

Minutes of the Budget Meeting held November 8, 2010 in the Sonoran Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Lopez Rogers and Council Members

Jim McDonald, Vice Mayor (Via Telephone)  
Jim Buster  
Stephanie Karlin  
Frank Scott  
Charles Vierhout  
Ken Weise

**ALSO PRESENT**

Charlie McClendon, City Manager  
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager  
Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager  
Kevin Artz, Finance Director  
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney

**1) ROLL CALL BY THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER**

**2) COUNCIL GOAL SETTING FOR FY2011-2012 BUDGET**

Staff presents a financial and progress update and receives Council feedback on development of Council goals and priorities for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. McClendon reported that the City of Avondale does not foresee layoffs. He reviewed the City's accomplishments over the past year.

**Goal: Community and Economic Development**

The City has continued to focus on PIR and the American Sports Center as draws for visitors to Avondale. The Sports Center had a soft opening last Monday with a grand opening in a couple of weeks. The retail shell is scheduled for completion in March with businesses expected to open late summer or fall of 2011.

The City has supported efforts to secure a transit parking facility in the city center. Staff has been having discussion with PIR regarding a proposed expansion for which the city will provide water and sewer lift stations. Mr. McClendon noted that the infrastructure improvements associated with ASC have provided a pad ready development site in the city center. When the economy rebounds, this will be fairly economical for development.

The City of Avondale actively supported proposed legislation to extend the motion picture tax credit and will continue to support passage of that legislation during the next session. Economic Development staff also worked with GPEC and site consultants and responded to 50 or more GPEC leads during the year.

Staff cooperated with The Drachman Institute at the University of Arizona to complete a survey and is currently in the process of developing strategies to improve older neighborhoods.

**Goal: Community Involvement**

Recruitment efforts for the City's boards, commissions, and committees are ongoing. The City Clerk completed a survey of the members of boards, commissions, and committees. For the most part they reported that their service had been a positive experience.

Mr. McClendon commented that although funding for special has been removed, staff has been able to coordinate some events at no cost to the city by using exempt staff that have been very successful. These events include Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, Resident Appreciation Night, and G.A.I.N. All were accomplished at virtually no cost. APS is sponsoring the Art Walk for the next three months.

**Goal: Financial Stability**

Mr. McClendon said that financial stability is probably the most important goal that Council adopted. The current year's budget was developed keeping revenues and expenditures in balance. At the end of FY 2009/10, the fund balance actually increased modestly because the departments did such a good job of controlling expenditures; every department came in under budget. The City was able to make the necessary reductions without cutting any sworn police or fire positions. He commented that if the legislature votes to take away state shared revenues all bets will be off.

For the second consecutive year employees received no merit or cost of living increases and employees actually had a cut in pay due to increases in health insurance premiums and ASRS retirement contributions. City Departments have done a great job of controlling overtime which has resulted in savings to the city. He noted that in spite of the above, employees have demonstrated a positive attitude and a commitment to helping the City. The City contracted a firm to help pursue Federal appropriation requests, among other things. With leadership changes in Washington, it is especially important to have someone to keep the City abreast of developments. Staff is proposing to extend the Capital Edge contract.

**Goal: Quality of Life**

Staff has been visiting teen centers in the area to gain an understanding of the facilities that might be possible. Youth are involved in this effort. He stressed that the City cannot build anything until the economy changes, but in the meantime is planning.

Code Enforcement has been absolutely wonderful through the housing crisis. Complaints about weeds and blight issues around foreclosed homes have dropped significantly. The graffiti contract has been popular and residents have commented favorably.

Although it was not possible to hold Billy Moore Western Heritage Days this year, the event will be back for the Centennial celebration in 2012.

**Goal: Public Safety**

The efficiency of public safety personnel has been improved through technology. An expanded wireless network has been completed. The City will build on the suggestions received during the PIR event to improve. The fire companies are managed such that the City meets the four person per engine staffing regularly. Mr. McClendon commented that sometimes the utility truck and battalion safety officer positions are not filled because to do so would entail paying overtime. The City is a board member of the regional wireless cooperative. The objective is to have a unified public safety wireless system throughout the Valley. Planning is ongoing, although implementation will involve capital outlay and is not yet scheduled.

Mr. McClendon reported that crime is down 13.4% for FY09/10 which is at least in part due to full staffing of the Police Department. The Department has worked aggressively to reduce gang activity. Residents in the affected neighborhoods are commenting on the improvement.

**Goal: Environmental Leadership**

The water reclamation facility operated with no incidents or permit violations and passed the annual ADEQ inspection. The City is providing vigorous and ongoing support to ADEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

With the Energy Block Grant, the City is replacing conventional street lighting at the City campus and at Friendship Park with more energy efficient LED lighting. This change, which will save both money and energy, will be implemented within the next few weeks.

**Goal: Staff Retention**

He noted that turnover is not a problem during the current recession. The City is working with employee groups to ensure good relations. Recognizing that other forms of recognition are very important, a number of departments are implementing employee reward programs.

**Goal: Traffic Management**

Traffic management projects continue. Mr. McClendon noted that Dysart Road is expected to reopen within a week, and outlined the anticipated schedules for other projects around Avondale. Regarding regional funding for streets and transit, Mr. McClendon indicated that staff has taken a very aggressive position with MAG. The City has representatives in most MAG committees who have taken leadership positions within those committees which has helped raise the City's profile in the region. With regard to the 801, the City is advocating for Council's position on the alignment.

Avondale was able to accomplish some important projects thanks to Federal stimulus funding. Four miles of Dysart Road were repaved. The projects were all completed on time. Avondale was the first city to spend all the money it received for neighborhood stabilization. This makes it easier to receive future funding.

Mayor Lopez Rogers commented that gloom and doom persists and the Legislature has already made comments that it will be coming after the cities. She thanked all the City staff, who have done a lot with fewer resources. People are not complaining about the services. Staff bears an extra workload so it is critical to express appreciation, especially since the City cannot offer anything more financially.

Council Member Weise said it is impressive that every year the City seems to achieve the majority of goals that are set. The City may have to partner with other cities to stand firm on the question of state shared revenues. He suggested a work session to look at how other cities are tackling this issue. Staff has done a wonderful job over the past year. He looks forward to the day when staff is not taking money out of their pocket to keep their jobs, but the economy needs to improve greatly before they can consider giving merit and/or cost of living increases.

Council Member Buster said that state revenues are down by a third from four years ago. The stimulus money will not be there next year, and sales tax receipts are down. He opined that the Legislature will perhaps approach the Federal government to argue that the state cannot afford the maintenance of effort requirements that have been placed upon the state. They will be looking at health care, education and doubtless state shared revenues. He agreed with the Mayor that the City has done a good job so far and they will have to continue to work together. Opening the American Sports Center is a bright spot for the City.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said that the Legislature tends to say that cities have not given anything up, but this is not accurate. She asked Council Members to remind any legislators they know that cities have already given up quite a bit.

Council Member Weise commented that cities were the first to cut their budgets and put into place programs and policies to help them come out of the downturn and added that any cuts to the cities will be borne by the residents.

Participating via telephone, Vice Mayor McDonald asked Shirley Gunther if with the change in leadership passage of the film bill looked more promising. Shirley replied that the lobbyists are still getting to know the 31 new members. There are many unknowns.

Vice Mayor McDonald said that possible annexation of Wigwam Creek South should be addressed. He is in favor of this but only if the fire station can be built from the revenue generated by the annexation.

He agrees with Council Member Buster's position on the 801 freeway indicating he does not like ADOT's option. He asked about the status of the vehicle fleet. Mr. McClendon said that the fleet maintenance and replacement programs are working as they should. They added a year to the life expectancy of almost all the vehicles. Wayne Janis, Public Works Director, commented the City fleet was in good shape before the economic downturn, with staff reductions, some older vehicles were removed from the fleet so it is now comprised of better vehicles.

Vice Mayor McDonald asked Police Chief Kotsur about the CAT team. Chief Kotsur replied the team will be ready to roll in about two weeks.

Vice Mayor McDonald opined that if state shared revenues are cut, unfunded mandates should be the City's first cut.

Council Member Scott thanked the department heads for being budget wise. Finance is doing a great job and provides tremendous insight to Council for their decisions. It was great to see the results of staffing the Police Department. He told Fire Chief Adams that hopefully the changes they are making will help his department. He praised Code Enforcement. Avondale is recognized throughout the County for getting the job done with the least resources. The Court is well run. He added that it is nice to see things that Council has asked for come into play. The recycling program is doing well and business recycling is being added.

Mr. McClendon reviewed the results from the resident satisfaction survey. He indicated the survey was conducted in October, online, at the libraries and public facilities, and at the Resident Appreciation Night event. The highest rated services were garbage and recycling, fire and EMS, library services, and graffiti and code enforcement.

The top priorities for residents who completed the survey online are vacant houses, job creation, neighborhood livability and future development and growth. For those who completed paper surveys, mostly completed at Resident Appreciation Night, top priorities are job creation and special events. He commented that this response may have been somewhat influenced by the fact that respondents were at a special event. Concerns about vacant houses and police services followed.

Mr. McClendon indicated that the presentation about next year's budget is based on the assumption that state shared revenue remains the same. It is important to remind legislators that Avondale's General Fund budget went from \$57 million three years ago to \$40 million. Staffing levels, which three years ago were the lowest per capita staffing of any West Valley city, have been further reduced and this has been possible because everyone is firmly committed to service.

Mayor Lopez Rogers pointed out that many cities in the Valley have raised taxes but Avondale has not, nor has it raised water and sewer rates.

Council Member Weise predicted another round of foreclosures, so the case load for Code Enforcement will increase. He noted that job creation is a newer concern for residents and commented that government can incentivize job creation by the private sector so it is critical to determine what the City's employment base is. He noted the Auto Mall is almost full. The City needs to give businesses the tools to come to Avondale which may mean rezoning or providing incentives. This will take time, but over the next year he would like to see something started to attract businesses through GPEC.

Council Member Vierhout suggested forming a committee to focus on bringing technology based businesses to the area. This could be comprised of members from the school district, businesses, West Valley cities, and the Community College. As a technologist he has met with representatives of other cities and there is a commonality of interests. Tempe has already started such an initiative, and it would send a signal to GPEC.

Mr. Kevin Artz discussed the economic situation nationally, in Arizona, and in Avondale forecasting positive growth in sales tax and auto in lieu taxes in FY11/12. Income tax is expected to decline for one more year but forecast growth in 2013. Development fees received are approximately 65% below what was forecast, but next year's numbers will be higher. This year they have had several months with zero housing permits issued. He pointed out that September 2010 is the first time in 40 months that the City had more revenue than in the same month the previous year.

Council Member Weise pointed out that in 2010 the graph is almost flat, whereas in previous years there were bigger fluctuations from month to month. He asked if staff have analyzed this. Mr. Artz said the Cash for Clunkers program last year caused a spike in

revenue in August, followed by a corresponding decrease in September. This year's numbers have been just below the numbers for 2009, through August. They hope that the increase in September is a good sign. Construction sales tax continues to decrease, but like development fees, Mr. Artz said these really cannot decline any further.

Mr. Artz reviewed the five-year forecast projecting that expenditures will exceed revenues in FY11/12 and plan to draw down fund balances to cover the shortfall. However, a significant decrease in fund balances is not expected.

Mr. McClendon pointed out that the census is an unknown. In the past, the City's state shared revenues rose after every census. But this year, no one knows what the numbers will show. If the MAG estimates are correct, Avondale will probably benefit from the census. Because there are so many uncertainties they have assumed no effect from the census. The five-year forecast does not assume any annexation or additional fire station.

Mr. Artz summarized that the projected shortfall in the General Fund will be \$5.3 million this year. Next year that is projected to drop to a shortfall of \$4.1 million. For next year staff projects that \$2.8 million will be available in the one-time revenue. Therefore the revenue shortfall for next year is expected to be about \$1.3 million. They would recommend offsetting that with fund balances.

Mr. McClendon assured Council that staff examines every position as it comes open. Some will be eliminated through attrition. Departments will review their budgets one more time. Most of the savings have already been achieved, however. Mr. Artz said they will budget a contingency fund for next year but hope not to have to spend much of it.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said bringing employment to the City should be the main priority. The state shared revenues are the big unknown. At the meeting of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns everyone was asked to bring back "what-if" scenarios, and she has asked Mr. McClendon to work on that.

Saying he did not want to cause undue alarm about something that may not even happen, Mr. McClendon said staff has a skeleton plan they can work from should state shared revenues be reduced. He opined that they need to keep hammering home the message that the City has already cut its budget by 30%.

Vice Mayor McDonald said for the time being the City should make plans on the assumption that state shared revenues will not be reduced. He asked if the City could issue bonds after restructuring property taxes.

Mr. Artz replied that the City's excess valuation has decreased over the last couple of years with further decreases anticipated this year. The City has the capacity under its legal debt limit to issue bonds, however the City does not have capacity to make repayments based on the revenue from property taxes at the current tax rate. If Council wants to keep the property tax rate at its current level, there is not much flexibility to issue more general obligation bonds. The secondary property tax rate could be increased and then the City could issue some general obligation bonds. This is a policy decision for Council.

He indicated that MDC bonds are typically repaid from sales tax revenues. The City has the legal capacity to issue the bonds, but not the revenue source to repay the debt. He summarized that currently there is little flexibility to issue more bonds unless additional revenue is generated for repayment.

Vice Mayor McDonald inquired whether he thought the change to allow more property tax money to be collected in the General Fund was premature, given the City's limited ability to issue bonds.

Mr. Artz said that the City had planned on issuing some general obligation bonds in the previous CIP to expand City Hall and the police station. Those two items are now not a high priority. He does not see a pressing need to issue general obligation bonds at this time. In reply to a follow-up question from Vice Mayor McDonald, he said some bond programs are planned in the water program in 2013. Staff hopes that sales tax revenues will start increasing in the meantime. Many of the projects in the water fund are tied to growth. If there is no growth in the City potentially some projects could be postponed.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said she is hopeful that things will turn around, but it is wishful thinking not to think that the Legislature will come after the cities, especially with a super majority.

Vice Mayor McDonald said either way they will have to make a new decision. He feels it is better to plan that the Legislature will not cut state shared revenue. They can make plans based on the real numbers they have today.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said staff has presented that scenario today. She opined that they need a Plan B. Mr. McClendon is working on a just-in-case scenario.

Council Member Buster agreed they need a Plan B, especially as the City is already considering drawing down fund balances. He asked Mr. Artz how much assessed valuations have decreased in the last three years.

Mr. Artz said last year's decrease was about 18%. The year before was similar. He did not have a cumulative figure.

Council Member Scott said that although the valuation of his home has dropped, his commercial property tax assessment is at an all-time high. The next valuation on his commercial property is down 37%, however. He commented that the City needs a Plan C and Plan D.

Mayor Lopez Rogers reminded Council that there is no wiggle room for any new programs. Last year they were able to help some of the departments with extra funding but this year that will not be possible. Mr. McClendon reiterated that no salary increases are possible for FY11/12 and any insurance increases will have to be passed along to employees. The Mayor commented that if cuts are made there may have to be some changes to the services the City provides. Mr. McClendon said it is safe to say that if the City has to make further reductions, service reductions would definitely need to be made. The City has done everything else.

Council Member Weise said improvements to the web site could help residents. He would like to see information about road construction. The City should use the web site to tell residents what it is doing right, not just rely on the media to tell the story. For example, what Mr. Artz has explained about how the City is meeting the budget challenges should be posted. Avondale is probably the most financially stable city in the southwest Valley. Avondale has taken a proactive stance on road maintenance. The CAT program implemented by the Police Department is another good news story. He said there is a perception in the West Valley that 99th Avenue and McDowell is frequented by auto thieves; the City needs to get the message out that this is not accurate, and be proactive in stepping up enforcement. This might entail hiring a few more police officers. Getting 1,400 residents to come to Residents Appreciation Night was a huge achievement. The change in venue encouraged people living in the older parts of the City to get involved, which is wonderful. He reiterated that it is important to give people options for family activities that they otherwise could not afford, such as Movie Night in the Amphitheater, or a concert. Although these programs are not self-funding, they are not expensive. He would like them to be reinstated and suggested looking for a sponsor or charging a fee.

Council Member Scott commented that because the economy is still in a downturn it is hard to attract investment. However he would like to see plans for greater diversification. There seems to be a need for more warehouse space. Avondale has taken a lead in environmental stewardship. He suggested a work session to talk about next steps.

Council Member Karlin said economic development is her top priority. Avondale should market itself more aggressively and added that businesses are attracted by entertainment and facilities for families. Quality of life issues relating to arts and culture and parks and recreation go hand in hand with economic development.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said Avondale is not competing against other Valley cities but against other states that are offering incentives. The legislators must be told how important it is to work with the cities, not against them, when it comes to job creation. She urged a multi-pronged approach through GPEC and through personal contact with legislators.

Council Member Buster said the Legislature will be looking at job creation and expansion this year. The jobs bill last year died at the very end of the session. Another jobs bill will be this year's highest priority. The film bill will also be considered. He suggested that the City take advantage of this focus on jobs.

Mayor Lopez Rogers asked Council Members if they are opposed to any reduction in state shared revenue or if they would be willing to work on a compromise.

Council Member Weise said for him there is no compromise. The City collects taxes for the state. He predicted lawsuits if the Legislature reduces state shared revenues; cities will fight tooth and nail and it could take years to resolve. However many Republicans in the Legislature understand local government and will support the cities. They need to make friends with the people who understand.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said most of the new legislators probably do not have city experience. They were elected on a platform of small government and cutting taxes. The state shortfall is \$1.4 billion.

Council Member Buster said the new legislators will be helpful. Most have not held political office before and do not understand how cities and counties operate. The silver lining is that they have an opportunity to educate these new members. It is important for Council to present a united stance.

Council Member Vierhout suggested replacing Capital Edge with a firm that would lobby at the state legislature.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said that Shirley does an admirable job of trying to educate the members. The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is also important. She believes they need a Federal lobbyist as the Washington scene has also changed.

Mr. McClendon said that between the efforts of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and the City's own intergovernmental officer, who meets weekly with the intergovernmental representatives from all the other cities, he feels that makes for an effective voice. What they really need is other elected officials, such as the Council Members, to help lobby.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said educating the business community is also important as legislators will listen to them. She urged Council to mobilize any business contacts they may have.

Vice Mayor McDonald said that although he is in favor of Plan A, he is not opposed to Plans B and C. Council needs to take responsibility for an internal grass-roots plan to contact representatives at the Legislature. They also need to work with other West Valley cities, exploiting any contacts they have. He suggested that Shirley could help them organize a plan to get started. He offered to make three or four phone calls per day to help in this effort. For economic development, the City needs to stick to its guns and make sure that the area is designated as special.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said Council has an opportunity to advocate for the City. Council Members will need to go with Shirley to the Legislature and talk to the members.

Mr. Artz said that because the state took stimulus dollars, they cannot drop K-12 education spending below a certain dollar amount. The state cannot cut people from the Medicaid rolls and that represents billions of dollars. He predicted a fight between the state and the Federal government.

Council Member Buster agreed that all the states are facing the same problem. They will need to speak to the Federal government with one voice arguing for a relaxation of mandates and maintenance of effort requirements. Raising taxes is not an option.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said the U.S. Council of Mayors is looking at working together on this, as is the National League of Cities. Every state and every city is affected.

Council Member Scott agreed with Vice Mayor McDonald's position. However they still need Plan B and C. They have to stop the super majority. He believes this is possible if everyone on Council starts lobbying at the Capitol.

Mr. McClendon reviewed the priorities that Council Members expressed.

