

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
February 21, 2012

A **Special Meeting and Study Session** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 5:00 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Andy Granger, Engineering Director; John Imig, Information Technology Director; Claudia Luján, Interim Human Resources Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Jeff Tyne, Interim Community Services Director; Corina Russo, Assistant to the City Manager; and Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk.

**Audience:** Approximately two members of the public were present.

**Note:** The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the City Council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests; in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business, and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Aames, seconded by Councilmember Evans, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

### **1C Authorization to Hold an Executive Session**

**Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03:** Authorized the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with the City's attorneys concerning the City's position in discussions with the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres regarding contract renewals for the use of the Peoria Sports Complex, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4).

## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

### **Subjects for Discussion Only:**

1. Proposed Charter Amendments

Steve Kemp, City Attorney, presented two options for a proposed charter amendment pertaining to the succession of Vice Mayor to Mayor.

Discussion ensued on the proposed charter amendment if Council were to elect a new Mayor until a special election can be held, or if the Vice Mayor were to fill the remainder of the term until a Mayor was elected at the next City election to complete the remainder of the term.

Mr. Kemp presented two options for a proposed charter amendment regarding rotation of the position of Vice Mayor.

Discussion ensued regarding amending the charter to include the rotation of the Vice Mayor position.

Mr. Kemp summarized a proposed charter amendment pertaining to sales tax on wastewater services.

Discussion ensued pertaining to voter approval for sales tax on wastewater services.

It was the consensus of Council to have staff submit the following proposed charter amendments to the Council for action at a future meeting.

- Succession of Vice Mayor to Mayor – Council to appoint a Mayor until a special election can be held on the first available election date in order to fill the vacancy; and
- Rotation of Vice Mayor position based on alphabetical order of Council districts.

Mayor Barrett adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

The Study Session was reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Kemp provided background on a proposed charter amendment pertaining to appointment of the City Clerk. At the request of Council, Mr. Kemp outlined the duties of the City Clerk.

Discussion ensued regarding the chief election officer for the City being appointed and evaluated by the City Council.

Mr. Kemp reviewed a proposed charter amendment to add a provision concerning interference in administrative service.

Discussion ensued pertaining to Council conversing with the City Manager on any matter relating to the appointment and removal of an employee.

Mr. Kemp presented a proposed charter amendment that would prevent Council from enacting an ordinance requiring a super majority vote to amend, repeal or suspend the provision of the ordinance.

At the request of Council, Mr. Kemp summarized examples of City Code provisions requiring a super majority vote.

It was the consensus of Council to have staff submit the following proposed charter amendments to the Council for action at a future meeting:

- City Clerk to be appointed and evaluated by City Council;
- Council to discuss with City Manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of an employee; and
- Provision restricting the adoption of ordinances requiring a super majority to amend or repeal

The discussion on the following proposed charter amendments was carried over to a future meeting:

- Proposed Amendment on Policy Making by Charter Officers;
- Proposed Amendment on Term Limits for Council Members;
- Proposed Amendment on placing items on the Council Agenda;
- Proposed Amendment on Percent for the Arts;
- Proposed Amendment on Redistricting; and
- Proposed Amendment for Independent Redistricting Commission

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the Special Meeting and Study Session of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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Wanda Nelson, City Clerk