager, provided information regarding the upcoming bond election town hall meetings. Mr. Swenson stated that the town hall meetings will be held for the purpose of public education and information. There will be approximately 6 open houses beginning on the 9th of September and running through the 27th; they will be held in different locations around the community; the exact locations and times are provided in the memo, on the Peoria website and available from the Finance Department or City Manager's Office.

Councilmember Evans requested that additional town hall meetings be held east of Loop 101. Mr. Swenson confirmed that additional meetings will be added.

Fiestas Patrias Event

Carl Swenson, City Manager, provided information about the upcoming Peoria Fiestas Patrias Event. It will be held September 14th at the Municipal Campus. It will be a great family celebration, family activities, food and refreshments.

Old Town Mural Project

Carl Swenson, City Manager, provided information regarding the proposed mural project that is being worked on by the Communication and Public Affairs staff. There will be two open houses to discuss the mural downtown in the Oldtown part of the community on September 3rd and September 4th in the Pine Room at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

"End of Summer Scorcher" Festival Concert at Peoria Sports Complex

Carl Swenson, City Manager, provided information on the upcoming "End of Summer Scorcher" Festival happening at the Sports Complex on September 20th from 2:00 to 9:45 p.m.

Reports from City Council:

Councilmember Leone advised on the various City of Peoria activities he has attended since July 1. Councilmember Leone suggested residents go to the Community Center because there is so much to do there.

Councilmember Aames thanked Southwest Ambulance for the free swim lessons they provided in August at Peoria and Centennial High Schools.

Councilmember Evans reminded the residents that live near the Sports Complex that the "End of Summer Scorcher" Festival will end by 10:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Carlat informed about the upcoming Walk Across America Event; which is an event called to conquer Kiari. Kiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting 300,000 people in the United States. This walk is going to be on September 20th, 2008, starting at 7:00 a.m.; registration begins at 6:00. The walk starts at Papago Park and it will proceed through the Desert Botanical Gardens. Vice Mayor Carlat advised that all the information for this walk will be placed on her webpage.

Reports from the Mayor:

Mayor Barrett reminded that the primary election is on Tuesday, September 2nd and there are three propositions and three council seats on the ballot for Peoria. There is an early voting site at the City Hall in the Annex Building, Maricopa Room, which will be open until August 29th. Election information is available in both English and Spanish on the City Clerk's Website at www.peoriaaz.gov.

Mayor Barrett advised that Chuck Kelly, a reporter from the Arizona Republic is retiring and further commented that Mr. Kelly will be sorely missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 26th day of August, 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2008

(Seal)

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk