

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBER
July 3, 2012

A **Study Session Meeting** 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; Rhonda Geriminsky, Interim City Clerk; Andy Granger, Engineering Director; Katie Gregory, Interim Management and Budget Director; Stacy Irvine, Interim Fire Chief; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Bill Mattingly, Public Works and Utilities Director; Brent Mattingly, Finance Director; Jeff Tyne, Interim Community Services Director; Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk.

Audience: Approximately five 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.

Subject for Discussion only:

1. Update on Citywide Sustainability Efforts

Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager, outlined the agenda for the presentation on Citywide sustainability efforts.

Mindy Russell, Management Assistant, reported on the projects funded by the \$1.3 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant awarded to the City in 2009.

Ms. Russell shared some of the community education and outreach activities including:

- Peoria's Power Pals
- Puppet shows
- Magic shows
- Appearances at special events

Bill Mattingly, Public Works Director, reviewed some of the City's ongoing efforts toward sustainability including:

- Citywide energy reduction measures
- Solid waste recycling
- Expansion of the reclaimed water distribution system

Mr. Mattingly reported on the awards and recognitions the City has received for its sustainability plans over the past three years including:

- LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold award for the Municipal Court Expansion
- 2012 Energy Star rating from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Development and Community Services building
- 2010 U.S. Green Building Council Big Green award for Citywide green programs and practices

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, discussed the key goals contained in the draft Sustainability Action Plan, including:

- "Sustain and Gain" University
- Signature sustainability event
- LEED Silver standard adopted for all new and remodeled City building projects
- Decrease use of disposable and non-renewable products
- Diversity local economy
- Traditional neighborhood design
- Promote alternative fueling options
- Reduce heat island effect

Mr. Jacques highlighted the following ongoing focus areas regarding sustainability:

- Outreach
- Education
- Measuring results
- Integration into organization operations

Dr. George Basile, Arizona State University, addressed the Council regarding leadership, success and sustainability. Dr. Basile's discussion included information on how the City can strategically move toward creating a more sustainable community. Dr. Basile provided information on creating a strategic alignment between business drivers and emerging market needs.

2. Development Services User Fee Cost Recovery Policy

Katie Gregory, Interim Management and Budget Director, presented a draft policy on Development Services User Fee Cost Recovery.

Information provided included:

- Background on user fees
- Cost of service overview
- Procedures for adjusting fees
- Cost recovery targets
- Pricing considerations
- Public review and access

Ms. Gregory outlined subsequent steps to be taken regarding the Development Services User Fees Cost Recovery Policy.

Discussion ensued regarding pricing considerations and stakeholder input.

The consensus of the Council was to proceed with providing the draft policy to stakeholders for review and to have the policy submitted to Council at a future meeting.

Mayor Barrett recessed the Study Session Meeting at 6:52 p.m.

The Study Session resumed at 8:09 p.m. following the adjournment of the Regular City Council Meeting.

3. Development Impact Fees Study Update

Katie Gregory, Interim Management and Budget Director, presented a brief overview of the schedule for updating the Development Impact Fee Studies and Infrastructure Improvement Plans.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of impact fees, fee categories, and statutory requirements.

4. Field Allocation Policy

Jeff Tyne, Interim Community Services Director, summarized the recreational use of fields in Peoria's parks and outdoor facilities.

Brenda Rehnke, Recreation Manager, outlined the agenda for the presentation pertaining to:

- Demand for field rentals and lighting
- Prioritization
- Informal practices
- The need to formalize a Field Allocation Policy

Marc Brust, Sports Program Coordinator, provided information on the current practice utilized to allocate fields by categorizing the following user groups:

- City of Peoria programs and events
- Peoria Unified School District requirements
- Individual resident and not-for-profit requests
- Non-resident and corporate requests

Discussion ensued regarding lighted fields in public parks within Peoria.

Chris Easom, Operations Supervisor, discussed the process for allocating fields when booking events at the Peoria Sports Complex including:

- Dedicated use for major league baseball teams
- Reservations throughout the year on a first-come, first-served basis
- Long-standing relationships based on historical use
- Contractual obligations
- Economic development

It was consensus of the Council that the proposed Field Allocation Policy be placed on a future City Council Meeting agenda.

5. Trail Lighting Policy

Kirk Haines, Parks Manager, provided information to Council for consideration of a policy on lighting multi-use trails.

Mr. Haines presented images of the current trail system, examples of lighting, residential concerns and cost considerations associated with the lighting of trails.

Discussion ensued regarding lighting the trail system.

The consensus of the Council was to survey citizen input on trail use, safety and lighting considerations during the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan Update and pursue development of a long-term strategy and draft policy on trail lighting.

Adjournment:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Geriminsky, Interim City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the Study Session Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 3rd day of July, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2012.

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Rhonda Geriminsky, Interim City Clerk