

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS . 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE . AVONDALE, AZ 85323

SPECIAL MEETING
December 10, 2007
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR ROGERS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOMENT OF REFLECTION

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2 RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER BETTY LYNCH

The Council will consider a resolution honoring Betty Lynch for eight years of service to the City of Avondale as Council Member. The Council will take appropriate action.

3 RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER JASON EARP

The Council will consider a resolution honoring Jason Earp for four years of service to the City of Avondale as Council Member. The Council will take appropriate action.

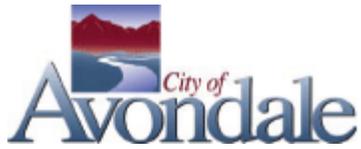
5 ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Farris".

Linda Farris, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

SUBJECT:
Resolution honoring Council Member Betty Lynch

MEETING DATE:
December 10, 2007

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Linda Farris
THROUGH: Charlie McClendon, City Manager

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Resolution

No. 2704-1207

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA,
HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER BETTY S. LYNCH
FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF AVONDALE.**

WHEREAS, Betty S. Lynch answered the call to public service, was elected in 1999 and took office as Council Member in January 2000, was re-elected to a second term by the voters of Avondale in November of 2003; and

WHEREAS, during her eight year tenure, Council Member Lynch served with honor and integrity, both in her capacity as an Avondale City Council Member and Vice Mayor and in her memberships and service on the Avondale Risk Management Trust Fund Board; the Avondale Municipal Development Corporation Commission; the City Council Board, Commission and Committee Selection Committee; the City Council Contributions Assistance Program Committee; and the Executive Committee of the El Rio Project with Maricopa County Flood Control; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Lynch also served as Avondale's representative on numerous local and regional governmental bodies, including founder and co-chair of the West Valley Human Service Alliance and as a member of its Community Planning and Development Sub-Committee; a member of the Maricopa Association of Governments Domestic Violence Council and co-chair of the Human Services Transportation Coordination project; former chair and current treasurer of the Western Maricopa Enterprise Zone; co-chair of the Luke West Valley Council Human Services Committee; a member of the WESTMARC Economic Development Committee; founding Board member, Finance Board member and Chair Elect of the Southwest Valley YMCA; and served seven years on the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Resolutions Committee; and

WHEREAS, she is also a graduate of Class V of Leadership West, where she served on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for a number of years; Board member and treasurer of Neighborhood and Family Services of Southwestern Maricopa County; served on the National League of Cities (NLC) University Cities Committee, the Leadership Training Institute Council and the Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Committee where she is recognized at events as a mentor to new members of NLC and after earning more than 80 credits attending leadership classes, she was recently honored as one of 22 in the Country who earned the Diamond Award for Leadership after earning her Bronze, Gold, Silver and Platinum awards; and

WHEREAS, her role on the Avondale City Council contributed much to the betterment of the future of Avondale for all its residents by leaving a legacy of positive change, among them, establishment of the Municipal Arts Committee and dedication of three pieces of public art at the Civic Center and Friendship Park; the opening of Avondale Civic Center, Friendship Park, the Municipal Operations Service Center, the Civic Center Library, and Festival Fields; and the opening of numerous retail centers; and

WHEREAS, although Council Member Lynch leaves office in December 2007, she will continue to be involved in her community and continue to hold the best interest of Avondale at heart.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Avondale, hereby honors and thanks Council Member Betty S. Lynch for eight years of dedicated service to the City of Avondale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council wish to present Council Member Betty S. Lynch with a Key to the City of Avondale in honor of her service and commitment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Avondale, December 10, 2007.

Mayor Lopez Rogers

Vice Mayor Wolf

Council Member Buster

Council Member Earp

Council Member Scott

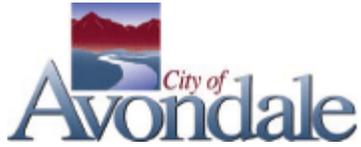
Council Member Weise

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Linda M. Farris, City Clerk

Andrew J. McGuire, City Attorney



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

SUBJECT:
Resolution honoring Council Member Jason Earp

MEETING DATE:
December 10, 2007

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Linda Farris
THROUGH: Charlie McClendon, City Manager

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Resolution

No. 2705-1207

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA,
HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER JASON EARP
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF AVONDALE.**

WHEREAS, Jason Earp answered the call to public service, was elected in 2003 and took office as Council Member in January 2004; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Council Member Earp served with honor and integrity, not only on the Avondale City Council as Council Member but also as a member of the Contributions Assistance Program Subcommittee; Board, Commission, and Committee Selection Committee; and as a member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Earp worked tirelessly to provide Avondale's youth opportunities to participate in sports activities; and

WHEREAS, his role on the Avondale City Council contributed much to the betterment of the future of Avondale for all of its residents by leaving a legacy of positive change, including renovation of the Cashion Community Center and opening of the Civic Center Library, the Municipal Operations Service Center and Festival Fields; and the opening of numerous retail centers; and

WHEREAS, although Council Member Earp leaves office in December 2007, he will continue to be involved in his community and continue to hold the best interest of Avondale at heart.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Avondale hereby honors and thanks Council Member Jason Earp for four years of dedicated service to the City of Avondale.

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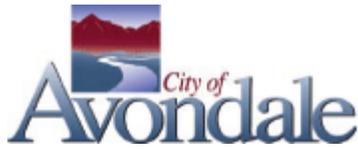
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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Andrew J. McGuire, City Attorney



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

SUBJECT:
Discussion of Community Involvement Goal

MEETING DATE:
December 10, 2007

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Sammi Curless, Assistant to the Mayor and Council (623)333-1613
THROUGH: Charlie McClendon, City Manager

PURPOSE:

At the December 1 City Council Goal Setting Retreat, Council requested staff to schedule separate work sessions to discuss action items related specifically to two of its goals, namely, the Community Involvement and Community Development goals.

The Community Involvement goal will be discussed tonight. The Community Development goal discussion has been scheduled for February 11.

BACKGROUND:

The goal statement and action items for the Community Involvement goal for the current fiscal year, FY 2007-2008, are as follows:

Goal: Community Involvement

Encourage effective coordination and involvement with community groups and other levels of government; promote community involvement among residents.

- Complete curriculum, recruit citizens and launch the Avondale Leadership Academy in Spring 2007
- Encourage continued involvement of Board/Committee members in the government process
- Continue to make improvements to Channel 11 and the Avondale website
- Solicit input and openly communicate with citizens and continue to work closely with Homeowner Associations and Neighborhood groups; increase opportunities for involvement and civic participation

At the Council Goal Setting retreat on Dec. 1, staff reported on the accomplishments towards this goal. The City has developed the curriculum and successfully launched the first Citizen Leadership Academy course this past Spring. Additionally, new software and hardware have been purchased and installed to facilitate further improvements to Avondale Channel 11, and staff continues with ongoing efforts to recruit members to the City's boards, commissions and committees. Furthermore, staff across all departments continue in their efforts to solicit public input by holding town hall and neighborhood meetings, Resident Appreciation Night, as well as engaging the homeowners associations by holding quarterly HOA Summits and attending HOA meetings.

DISCUSSION:

Council has expressed its desire to further develop strategic action items for the Community Involvement goal. Any action items developed tonight will be incorporated into the City Manager's and appropriate departments workplans for the upcoming fiscal year, FY 2008-2009.

RECOMENDATION:

For Council discussion and to provide direction to staff as necessary.

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