

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PINE ROOM, CITY HALL
June 21, 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.

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

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; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Rhonda Geriminsky; Chief Deputy City Clerk.

Audience: Approximately 40 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

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Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, 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

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03: Authorized the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with legal counsel for legal advice pertaining to the Lease Agreement with Arizona Broadway Theatre. (Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3)

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Subjects for Discussion Only:

1. Council Designated Final Concepts Maps

Steve Kemp, City Attorney, provided an overview of the redistricting process to date. Douglas Johnson, National Demographics Consulting, addressed Council and provided an overview of the three Concept Maps that were selected to move forward in the redistricting process.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Additional map submission entitled "Aames Version 4"
- Communities of Interest

Christian Williams addressed Council regarding the redistricting process, Communities of Interest, naming districts and the additional map submissions. Mr. Williams stated he prefers Map 1.

Dick Feyrer addressed Council regarding the redistricting process and the additional map submissions.

Joe Pfeiff addressed Council regarding the vote for additional maps that take into consideration incumbent addresses. Mr. Pfeiff requested that Council reconsider Maps 3, 4 and 5. Mr. Pfeiff stated he prefers Map 1.

Karen Garbe addressed Council regarding the redistricting process and the criteria used to draw the district lines. Ms. Garbe opposes the vote to add additional maps that take incumbent addresses into consideration.

David Evans addressed Council regarding the concept maps and the Palo Verde constituents. Mr. Evans stated he prefers Map 1.

Eva Osuna addressed Council regarding being civically engaged in the City and the Council's motion to disregard citizen choices regarding redistricting. Ms. Osuna stated the Council's action discourages civic engagement. Ms. Osuna requested the Council reconsider their previous motion and bring other maps back or vote for Map 1.

Lynda Reithmann addressed Council regarding the redistricting process and stated Map 8 should not be under consideration at this time.

Tom Reithmann addressed Council regarding the term gerrymandering and where the term came from. Mr. Reithmann compared the original gerrymandering map and concept to the Map 8 that is being considered by Council.

Pamela Potter addressed Council regarding the timeliness of the census data and stated the first six maps should be invalid as the maps were drawn before citizens gave input. Ms. Potter stated that none of the maps work for the City and suggested going back to the drawing board. Ms. Potter stated she prefers Map 8.

Joseph McCord addressed Council regarding the redistricting process and stated Map 1 is the only defensible map. Mr. McCord urged Council to vote for Map 1.

Steve Poe addressed Council regarding the redistricting process and that he believes the rules were changed midstream.

Jan Wilson addressed Council regarding the redistricting process and stated that citizens have been involved and expressed their opinions. Ms. Wilson stated Map 5 was the best map, but Map 1 is now the best map. Ms. Wilson requested Map 5 be brought back.

Kathy Knecht addressed Council and commended Councilmember Evans for her integrity.

Armando Macias addressed Council stating that he is here to support the citizens of Peoria and inquired whether it is better to do what is best for individual council members or what is best for the citizens. Mr. Macias suggested the Council do what is best for the future of Peoria.

Fred Olsen addressed Council regarding the belief that ignoring citizen input should not be tolerated. Mr. Olsen requested Council consider Maps 3, 4 and 5.

Councilmember Aames provided his reasons for supporting Map 8.

Councilmember Evans suggested that the Council bring back Maps 3 and 5 for discussion because many of the citizens approved of these maps and requested that the Councilmembers provide transparent reasons for voting the way they did on the maps.

Councilmember Carlat reviewed the citizen input tallies for all of the maps.

Councilmember Pearson provided his reasons for not reconsidering Maps 3 and 5.

Councilmember Aames provided his reasons for voting for Maps 1, 2 and 8.

Mayor Barrett provided input that some voters are going to lose their representation and that is what happens with redistricting.

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Determination was made to bring Maps 1 and 8 forward to the July 5th meeting for final consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding revisions to Maps 1 and 8. Consensus of the Council was to make small revisions as discussed in both Maps 1 and 8.

Discussion ensued regarding the naming of the districts in Map 1.

Discussion ensued regarding replacing Map 8 with Aames Version 4. Consensus was to replace Map 8.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the Special Meeting and Study Session of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 21st day of June, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2011.

(Seal)

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk