

**QUALITY OF LIFE AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
POINT OF VIEW ROOM  
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING**

**JANUARY 20, 2016**

A Meeting of the Quality of Life Ad Hoc Committee of the City of Peoria, Arizona, convened at 9875 North 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Peoria, AZ in open and public session at 6:04 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Clay Allsop, MJ Johnson, Mark Mauer.

**Others Present:** Mayor Cathy Carlat; Councilmember Bridget Binsbacher; Carl Swenson, City Manager; Julie Ayers, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Bo Larsen, Public Information Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Tammy Shreeve, Strategic Management Officer; John Sefton, Community Services Director; Briana Decker, Assistant to the Mayor; Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk; Karen Halstead, Administrative Assistant.

**Audience:** There were eight 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**

Mayor Carlat welcomed the Quality of Life Committee members, thanked them for their service and outlined the goals of the Committee.

2. **Introductions**

Chairperson Keegan presented regarding:

- Mayor Carlat's dedication to the City of Peoria
- Optional helicopter tours
- Role of the Committee

The Committee members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

Tammy Shreeve, Strategic Management Officer, outlined the Committee schedule.

3. **City Government Presentation**

Carl Swenson, City Manager, thanked the Committee members for their service and presented regarding:

- The history and growth of the City of Peoria
- Geography and demographics of the City
- Major land ownership
- Citizen perception of services and quality of life in the City
- City government
  - Peoria City Council
  - Organizational Chart for the City
- Departmental Accreditations
- The City's Financial Management Philosophy

Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager, presented regarding:

- Comparison data related to surrounding cities regarding:
  - Number of employees per 1,000 residents
  - Sales tax rate
  - Property tax
  - Utility rates
- Financial Overview
  - Strong reserves
  - Stable tax rates
  - High bond ratings
  - Focus on supporting core services
- Operating expenditures by department
- Peoria Parks and Receptions Services and future opportunities
- Outdoor recreation
- Peoria's Desert Open Space
- Public Safety

4. **Open Meeting Law Presentation**

Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney, presented regarding:

- Legal issues related to the Quality of Life Committee
  - Open Meeting Laws
  - Public Records
  - Conflicts of Interest

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Helicopter ride and discussion allowed amongst the Committee Members
- Alternate member activity
- Email meetings
- Potential for subcommittees
- Speaking during the Call to the Public section of the agenda
- Appropriateness of discussing the history of Peoria

Mr. Burg continued regarding:

- Public Records
  - Exemptions of Law
- Conflicts of Interests
- Role of the City Attorney

Ms. Shreeve reminded the Committee not to hit "Reply All" when responding to an email.

5. **Meeting Schedule**

Chairperson Keegan addressed meeting times and schedules. Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

6. **Meeting Procedures**

Chairperson Keegan discussed that a proposed list of topics for discussion would be provided and outlined the procedures for the meetings.

**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 7:46 p.m.

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Eva Osuna, Secretary

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk

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