

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBER
March 22, 2011

A **Special Meeting and 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 Bob Barrett; Vice Mayor Cathy Carlat; Councilmembers Ron Ames, Joan Evans, Carlo Leone, Dave Pearson and Tony Rivero.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Andy Granger, John Imig, Bill Mattingly, Brent Mattingly, Roy Minter, Wynette Reed, Tom Solberg, Jeff Tyne, Glen Van Nimwegen, Claudia Luján and Rhonda Geriminsky.

Audience: Approximately 10 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.

STUDY SESSION

1. Bureau of Land Management's Public Comment Process Regarding Arizona Public Service's Application to Construct Electric Transmission Lines Adjacent to State Route 74

Carl Swenson, City Manager, informed Council that all future Study Sessions will be held in the Council Chamber.

Steve Burg, Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the Bureau of Land Management's public comment process regarding Arizona Public Service's application to construct electric transmission lines adjacent to State Route 74.

Mr. Burg outlined the history related to determining the location of the Arizona Public Service line, as well as the new application process for the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Burg stated the new application process will include a public comment period.

Discussion ensued regarding the public comment period, notice of intent and location of the public meetings.

2. City Manager Budget Overview and Submittal of Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Carl Swenson, City Manager, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 City of Peoria budget. Mr. Swenson outlined the following:

- General Fund Revenue History
- Principles of Sound Financial Management
- Results of adhering to the Principles of Sound Financial Management
- Budget Challenges
- Addressing a \$3.7 million shortfall
- Budget Solutions
- Authorized Full-Time Equivalent Positions
- General Fund Fiscal Year 2012-2016 Forecast
- Utility Rate Increases
- Comparison of City Utility Bills to neighboring cities

Discussion ensued regarding:

- State-Shared Revenues
- Changes in consumer patterns
- The City's Enterprise Fund
- Utility rate increases and the lack of economic growth

Jeff Tyne, Budget Director, provided an overview of:

- Operation Budget
- Reductions in size
- Revenue Composition
- Half-Cent Sales Tax Fund
- Transportation Sales Tax Fund
- Water Operating Fund
- Street Operating Fund
- Capital financing issues
- Budget Process schedule/Council Budget Work Sessions

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Vacancies within the City
- Differences between the General Fund and Franchise Revenues
- Census Growth

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.

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

1C Authorization to Hold an Executive Session

Authorized the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of:

- a) Discussion with Legal Counsel for legal advice pertaining to contract negotiations with the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association Local 493 (PFFA). (Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(5)).
- b) Discussion with Legal Counsel for legal advice pertaining to contract negotiations with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 3282 (AFSCME). (Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(5)).

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

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 22nd day of March, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2011.

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Wanda Nelson, City Clerk