

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
March 20, 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 5:03 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Mayor Bob Barrett

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Stacy Irvine, Interim Fire Chief; Bo Larsen, Public Information Manager; John Schell, Intergovernmental Affairs Director; Jeff Tyne, Interim Community Services Director; Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director; Corina Russo, Assistant to the City Manager; Rhonda Geriminsky; Chief Deputy City Clerk.

**Audience:** 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.

Vice Mayor Aames asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Having no requests from Council, motion was made by Councilmember Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Rivero, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 6 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 regarding contract negotiations with Professional Medical Transport, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4).

## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

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

#### 1. Economic Development Opportunity

Wes Gullett, Partner FirstStrategic, explained the purpose of the Phoenix-based firm, FirstStrategic, and outlined their partnership with Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Gerald McDougal, Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers, participated by telephone and outlined Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers' healthcare strategy and their ability to respond to key trends and to serve all sectors of healthcare. Mr. McDougal discussed:

- BioMedical Cluster Stakeholders
- Regional Innovation Clusters of the future
- Trends and implications of the BioMedical and Pharma Industry
- Innovation and the value chain challenge: fixing the gaps
- The clustering approach
- Major interdependent instrumental frameworks for local and regional development
- Competition, growth and innovation
- Issue-based industries
- Innovation drivers and success factors
- TGen – a private non-profit research institute performing advanced translational genomics research in oncology, neurological disease, diabetes and human pathogens.
- Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers' partnership with Luxembourg

Mike Masterson, President, The Innovation Health and technology Group, discussed the Bioreactor and the advantages of modern day Bioreactors. Advantages include:

- Reduction in build and commissioning time
- Reduction in CAPEX investment
- Reduction in OPEX
- Significant COGS reduction
- Sustainability and efficient resource use
- Reduced time and cost to produce
- Increased quality

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Timelines and locations for building the BioMedical industry
- Types of job opportunities available in the BioMedical industry
- The City's role in a partnership with Partner FirstStrategic and Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers

Consensus of the Council is to look further into the opportunities offered by Partner FirstStrategic.

2. Charter Amendment to Article VI, Section 3, Taxing Powers regarding City Sales Taxes on Wastewater Collection Services

Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the proposed charter amendment to Article VI, Section 3 regarding taxing powers on City Sales Taxes for Wastewater Collection Services.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- History of taxing wastewater collection services in the City of Peoria

Consensus of Council is to add the proposed charter amendment to the list of those that will be brought to Council for a vote at a future Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Ron Aames, Vice 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.

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Wanda Nelson, City Clerk