

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
May 19, 2015

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

Members Absent: Council Youth Liaisons Ian Mullane and Michael Helt.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk; Andy Granger, Development and Engineering Director; Shawn Kreuzwiesner, Deputy Planning and Community Development Director; Bo Larsen, Public Information Director; Brent Mattingly, Finance and Budget Director; Mike Weber, Deputy Utilities Director; Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director; and Dawn Ganzer, Executive Assistant to the City Clerk.

Audience: There were no members of the public present.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion was made by Councilmember Patena, seconded by Councilmember Hunt, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

1. **C - Authorization to Hold an Executive Session**

Authorized the holding of an Executive Session for: (a) discussion and consultation with designated representatives of the public body to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property located in the vicinity of Loop 101 and Peoria Avenue pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.7.; and (b) discussion and consultation with designated representatives of the public body pertaining to the potential acquisition of New River Water Utility pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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 5:49 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Cathy Carlat; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Councilmembers Bridget Binsbacher, Michael Finn, Vicki Hunt, Carlo Leone and Bill Patena.

Members Absent: Council Youth Liaisons Ian Mullane and Michael Helt.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk; Andy Granger, Development and Engineering Director; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Bo Larsen, Public Information Director; John Sefton, Community Services Director; Mike Weber, Deputy Utilities Director; Corina Russo, Assistant to the City Manager; and Dawn Ganzer, Executive Assistant to the City Clerk.

Audience: Approximately two members of the public were present.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Subject(s) for Discussion Only

2. Sonoran Preservation Program (Open Space)

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, led the discussion on the Sonoran Preservation Program regarding:

- Policy guidance
- Open space prioritization process

John Sefton, Community Services Director, discussed the Community Services Master Plan as it relates to the open space program.

Mr. Jacques continued the presentation and outlined the following key elements of the program:

- Identify and prioritize ecologically and historically significant land
- Provide abundant, high-quality recreational opportunities
- Create an extensive open space network for future generations
- Implement effective funding and conservation strategies

Shawn Kreuzwiesner, Deputy Planning and Community Development Director, presented an identification model focused on protection, connection and preservation of resources.

Mr. Kreuzwiesner outlined the following:

- Output models to guide the decision process
 - Heritage/Cultural Model
 - Areas with sensitive cultural/historic resources
 - Emphasis on conservation rather than development or public use
 - Respect for the people on the land before use
 - Natural/Sensitive Model
 - Areas of general wildlife importance and movement corridors
 - Illustrates where sensitive resources are located
 - Relationship of people and the natural environment
 - Passive/Managed Model
 - Emphasis on protecting important viewsheds
 - Identifies recreation areas
 - Connection of people to the land

Mr. Kreuzwiesner provided information regarding:

- Focus areas of interest
- Key program recommendations
 - Expand the City's planning area
 - Management opportunities with the Bureau of Land Management, Maricopa County and the State Land Department
 - Refine development standards to more effectively address cultural resources, scenic areas, edge treatments and wildlife corridors
 - Build support and expanding partnerships
 - Identify funding resources and opportunities
- Other local preservation efforts

Mr. Jacques concluded the presentation with a review of the progress to date and the next steps to implement the program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

3. An Executive Session was convened immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Special meeting for: (a) discussion and consultation with designated representatives of the public body to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property located in the vicinity of Loop 101 and Peoria Avenue pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.7.; and (b) discussion and consultation with representatives of the public body pertaining to the potential acquisition of New River Water Utility pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3.

Clerk's Note: In accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(B), minutes of executive sessions must be kept confidential except as outlined in statute.

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 7:00 p.m.

Following a moment of silent reflection, Councilmember Finn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor Cathy Carlat; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Councilmembers Bridget Binsbacher, Michael Finn, Vicki Hunt, Carlo Leone and Bill Patena.

Members Absent: Council Youth Liaisons Ian Mullane and Michael Helt.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk; Robert Goodhue, Deputy Economic Development Services Director; Andy Granger, Development and Engineering Director; Stacy Irvine, Deputy Fire Chief; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Bo Larsen, Public Information Director; Brent Mattingly, Finance and Budget Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Mike Weber, Deputy Utilities Director; Corina Russo, Assistant to the City Manager; and Dawn Ganzer, Executive Assistant to the City Clerk.

Audience: Approximately five members of the public were present.

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Presentation:

4. Spring Training 2015

John Sefton, Community Services Director, and Chris Calcaterra, Sports Facilities Manager, presented regarding the 2015 Spring Training season.

Information included:

- Stadium renovations
- Five-year revenue comparison
- Attendance at two-team facilities
- Attendance comparison of Cactus League teams in the area
- Post-spring events

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Mayor Carlat asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Binsbacher requested that Agenda Item 6C be removed for separate discussion.

Councilmember Hunt requested that Agenda Item 7C be removed for separate discussion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Patena, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Items 6C and 7C. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

5. **C - Disposition of Absence**

Approved the absence of Councilmember Hunt from the Special Meeting held on May 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

6. **C - Code Amendment, Chapter 2, Community Services Department Fees**

Clerk's Note: This item was heard separately at the end of the Consent Agenda.

At the request of Councilmember Binsbacher, Agenda Item 6C was pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

John Sefton, Community Services Director, provided an overview of the proposed fees for Fiscal Year 2016 for programs and services offered by the Community Services Department.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Edwards, seconded by Councilmember Binsbacher, to adopt **ORD. 2015-10** amending Chapter 2, Section 2-207 of the Peoria City Code (1992 Edition) pertaining to Community Services Department Fees for Fiscal Year 2016.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

7. **C - Grant, State Historic Preservation Office, Old Main National Register Nomination**

Clerk's Note: This item was heard separately at the end of the Consent Agenda.

At the request of Councilmember Hunt, Agenda Item 7C was pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, summarized the request to accept \$10,000 in grant funds from the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office to assist in funding the preparation of a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the "Old Main" building at Peoria High School.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Patena to:

- (a) Accept a Certified Local Government Pass-Through Grant from the State Historic Preservation Office of the Arizona State Parks Department for the preparation of a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Peoria High School "Old Main" building; and
- (b) Approve a budget transfer of up to \$10,000 from the Proposed Grant Contingency account to the Planning Division Other Professional Services account.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

8. **C - Budget Adjustment, Public Safety Pension Plans Study**

Approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,000 from the General Fund Contingency account to the Finance Administration Division Other Professional Services account to fund a study of the City's public safety pension plans.

9. **C - Budget Adjustment, Building Development Division, Bank Service Charges**

Approved a one-time budget adjustment in the amount of \$40,000 to fund bank service charges in excess of the budgeted amount from the General Fund contingency account to the Building Development Bank Service Charge account.

10. **C - Budget Adjustment, Site Development, Customer Online Payment System**

Authorized the reallocation of existing budget funds, not to exceed \$40,000, for the development and implementation of the customer online payment system, through existing one-time operational funds in the Site Development Division's Other Professional Services account.

11. **C - Investment Report, Quarter Ending March 31, 2015**

Reviewed and accepted the Investment Report as presented.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business:

12. **R - PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Water, Wastewater & Reclaimed Rates and Administrative Fees**

Staff Report:

Katie Gregory, Deputy Finance and Budget Director, provided an overview of the request to adjust utility rates and administrative fees effective July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016.

Ms. Gregory outlined the factors influencing the proposed rates including:

- Rate objectives
 - Recover costs
 - Ensure financial stability
 - Equity among users
 - Promote water conservation
 - Minimize impact to customers
- Average residential utility bill
- Combined utility bills compared to other cities
- Recommended changes used in calculating rates
- Recommended rate adjustments
- Planning objectives
- Rate design evaluation
- Factors influencing rates

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Gregory clarified that Utility Enterprise Funds generate revenue to recover the cost of providing the utility service.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Carlat opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 water, wastewater and reclaimed water rates and administrative fees.

Having no requests from those present to address this item, Mayor Carlat declared the Public Hearing closed.

Council Action:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Finn, to adopt **RES. 2015-53** adjusting the water, wastewater, reclaimed water rates and various administrative fees, making the new rates and fees effective July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016.

Upon vote, the motion carried 6 to 1, with Councilmember Leone voting “no”.

13. **R - Rate Adjustments, Fiscal Year 2016 Commercial Roll-Off Solid Waste Rates**

Katie Gregory, Deputy Finance and Budget Director, presented a brief overview of the proposed adjustments to commercial roll-off solid waste rates.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Gregory confirmed that both the Commercial Solid Waste Fund and the Residential Solid Waste Fund operate as Enterprise Funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember Patena, seconded by Councilmember Binsbacher, to adopt **RES. 2015-54** adjusting the commercial roll-off solid waste rates, effective July 1, 2015.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

14. **R - Confirmation of Intergovernmental Affairs Director**

Carl Swenson, City Manager, introduced Thomas Adkins for selection of Intergovernmental Affairs Director and provided background on Mr. Adkins' professional experience and qualifications.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Edwards, seconded by Councilmember Hunt, to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Thomas B. Adkins as Intergovernmental Affairs Director, effective June 16, 2015.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Call To The Public (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

Reports from City Manager:

A. Peoria Community Gardens Program

John Sefton, Community Services Director, outlined the Community Gardens program developed to educate and demonstrate sustainability to City of Peoria residents.

B. Peoria Featured on Fox10 Zip Trip

Bo Larsen, Public Information Director, reported on the Fox 10 Zip Trip program broadcast on May 8, 2015 from Rio Vista Community Park highlighting City events and services.

Reports from City Council:

Councilmember Leone reported on the various City of Peoria activities he attended. Councilmember Leone reminded residents to participate in a Shred-a-Thon event to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Cheyenne Elementary School, located at 11806 North 87th Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Hunt reported on the various City of Peoria activities she attended. Councilmember Hunt welcomed the newly-confirmed Intergovernmental Affairs Director. Councilmember Hunt offered her condolences to the family of Peoria businessman, J. D. Campbell.

Councilmember Binsbacher congratulated Thomas Adkins on his appointment as the Intergovernmental Affairs Director. Councilmember Binsbacher invited residents to attend the Peoria Firefighters Charities annual car show to be held at the Peoria Sports Complex on May 23, 2015.

Vice Mayor Edwards reported on the various City of Peoria activities he attended. Vice Mayor Edwards welcomed Thomas Adkins to the City of Peoria leadership team.

Reports from the Mayor:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Cathy Carlat, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 19th day of May, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2015.

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk