

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PINE ROOM, CITY HALL
July 6, 2010

A **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 4:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Cathy Carlat

Other Municipal Officials Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Mary Jo Waddell, City Clerk; Andy Granger, John Imig, Maria Laughner, Glen Van Nimwegen, Ellen Van Riper, Stuart Robinson, Jeff Tyne, Scott Whyte and Claudia Luján.

Audience: Approximately 20 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.

Subjects for Discussion Only:

1. Bioscience Business Attraction Concept

Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director, led the discussion regarding strategic partnerships and alliances identifying bioscience as the targeted industry. Bioscience technology is a field that applies life processes to practical uses, from manufacturing medical devices, pharmaceutical drugs, pacemakers, and genetic engineering to gene therapy. The City of Peoria sought two local partnerships that bring different approaches to attracting bioscience business. These businesses are:

- TGen's (Translational Genomics Research Institute) International Bioscience Commercialization Consortium (IBCC)
 - Partnering with the Thunderbird School of Global Management, the IBCC will become the global hub for commercialization best practices and resources to grow the bioscience industry
- CORE Institute's Bioscience Business Start-Up Program
 - Partnership with Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) to potentially provide lending support to start-up businesses

Mr. Whyte added the City would be maximizing its ability to attract bioscience companies to Peoria by partnering with TGen, Thunderbird, CORE, and CPLC.

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James Walbom, Managing Director of TGen, characterized the two primary objectives of IBCC as helping commercialize bioscience discoveries that would otherwise be shelved and to leverage the i6 grant. Mr. Walbom stated IBCC is currently applying for a \$1 million i6 challenge grant, which requires a municipal partner; and Peoria had been asked to assist with the grant application through a financial commitment.

Dr. David Jacofsky, Chairman and CEO of CORE Institute, provided an overview of CORE stating it is the fourth largest single specialty group in the United States. Dr. Jacofsky discussed CORE's four values as being patient care, research, community services and education.

Dr. Jacofsky presented Research and Development Divisions as:

- Gait and Motion Analysis Lab where motion studies are done;
- Biomechanical Research Lab where testing of wear and fatigue of orthopedic implant are done;
- Basic Science Labs where researching tissue and cell cultures among other basic science is done;
- Intellectual Property Development
 - Patent processing
 - 3-D CAD modeling
 - Prototypes
 - Financing

Dr. Jacofsky reported CORE has partnerships with Renova, developers of Injectable Threadless Implants; Gentag, developers of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) sensing system using radio frequency waves to transmit medical sensing data remotely; RFID Smart Skin Patches; and Cold Plasma Medical Technologies, Inc., developers of a device called CP-Wound Care.

CPLC Associates, John Ramirez Vice President of Economic Development; Arjelia Gomez, Chief Development Officer and Rodie Hernandez, Small Business Lending; presented an overview of services provided as:

- Economic Development providing business lending, commercial development, neighborhood revitalization and financial empowerment;
- Education encompassing programs such as head start, charter schools, prevention, leadership workshops and academic enrichment programs;
- Community Development (Housing) encompassing all types of housing development, property management, client counseling and other pertinent services;
- Social Services programs including behavioral health, domestic violence shelter and prevention, emergency assistance, elder services, legal immigration counseling, HIV, individual and family counseling, women's health, employment training and drug, and alcohol rehabilitation and prevention.

Ms. Gomez stated they provide services to all who walk through the door regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or creed.

Discussion ensued on partnerships and the grant application.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Geriminsky, Acting City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the Study Session of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 6th day of July, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2010.

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Rhonda Geriminsky, Acting City Clerk