

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
PEORIA ROOM, PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
APRIL 20, 2010

A **Special Meeting and Study Session** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8351 West Cinnabar Ave in open and public session at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Bob Barrett; Councilmembers Cathy Carlat, Joan Evans, Vicki Hunt, Carlo Leone and Dave Pearson.

**Members Absent:** Vice Mayor Ron Aames

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Mary Jo Waddell, City Clerk; J.P. de la Montaigne, Andy Granger, Chris Jacques, Glen Van Nimwegen, Larry Ratcliff, Wynette Reed, Jeff Tyne, Scott White, and Claudia Luján.

**Audience:** Approximately ten 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.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the City Council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember 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 Authorization to Hold an Executive Session**

Motion was made by Councilmember Evans, seconded by Councilmember Leone, to authorize the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion and consultation with designated representatives of the public body pertaining to contract negotiations with employee organizations.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

**Note: Executive Session was held after the adjournment of the 4:00 p.m. City Council Special Meeting and Study Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before Council on the Consent Agenda, Mayor Barrett adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Mayor Barrett convened the **Study Session Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona at 8351 West Cinnabar Ave in open and public session at 4:01 p.m.

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## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

**Subjects for Discussion Only:**

1. Community Building Closing Series

Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager, introduced guess speaker Dr. Watkins.

Dr. Watkins, executive director of California Lutheran University Center for Economic in Research and Forecasting, led off the discussion about rescission and recovery. Dr. Watkins stated this is a very deep, long lasting rescission. Some economy indicators are:

- Capacity utilization
- Total charge offs
- Household debt shares
- Home ownership rate
- Not in labor force
- Long term unemployment
- TED spread (difference between the interest rates on interbank loans and short-term U.S. government debt)

Dr. Watkins talked a little bit about forecast and what they believe is improving:

- Increase in productivity
- Fed policy
- Business investment
- Saving rates are picking up

Dr. Watkins added why they are not forecasting a vigorous recovery:

- Over leveraged
- Bank are terribly weak
- Fiscal policy
- Monetary policy

Theory Economic guide to recovery:

- Fix the banks
- Lower hiring costs
- Investment tax credit
- Expansionary monetary policy

Dr. Watkins stated the possibility of something bad happening again is way too high. What can cause it?

- Sovereign default
- Tax increases
- Real estate
- Crowding out

Dr. Watkins discussed strategies to minimize volatility by foregoing growth during a boom cycle.

Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager, talked about what separates Peoria from other cities. Reputation for high quality of life, inside the Loop as in Loop 101, convenient access to Phoenix, huge opportunities for growth I scenic north Peoria. North Peoria's assets are Lake Pleasant and the vast open space, pristine desert and river corridors, and Loop 303 corridor and Lake Pleasant Parkway.

## 2. Peoria Sports Complex Urban Design Plan, Implementation Strategies

Carl Swenson, City Manager, introduced Glen Van Nimwegen, Director of Planning and Community Development.

Mr. Van Nimwegen briefly mentioned they had design issues when starting out, that they were trying to figure out ways to get folks to stay in the area, and to make sure the Sports Complex is viable now and into the future.

Mr. Van Nimwegen introduced Chris Jacques, Planning Manager.

Mr. Jacques explained the plan objectives as retaining competitive position, create sense of place, and integrate Skunk Creek access. A slide was presented of the

Sports Complexes plan concept to represent the key component of the Sports Complex Area development possibilities such as a hotel, major entertainment, retail space, and parking structure.

Mr. Van Nimwegen and Mr. Jacques discussed the possibility of parking structures in the southwest corner of parking lot west of 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue that could have retail on the first floor. Explaining it would have to be walk able and because walk able supports transit opportunities we could integrate transit options. Reviewing possibilities of linking stadium complex to 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, create promenade deck, 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue pedestrian bridge, and trail connections from Skunk to Stadium.

Mr. Jacques turned the discussion over to J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director.

Mr. de la Montaigne described the stadium facility improvements, sports complex field lighting, well modifications, parking lot asphalt replacement, and team clubhouses.

Mr. de la Montaigne turns the floor over to Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director.

Mr. Whyte presented information on promoting economic development by physical improvements, events, promote as a district, and identity creation unique to Peoria. Identify the theme for district, then with design and construction elements, use signage and do key intersection improvements.

Mr. Van Nimwegen closed the discussion with short term public investments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mary Jo Waddell, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

Special City Council Meeting and Study Session Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting and Study Session of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 20th day of April, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2010.

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Mary Jo Waddell, City Clerk