**Goal: Community & Economic Development**

**Strive to make Avondale an attractive investment opportunity for retail, commercial, office and light industrial development and ensure that all development in the community meets quality standards.**

- Develop a plan for attracting a wide range of quality jobs to Avondale
- Aggressively recruit businesses and employers
- Build on legislative jobs priorities
- Advocate at the State Legislature for stronger, more effective economic development tools
- Establish an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of City representatives and representatives from the business and education communities to attract technology-based businesses to Avondale and explore ways to reduce costs through shared IT resources

**Goal: Community Involvement**

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

- Encourage effective coordination and involvement with community groups and other levels of government
- Promote continued community involvement by residents
- Continue self-sustaining/low-cost community and special events

**Goal: Financial Stability**

**Ensure long-term financial stability of the City. Maintain the fund balance, contingency reserves, and service levels to ensure efficient operations.**

- Ensure that the public is informed of Avondale's financial position and financial outlook
- Take a strong position on protecting State Shared Revenues (SSR) and local control
- Ensure that new and current state legislators are well-informed regarding the importance of SSRs to the cities' ability to provide service to their constituents
- The Mayor and Councilmembers, in coordination with the city's Legislative Liaison, will take a more active role in communicating with state legislators regarding the city's fiscally prudent actions, and the impact of any state actions to local government.

**Goal: Quality of Life**

**Provide quality of life options and opportunities in the community.**

- Continue to market our quality of life
- Seek ways to partner with schools on quality of life events and programs

**Goal: Public Safety**

**Improve public safety in the community.**

- Implement the Community Action Team (CAT) at full capacity
- Develop a plan and funding mechanism for public safety equipment replacement
- Continue crime reduction efforts
- Promote positive news coverage as it relates to crime-based stories

**Goal: Environmental Leadership**

**Meet, and wherever possible, exceed regulations pertaining to water conservation, air-quality and storm water management.**

- Continue progressive and proactive efforts with regard to environmental issues
- Continue to work with the ADEQ and EPA to aggressively pursue action by Crane Co. to address the PGA North Superfund site issue

**Goal: Staff Retention**

**Encourage recruitment and retention of quality and diverse staff and improve administrative capacity.**

- Hold employee salaries at the same level until the economic outlook is considerably improved
- Employees will have to bear any increases in health benefits costs

**Goal: Transportation Management**

**Optimize multi-modal transportation and traffic flow in the community.**

- Represent Avondale's interests at MAG, RPTA, ADOT, and the federal level
- Promote West Valley cohesion on transportation issues
- Actively engage in seeking funding for Avondale and West Valley transportation projects at the regional, state and federal levels
- Improve access to information regarding road construction/traffic delays on the city's website

Council Member Weise asked at what point the EPA would be involved in the pollution mitigation process. Mr. McClendon said the government agencies are still working through the process. Assistant City Manager David Fitzhugh commented that before the consent decree the EPA had directed Crane Co. to pay for the measures taken. Now that the consent decree has taken effect, the EPA can no longer tell Crane Co. what to do. They have to go through an administrative process. Crane Co. can choose not to drill the sentry wells and instead go through the administrative hearing process, which would tie this up for 18 months. Crane Co. is prepared to drill three wells but the EPA requires six. Crane Co. offered to drill four wells but the EPA stood firm. This could go to Federal court, who would give the case to an administrative law judge in Arizona. Meanwhile the plume is still moving towards Avondale's wells. Avondale is leading the fight, but Goodyear, he predicted, will be the first city to lose three drinking water wells within a half-mile of each other.

Council Member Buster commented he attended a meeting with Senator Nelson last week along with Shirley and others, including some EPA staff. Senator Nelson is urging the EPA to act faster and it seems that the agency is moving in that direction. Mr. Fitzhugh added that Senator Kyl has been involved in this issue. The Citizens' Advisory Committee is sending a firmly worded letter to Crane Co. with copies to all Federal Congressmen and Senators. A year ago the City asked Crane Co. to come to the City and explain their plan, but the company will only send its consultant hydrologist. Mayor Rogers indicated the issue can be raised with Senator Kyl on the next visit to Washington. It is up to the City to stay on top of this issue.

Mr. McClendon said that the grand opening of the Northwest Public Safety Building is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>. A VIP event at the ASC will also take place on November 19<sup>th</sup> and the public Grand Opening is scheduled for November 20, 2010.

Mayor Lopez Rogers complimented staff for the great customer service they provide. She indicated that she is always getting very positive feedback regarding the service residents receive.

### 3) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Council Member Weise moved to adjourn. Council Member Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor Lopez Rogers

  
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Carmen Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.

  
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City Clerk