Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- About Peoria
- Organizational Overview
- Mayor and Council Overview
• Incorporated June 7, 1954, comprising one square mile

• Today, about 180 square miles

• Population 164,173 (2016 Estimate)

• One of the few Arizona cities spanning two counties (Maricopa, Yavapai)
About Peoria

• Growth Dynamics
• Activity Centers
  ❖ P83
  ❖ Commercial Core
  ❖ Downtown
• One Unified City
• Neighborhoods
About Peoria

• One of 44 AZ cities, 9th Largest by Population (2015 Census)

• 6th Largest Arizona city based on area in square miles*

• Average Age* 36.4 years

• 2020 Census…

By the Numbers

- **38th** for 2019 Healthiest Cities in the U.S.
- **12th** city for green space in the U.S. in 2019
- **13th** Wealthiest ZIP codes in the Valley in 2019 by [Phoenix Business Journal](#)
- **22nd** Safest City in the U.S., by [Phoenix Business Journal](#) in 2018
- **50** Hottest Hoods in the Valley by the [Phoenix Business Journal](#) in 2018
- **No. 1** best city to live in Arizona and the 29th in the country by [Money Magazine in 2018](#)
- **1** Arizona Forward award won for environmental excellence
- **4th** Best Place to Get a Job in 2018 by Wallethub
- **9th** Least Stressed City in the country by Wallethub
About the Organization
Council-Manager Form

- Most common type of local government in U.S.
- Result of the Progressive Era’s reform movement
- 1912: Fort Sumter, SC, first to adopt this form of government
- City Council serves as policymaking body, hires professional manager to run the day-to-day operations
Roles and Responsibilities

**City Council**

- Policy-makers
- Adopt laws, policies, resolutions
- Approve city budget, award contracts, approve intergovernmental agreements

**City Manager**

- Execute policies
- Responsible for city operations, services, intergovernmental relations
Governing Authority

State Law

City Charter

City Code

Council Policies

Administrative Policies

Best Practices/Department Work Rules

Citizens

City Council

City Manager
Mayor and City Council

• Elected to four-year terms

• Mayor is ceremonial head of city, chairs council meetings, controls council agenda; limited to two terms

• Council members represent geographical area (district) of city (limited to three terms)

• Six (6) council districts
Vice Mayor Bridget Binsbacher – Mesquite District
Mayor Pro Tem Vicki Hunt – Acacia District
Councilmember Jon Edwards – Willow District
Councilmember Michael Finn – Palo Verde District
Councilmember Carlo Leone – Pine District
Councilmember Bill Patena – Ironwood District
Organization Statistics

- 15 City Departments
- 1830 Employees*
  - Full time = 1185
  - Part time = 13
  - Part-time/Seasonal = 632

*as of February, 2019
• Accreditation ensures services meet highest industry standards
• Standards emphasize public involvement
• Where accreditation is offered, we have achieved and maintain it
Boards and Commissions

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- Arts Commission
- Board of Adjustment
- Building Board of Appeals
- Charter Review Committee
- Citizen’s Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
- Economic Development Advisory Board
- Employee Benefits Trust Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Industrial Development Authority
- Judicial Selection Advisory Board
- Library Board
- Municipal Development Authority

- Parks and Recreation Board
- Personnel Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Public Defender Contract Review Committee
- Public Safety Retirement Board for Fire
- Public Safety Retirement Board for Police
- Quality of Life Ad Hoc Review Committee
- Veterans Memorial Board
- Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board
- Youth Advisory Board

**For more information visit: www.peoriaaz.gov/clerk**
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