

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBER
March 6, 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 Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Stacy Irvine, Interim Fire Chief; Bo Larsen, Public Information Manager; Claudia Luján, Interim Human Resources Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; John Schell, Intergovernmental Affairs Director; Jeff Tyne, Interim Community Services Director; Corina Russo, Assistant to the City Manager; and Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk.

Audience: Approximately three 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

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Motion was made by Vice Mayor Aames, seconded by Councilmember Carlat, 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 discussion with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice on contemplated litigation regarding the Notice of Claim filed by Peoria Police Officer's Association, et. al, 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, summarized a proposed charter amendment pertaining to policy making by Charter Officers.

Councilmember Rivero advised he had requested the proposed amendment be submitted for discussion in order to clearly outline the role of Council and other Charter Officers.

Mr. Kemp presented a proposed charter amendment imposing term limits for members of Council.

Discussion ensued regarding setting term limits for members of Council and extending the term limits for the Office of Mayor.

Mr. Kemp reviewed a proposed charter amendment regarding the placement of items on a Council agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of members of Council required to request placement of an item on a Council agenda.

Mr. Kemp presented a proposed charter amendment on the Percent for the Arts.

Discussion ensued pertaining to voter approval for increasing taxes levied on the cost of capital improvement projects for funding public art.

Mr. Kemp provided information on two proposed charter amendments related to the criteria for redistricting and establishing a municipal independent redistricting commission.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 6th day of March, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2012.

(Seal)

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk