

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBER
August 25, 2009

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 4:01 p.m.

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

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; Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk; Andy Granger, John Imig, Larry Ratcliff, Wynette Reed, Jeff Tyne, Glen Van Nimwegen, and Claudia Lujan.

Audience: Approximately five 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: 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.

1C Authorization to Hold an Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilmember Leone, seconded by Councilmember Aames, to authorize the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with Legal Counsel for legal advice pertaining to the following:

- a. Development Agreement with Glimcher SW and assigned to General Growth Partners;
- b. Lease and Development Agreement with Arizona Broadway Theatre; and
- c. Lease with Chili Davis Baseball.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council on the Consent Agenda, Mayor Barrett adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Mayor Barrett convened the **Study Session Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 4:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Barrett, Vice Mayor Joan Evans, Councilmembers, Ron Aames, Cathy Carlat, Carlo Leone, Dave Pearson

Members Absent: Councilmember Vicki Hunt

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Subjects for Discussion Only:

1. Red Light Camera Update

Larry Ratcliff, Police Chief, introduced Commander Doug Hildebrandt to provide a status report on the red light enforcement camera process.

Commander Hildebrandt provided the definition of protected and permissive left turns and presented an overview of the red light camera safety program. The program was implemented on January 31, 2008 after a 30-day warning period, and four intersections were identified for the program:

- 83rd Avenue and Union Hills Road
- 91st Avenue and Bell Road
- 75th Avenue and Thunderbird Road
- 83rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road

Commander Hildebrandt advised that citations are not issued to drivers who are unable to clear the intersection due to traffic conditions and emphasized that drivers who are in the intersection before the traffic signal turns red will not be cited.

Commander Hildebrandt outlined the process for evaluating red light camera violations and furnished statistics on red light camera activations since inception of the program. Commander Hildebrandt noted that approximately 52 percent of the activations are rejected by the vendor. The remaining 48 percent are submitted to the Police Department for further evaluation. A combination of still photographs and video for each activation are reviewed, and an additional 9 percent of the activations are rejected by the Police Department.

Special Meeting and Study Session Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Page 3 of 4

Andy Granger, Engineering Director, reported on the following changes to the yellow light timing at red light camera intersections:

- 91st Avenue and Bell Road, east and westbound – 4.0 to 4.5 seconds
- 75th Avenue and Thunderbird Road, east and northbound – 4.0 to 4.5 seconds
- 83rd Avenue and Union Hills Road, southbound left turn – 3.0 to 3.5 seconds

Mr. Granger provided information on the impact of the timing change. Mr. Granger explained there has been a significant decrease in violations from April through July 2008 to April through July of 2009.

Mr. Granger supplied a comparison between the City of Peoria and other municipalities across the valley regarding yellow light timing for left turn movements. Based on the results from the survey of the other municipalities and the reduction in violations at the intersections from the increase in yellow light timing, the protected left turn phases throughout the City will be increased to 4 seconds effective September 1, 2009.

Commander Hildebrandt presented a summary of the collisions that have occurred at the four intersections where red light cameras are installed. Discussion ensued on the data collected and the number of collisions since the program commenced in 2008.

Jeff Tyne, Budget Director, recapped the financial activity associated with the program since its inception. Mr. Tyne also provided the projected revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010.

The Honorable George Anagnost, Presiding Municipal Court Judge, responded to questions from Council and explained the impact of red light camera violations on the Court. Of the citations issued, approximately 36 have resulted in a formal contested hearing. Most have resulted in fining the responsible party based on the quality of the evidence.

Vice Mayor Evans requested that Council be provided additional information including the number of citations issued, the number of court appearances on a month by month basis and the number of individuals found innocent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Study Session Meeting was duly adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

Special Meeting and Study Session Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Page 4 of 4

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Kief, 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 25th day of August, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2009.

(Seal)

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk