

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
POINT OF VIEW ROOM  
9875 NORTH 85TH AVENUE  
December 6, 2013

A **City Council Workshop** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 9875 North 85th Avenue, Peoria, Arizona in open and public session at 8:34 a.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Bob Barrett; Vice Mayor Tony Rivero; Councilmembers Ron Aames, Cathy Carlat, Jon Edwards, Carlo Leone and Bill Patena.

**Council Youth Liaisons:** Jacob Jelinek and Thomas Prior.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk; Julie Ayers, Human Resources Director; Andy Granger, Engineering Director; Stacy Irvine, Deputy Fire Chief; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; John Imig, Information Technology Director; Bo Larsen, Public Information Director; Bill Mattingly, Public Works and Utilities Director; Brent Mattingly, Finance and Budget Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; John Schell, Intergovernmental Affairs Director; John Sefton, Community Services Director; Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director; and Corina Russo, Assistant to the City Manager.

**Audience:** Four members of the public were present.

### **Economic Development Projects and Programs**

Carl Swenson, City Manager, outlined the Workshop items regarding Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Direction.

Discussion ensued regarding Luke Air Force Base and related construction.

Katie Gregory, Budget and Finance Deputy Director, provided information on:

- The economic outlook
  - Job growth
  - Job recovery
  - Recovery in housing
  - Commercial markets – consumer confidence
- Peoria trends
  - Monthly single-family permits issued per fiscal year
- Peoria's financial outlook
  - Major operating funds

- General Funds
- Half-Cent Sales Tax
- Transportation Funds
- Peoria Sales Tax by Category
  - Restaurants and bars
  - Construction
  - Property rental
  - Retail sales tax
- Peoria Retail Sales Tax
  - Vehicle dealerships
  - Department stores
  - Grocery and accessories
  - Home furnishings
  - Home centers and building materials
  - Drug and personal care
- Operating Budget by Service Area
  - Public Safety
  - Community Services
  - Administrative Services
- General Fund
  - Revenue history
  - Budget reductions by department

Discussion ensued regarding:

- The full-time equivalent positions that were eliminated and the distribution of workload as determined by the needs
  - The need for full-time equivalent positions
  - Data management practices

Ms. Gregory provided information regarding:

- Allocation of new financial resources
- Position additions by department
- General Fund revenue projections
- General Fund forecast assumptions
  - Expenditures
    - Employee compensation and benefits
    - Operating costs for Northern Community Park
    - Three police officers (COPS Grant)
    - Development Services needs

Ms. Gregory discussed other costs not included in the expenditure forecast.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Codification of the Peoria City Code
- Grants and how they factor into the general fund
- State-shared revenues
- Tax relief for taxpayers

10:07 a.m. Mayor Barrett called a recess.

10:20 a.m. Mayor Barrett resumed the meeting.

Steve Kemp, City Attorney, updated Council regarding the City's self-insurance and related costs.

Discussion ensued regarding additional Legislative impacts to the City's budget.

Ms. Gregory discussed current uses of the half-cent sales tax.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Peoria Sports Complex revenues
  - RV Sales
- Half-cent sales tax and expenditures forecast
- How the Half-Cent Sales Tax Fund can be used

Ms. Gregory outlined the Transportation Fund.

Discussion ensued regarding limitations on the transportation sales tax and how funds can be used.

Ms. Gregory discussed:

- Funding sources used for capital and growth
- General Obligation Bonds and the requirements to use debt

Andy Granger, Engineering Director, updated Council on the 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) including:

- Current CIP Budget for the next ten years
- Completed projects
- Projects currently under construction
- Projects in design
- Upcoming projects

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Projects currently in design
- Repealing sales tax in the City of Peoria
- Impact of changing sales tax on food
- Incrementally decreasing the sales tax on food

Consensus of the Council was to decrease sales tax on food sales by .2 percent.

11:50 Mayor Barrett called a recess.

12:05 Mayor Barrett resumed the meeting.

Ms. Gregory discussed utility rate planning.

Bill Mattingly, Utilities and Public Works Director, provided an overview of water and wastewater including:

- Cost reductions
- Staffing
- Cost pressures

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Average water consumption
- Probable increases to the cost of Central Arizona Project water

Mr. Mattingly provided an overview of solid waste services including:

- Residential services
- Same day trash and recycling
- Landfill and recycling
- Commercial solid waste

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Recycling
- Placement of trash receptacles
- Aerovac
- Cost recovery for commercial service

Ms. Gregory outlined the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Council Workshop was duly adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the City Council Workshop of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

(Seal)

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk