MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PINE ROOM, CITY HALL
May 19, 2009

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 4:01 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; John F. Wenderski, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Rhonda Simmons, Acting City Clerk; Andrew Granger, Glen Van Nimwegen, Grady Miller, Jeff Tyne, John Schell, Larry Ratcliff and Claudia Lujan.

Audience: Approximately five members of the public were present.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Subjects for Discussion Only:

1. 2009 Legislative Overview

John Schell, Intergovernmental Affairs Director, provided an overview of current activities at the state capitol; and Senator Robert Burns delivered an update on the state's budget negotiations in a videotaped message.

Mr. Schell summarized Governor Brewer's proposed long-term solution to the state's current fiscal condition. Governor Brewer's 5-point plan consists of:

- Temporary tax increase
- Reform the Voter Protection Act
- Spending maneuvers and program cuts
- Acceptance of federal stimulus funding
- Expansion of the state's rainy day reserve

Mr. Schell reported that the City of Peoria received $4 million in stimulus funds through the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. In addition, $20 million of the stimulus funding received by the Arizona Department of Transportation directly impacts the City of Peoria.

2. Peoria Sports Complex Area Urban Design Plan Update

Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Director, introduced Chris Jacques, Planning Manager to provide a summary of the process to update the Peoria Sports Complex Area Urban Design Plan.

Mr. Jacques identified the project team and outlined their roles and reviewed the project status to date. The Project Advisory Committee (PAC), consists of a team of businesses, property owners, organizations and citizens; and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is comprised of City staff and the Maricopa County Flood Control District. There was an extensive amount of community outreach and public participation involved in the formulation of the vision and conceptual alternatives.

Mr. Jacques introduced Chris Morrow, Principal-in-Charge with Project Design Consultants, to discuss the elements of the project. Mr. Morrow summarized the conclusions of a market study that support creating a walkable, more urban, mixed-use environment that would build upon the Sports Complex and the entertainment district and would attract people to the area.

Mr. Morrow introduced Mike Ratajski, Planner and Project Manager with Pacific Municipal Consultants, to discuss the development of conceptual land use alternatives. Mr. Ratajski presented the various components of three concept alternatives ranging from lowest to highest intensity of land uses.

Mr. Morrow concluded the presentation with specifics of a preferred Urban Design Plan formulated from the favored components from each of the three plans.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 19th day of May, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2009.

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk