

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PINE ROOM
November 16, 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 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Barrett; Vice Mayor Ron Aames; Councilmembers Cathy Carlat, Joan Evans, 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; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Rhonda Geriminsky, Acting City Clerk; Andy Granger, Brent Mattingly, Glen Van Nimwegen, Jeff Tyne, John Imig, Rocky Smith, Scott Whyte, Thomas Solberg and Claudia Luján.

Audience: Approximately 10 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.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

1. Economic Development Investment Policy

Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director, provided information regarding the Economic Development Investment Policy, a follow-up step to the Economic Development Implementation Strategy.

Shelly Bade, Economic Development Advisory Board Chair, and Mr. Whyte explained the process used to draft the Economic Development Investment Policy, expressed the Economic Development Advisory Board's support for the Policy and explained the purpose of it.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Incentive versus investment;
- Use of the word "blight"; and
- Advantages of having an Economic Development Investment Policy

Mr. Whyte explained the guiding principles suggested for investment in the City and the minimum project qualifications. Mr. Whyte described the procedures to consider for implementing the Economic Development Investment Policy, return on investment analysis and the proposed next steps in the process.

2. Fireworks Restriction

Steve Kemp, City Attorney, provided an overview of House Bill 2246, which governs the sale of consumer fireworks.

Mr. Kemp outlined a proposed ordinance, which will restrict the use of fireworks within the City of Peoria.

Discussion ensued regarding the sale of consumer fireworks and the confusion that may occur because the sale of consumer fireworks is not restricted within the City of Peoria.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of fireworks in County islands and at Lake Pleasant.

Mr. Kemp outlined the penalties for the use of fireworks within the City of Peoria.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the proposed ordinance.

Rocky Smith, Deputy Police Chief, informed Council that the Police Department intends to educate the public on the use of consumer fireworks.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of public comment received regarding the use of consumer fireworks and whether the agenda item should be carried over in order to allow for public input or the possibility of adopting the proposed ordinance with a sunset clause that will expire unless readdressed by the Council. The Council consented to the include a sunset clause.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:20 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 Study Session of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 16th day of November, 2010 I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2011.

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Wanda Nelson, City Clerk