

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
April 15, 2015

A **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 Cathy Carlat; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Councilmembers Michael Finn, Vicki Hunt, Carlo Leone and Bill Patena.

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Bridget Binsbacher.

**Other 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; John Imig, Information Technology Director; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Bo Larsen, Public Information Director; Bill Mattingly, Public Works Director; Brent Mattingly, Finance and Budget Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; John Sefton, Community Services Director; Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director; Corina Russo, Assistant to the City Manager; and Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk.

**Audience:** One member of the public was present.

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

## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

### **Subject(s) for Discussion Only**

1. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Study Session

Carl Swenson, City Manager, outlined the schedule for the evening.

### **Capital Improvement Program (continued from April 13, 2015 Study Session)**

Andy Granger, Engineering Director, continued his presentation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) including:

- Public Works/Utilities Projects
  - Street Maintenance Program project
  - Pyramid Peak Water Treatment Plant upgrades and extension
  - New well and Lone Mountain 36-inch waterline

Discussion ensued regarding:

- How street maintenance is scheduled and managed
- Whether citizens are satisfied with the maintenance
- How long crack sealing extends the life of the pavement
- Dedicating additional funding to the street maintenance program in the future
- Property values
- Pyramid Peak Water Treatment Plan upgrades and expansion
- How long a 10 million gallon per day expansion will accommodate citizen needs
- New well and Lone Mountain 36-inch water line
- Potential for new development impact fees

Mr. Granger continued presenting regarding:

- New Fiscal Year 2016 projects including:
  - Beardsley Road Channel project
  - Northern Parkway

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Changes in leadership at Maricopa County related to Northern Parkway
- Proposed roadway concept and widening of Northern Parkway
- Whether the need to take homes is still necessary
- Necessity for a bridge
- Accidents on bridges
- Whether 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be blocked off
- Funding of the Northern Parkway Project
- The City's obligation to make financial contributions toward the Northern Parkway project
- History of the Northern Parkway project
- The City's cash flow requirements for the Northern Parkway project

Mr. Granger continued:

- Community Works Program
  - Old Carefree Highway roadway improvements
  - Basketball court renovations
  - Park Improvements projects
  - Proposed projects

Discussion ensued regarding trees on Monroe Avenue.

## **Operations**

Carl Swenson, City Manager, introduced the Community Services Department.

Katie Gregory, Finance and Budget Deputy Director, provided an overview of the Community Services operating budget.

Ms. Gregory outlined the goals and performance metrics for the Community Services Department, maintenance services and community building efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- P83 party costs as an ongoing cost rather than one-time funding

Ms. Gregory presented regarding special events.

Discussion ensued regarding park renovations.

Mr. Swenson introduced the Public Works Department including the following divisions:

- Facilities
- Fleet
- Streets
- Storm Drain
- Solid Waste Services
- Transit

Ms. Gregory presented regarding the Public Works Department including:

- Goals
- Budget approach and focus
  - Enhance Quality of Life
  - Total Planning

Discussion ensued regarding the percentage of citizens who use the bulk trash pick-up and extending the bulk trash pick-up to twice a year.

Mr. Swenson introduced the Utilities Division of the Public Works Department which includes:

- Water
- Wastewater
- Environmental Services/Water Resources

Ms. Gregory outlined the Utility Department goals and performance metrics as well as the budget approach.

### **Utility Rates**

Mr. Swenson provided an overview of managing utility funds and introduced the City's recommendation for modest increases in utility rates.

Ms. Gregory presented regarding:

- Rate planning objectives
- Rate design evaluation
- City comparisons for utility rates
- Residential utility bills
- Reclaimed water
- Rate design recommendations
- Factors influencing rates
- Next steps

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Service fees
- Whether the increase will be enough to cover program costs

6:50 p.m. Mayor Carlat declared a short recess and reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Swenson introduced the Economic Development Services Department including department goals and performance metrics as well as budget approach and focus.

Ms. Gregory discussed the half-cent sales tax fund.

Mr. Swenson outlined the budget follow-up items including:

- Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Necessity/Paramedics
- Community meeting space at the Pinnacle Peak Public Safety Facility
- Self-certification
- Citizen meetings for P83 improvements
- Accident statistics for the 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Thunderbird intersection
- Northern Community Park land evaluation
- Change Grand Avenue Funding name
- Pavement management
- Northern Avenue

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- Shade structure at Parkridge Park
- Trees along Monroe Avenue
- Special events
- Fletcher Heights Park
- Additional half-time person for the Human Services Department

Discussion ensued regarding the number of full-time equivalent employees added to this year's budget and the budget process used this year.

Ms. Gregory outlined the formal process for adopting the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Cathy Carlat, 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 Meetings of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

(Seal)

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk