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CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES REGULAR MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Thursday, December 1, 2011

5:00 P.M.

Pine Conference Room

CITY COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
SERVICES

CONVENE:

ROLL CALL:

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson

Ron Ames, Councilmember
Palo Verde District

Members

Carlo Leone, Councilmember
Pine District

Dave Pearson, Councilmember
Ironwood District

Staff Liaison

Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager

Liaison City Attorney's Office

Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed with "C" are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the City Council Subcommittee on Public Services, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council Subcommittee member 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.

CONSENT – New Business:

1C MINUTES:

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of November 17, 2011.

REGULAR AGENDA

2R SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Discussion and possible action to make recommendations to the entire City Council regarding Residential Solid Waste policy issues related to service delivery options and associated rates.

Staff will present policy options for discussion and possible action. These will be provided in two separate parts in order to ensure clear delineation of policy issues and options. The first area of policy discussion, starting December 1 will be Residential Solid Waste.

***Accommodations for
Individuals with Disabilities.***

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3R FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS & NEXT MEETING DATE

Discussion of future agenda topics for the City Council Subcommittee on Public Services.

NOTE: Per Council Policy 1-10, no policy item will come forward unless submitted on the *Subcommittee Agenda Item Request Form*.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (Non-Agenda Items)

If you wish to address the City Council Subcommittee on Public Services, please complete a Speaker Request Form and return it to staff before the call to order for this meeting. City Council Subcommittees are not authorized by state law to discuss or take action on any issue raised by public comment until a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTES:

Documentation (if any) for items listed on the Agenda is available for public inspection a minimum of 24 hours prior to the City Council Subcommittee Meeting during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, 8401 W. Monroe Street, Room 150, Peoria, AZ 85345.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

In addition to the Subcommittee members noted above, one or more members of the Peoria City Council may be present to observe the City Council Subcommittee meeting as noticed on this agenda.

**COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SERVICES
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Pine Conference Room
November 17, 2011**

A meeting of the **Subcommittee on Public Services** for the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened by Chairman Ron Aames in open and public session at 8401 West Monroe, Peoria, Arizona, on October 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Ron Aames, Councilmember Dave Pearson, and Councilmember Carlo Leone

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Bill Mattingly, Public Works Director; Maher Hazine, Deputy Public Works Director; Dave Moody, Transportation Coordinator; Brenda Urias, Executive Assistant; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; and Terri Smith, City Council Assistant.

Audience: Approximately four

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

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

2R DIAL A RIDE REVIEW

Staff reported on the current Dial A Ride service level and fee structure. Discussion ensued about the breakdown of types of riders classified as ADA Certified, Senior and Disabled, Children, and General Public (see attached presentation notes).

Staff reported a proposed revised rate structure, as well as a proposed rate adoption process, including the public involvement component. The staff recommendation is to increase the per trip rate for "Senior and Disabled (non ADA Certified)" and "Children" (age 5 to 12 years) from \$1.00 to \$2.00. This would increase the minimum trip rate for all clients to \$2.00 which is equal to the ADA Certified rate and would thereby eliminate the disincentive to become ADA Certified. The City's expenditures on ADA Certified trips are eligible for reimbursement from RTP, while Senior and Disabled are not. Staff discussed the Community Center and the Sunrise Library as possible locations for public meetings.

Discussion ensued about revenue sources that currently fund the Dial A Ride program. Staff will prepare documentation detailing the breakdown of revenue sources for the past fiscal year, as well as historical data over the past five years.

After Subcommittee members' discussion, Staff was asked to:

1. Provide the data from this presentation to the full Council in written format.
2. Provide information on an approximate geographical distribution regarding the variety of trip destinations for the past year, including any patterns for the destinations of the riders who use the service most often (using the top ten destinations / trip type).
3. Provide historical data on budget and number of trips for the Dial A Ride program.

It was also suggested that, regardless of the fare increase outcome, the City should more strongly promote the benefits of ADA Certification to Dial A Ride participants.

Residents Frank and Linda Mazza, who reside in Sun Aire Estates, commented on the proposed fare increase, stating that it would be a hardship if the rate for Seniors and Disabled was increased by \$1.00 per trip.

Councilmember Pearson moved and Councilmember Leone seconded a motion to forward the staff report on a proposed fare increase and the public involvement component to a council study session with no recommendation from the subcommittee. The motion passed 3 – 0.

3R TRANSIT JURISDICTIONAL EQUITY POSITION

This item was presented for subcommittee's information at the request of Councilor Aames. Staff provided information about past, current and projected revenues from the Proposition 400 countywide transportation sales tax. There was a discussion of the Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP) and the regional efforts to balance the actual revenues available from Proposition 400 sales tax with the costs of the programs and services across all jurisdictions; including Peoria. Peoria's priorities for regional service were identified in the City's Multimodal Master Plan which was adopted by Council earlier this year. The priorities are to preserve fixed route bus service along 67th Avenue and Peoria Avenue and to implement Thunderbird Road Bus service as soon as 2015. The priorities also included preservation of the Grand Avenue Limited route and the two express Routes along Loop 101 with service to downtown Phoenix.

The item will be brought to the Council in a City Manager's Report to provide information to the full Council.

4R FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS & NEXT MEETING DATE

Ms. Thorpe reported that a staff submitted item on Solid Waste Service is prepared to come before the subcommittee. She suggested a meeting date earlier than the normal scheduled meeting date of December 17, to discuss residential solid waste services. Commercial solid waste service will be a topic for a future subcommittee meeting. Chair Aames asked that dates be looked at for Councilmember availability in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council Subcommittee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Ron Aames, Chairperson

Terri Smith, City Council Assistant

Attachments:

Dial-a-Ride Presentation Notes:

Peoria Dial-A-Ride

- Provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) service per Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) requirements.
- Dial-a-Ride must be provided within three quarters of a mile on either side of a bus route
- Peoria also provides:
 - Dial-A-Ride services city-wide.
 - “Dial-A-Ride Plus” trips to medical centers (Thunderbird, Arrowhead and Boswell hospitals - outside the City)

City of Peoria Current Fares

General Public (over the age of 12)	\$3.00
ADA Certified Clients	\$2.00
Seniors and Disabled Customers (not ADA Certified)	\$1.00
Children (age 5 to 12)	\$1.00
Children under age 5 (Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult).	No Charge

Comparison of Dial-a-Ride Rates

	Peoria	Glendale	Surprise	Sun City	Phoenix
General Public	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	No Service
Seniors and Disabled Customers (not ADA Certified)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	No Service
Children (age 5 to 12)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	No Service
Children (under 5)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4.00	No Service
ADA Certified Clients	\$2.00	\$2.00	No Service	\$2.00	\$3.50

ADA Reimbursement

- Current rate structure does not encourage ADA Certification
- The City is eligible for reimbursement for each ADA passenger (\$30.72 per trip).
- Encourage ADA certification and maximize revenue reimbursement.

Staff Recommendation

- Increase the Rate to \$2.00 for:
 - Seniors and Disabled Customers (who are not ADA Certified)
 - Children (age 5 to 12)

Rate Adoption Process

1. Press Release and advertisements
2. Comments via email, mail, phone, public hearings and online (30 day comment period)
3. Review public involvement process and finalize recommendations
4. City Council consideration for approval
5. Start new fares (minimum of 30 days after approval).

STAFF - COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 10, 2011
TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager
FROM: Susan K. Thorpe, Deputy City Manager *SKT*
SUBJECT: Solid Waste Services

Background:

The City of Peoria provides Solid Waste services for residential and commercial customers. As discussed during the October 28 Budget Workshop, there are policy issues that staff would like Subcommittee and City Council input on in order to develop the FY 2013 budget.

Previous Actions:

The City Council discussed Residential and Commercial Solid Waste services and rates at the Budget Workshop on October 28. The Council consensus at that time was to assign the solid waste policy issues discussion to the Public Services Subcommittee.

Options:

Options will be developed as policy discussion progresses.

Staff's Recommendation:

Staff will present policy options for discussion by the Subcommittee beginning in December. These will be provided in two separate parts in order to ensure clear delineation of policy issues and options. The first area of policy discussion will be Residential Solid Waste, followed by Commercial Solid Waste.

Fiscal Analysis:

Fiscal impacts, if any, will be determined after subcommittee discussion.

Exhibit(s):

None

Contact Name and Number: Susan K. Thorpe, ext 7318

**STAFF - COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
COMMUNICATION**

City Manager's Office Use:

Date of receipt:

Policy issue: Yes No if denied, explain _____

Subcommittee assignment: *Public Services*

Transferred to Subcommittee Staff Liaison on: *11/11/11*

Subcommittee agenda date:

Subcommittee Action:

No further action

Study session referral

Regular agenda referral

City Manager referral