

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBER
October 6, 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 4:02 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Ron Aames

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk; Kelly Corsette, Andy Granger, John Imig, Brent Mattingly, Larry Ratcliff, Wynette Reed and Glen Van Nimwegen.

Audience: Approximately six 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 Vice Mayor Evans, seconded by Councilmember Leone, to authorize the holding of an Executive Session for the purposes of:

- a. Discussion with Legal Counsel for legal advice pertaining to the Quintero Golf and Country Club;
- b. Discussion with Legal Counsel for legal advice on legal issues pertaining to the application of the Internal Revenue Code Sections 401 and 457 plans; and
- c. Discussion with Legal Counsel for legal advice on legal issues pertaining to Demaree v. City of Peoria, et. al.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 6 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 Council on the Consent Agenda, Mayor Barrett adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:03 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 4:03 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Ron Aames

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Subjects for Discussion Only:

1. Community Affiliate Agencies Policy

Carl Swenson, City Manager, introduced Steve Kemp, City Attorney, and Wynette Reed, Human Resources Director, to present information related to health insurance benefits for non-profit affiliate agencies.

Mr. Kemp explained that affiliate groups are not-for-profit entities that make substantial contributions toward forwarding the City's mission. Affiliate agencies provide services and functions the City is legally empowered to perform which have been delegated to them by the City. These organizations promote economic development and tourism, business attraction and retention, as well as provide arts and education for the community.

Mr. Kemp reported that in order to aid several organizations with their financial difficulties, the City could adopt a policy that would allow affiliate agencies to be covered as a member of the City's group for medical and insurance benefits only. In addition, many of the organizations are too small to obtain group health insurance. Mr. Kemp emphasized there would be no cost to the City.

Ms. Reed advised Council it would be easy to incorporate the agencies into the City's group health plan. The City would define the agencies to be included in the group health plan and update the summary plan documents. The City would require the agencies to pay 100 percent of the cost of the insurance premiums.

Discussion ensued on defining the standards of an affiliate agency. It was a consensus of Council that a policy regarding the provision of City of Peoria insurance benefits to full-time employees of not-for-profit organizations be submitted to Council for consideration.

2. Community Facilities District

Carl Swenson, City Manager, led the discussion on the process used to evaluate the Community Facilities District (CFD) policy. Mr. Swenson introduced Brent Mattingly, Finance Director, to present information on revisions to the existing policy.

Mr. Mattingly informed Council that staff had previously met with the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) to provide background on infrastructure financing including impact fees, bonds, improvement districts, dedicated sales taxes, state funding programs, CFDs and project-specific development agreements. An outline of policy considerations and a draft of the amended CFD policy was furnished to the Board.

Mr. Mattingly outlined the following recommendations received from EDAB to modify the current policy:

- Add new policy section referencing the use of CFDs to attain Council's general policy objectives and preservation of the natural environment
- Revise definition of primary use
- Ensure the policy does not exclude potential uses and remains flexible to use with extraordinary development
 - Commercial, industrial, residential, educational, health care, etc.
- Obtain the perspective of EDAB on CFD proposals

Discussion ensued on examples included in the draft policy and language that might be open to interpretation. It was a consensus of Council that a final policy pertaining to Community Facilities Districts be submitted for consideration by Council at a future meeting of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Waddell, City Clerk

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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 6th day of October, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2009.

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Mary Jo Waddell, City Clerk