

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lopez Rogers and Council Members

Jim McDonald, Vice Mayor
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
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1 ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

Carmen Martinez, City Clerk, read a statement of participation regarding public appearances.

2 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no requests to speak.

3 CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the City Council at a work session. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Work Session of September 6, 2011
2. Regular Meeting of September 6, 2011

b. CONTRACT AWARD - KLAAS SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY LABOR AT THE CRYSTAL GARDENS WETLANDS AND RECHARGE FACILITY

A request to award a contract to Klass Services for the purpose of providing temporary labor to assist City staff with the aesthetics and functionality of the Crystal Gardens Wetlands and Recharge Facility and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD - AUGUST BUILDING COMPANY - WESTERN AVENUE BUSINESS RENOVATION PROGRAM

A request to award a construction contract to August Building Company, LLC in the amount of \$123,582 to complete improvements to the exterior of businesses as part of the Western Avenue Business Renovation Program and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - BROWN AND CALDWELL

A request to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$97,474.00 to perform Programmable Logic Controller and Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition programming work at the Charles M. Wolf Water Resource Center, approve the necessary transfer of funds from the Wastewater

Operating Budget Contingency Fund and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT - DELL MARKETING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

A request to approve a three-year agreement with Dell, Inc. for the purchase of replacement and special-use computers for all City departments in the amount of \$901,050 for the term of the contract and authorize the Mayor or City Manager or City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. FIRST AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT - LIFE, INC. FOR THE AVONDALE TAXI SUBSIDY PROGRAM

A request to approve the first amendment to the Purchase Agreement with Life, Inc. to provide subsidized taxi service to residents for medical and dialysis treatments extending the term of the agreement and adding a renewal provision in an annual amount not to exceed \$70,000 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 3003-911 - ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION BYLAWS

A resolution approving the renaming of the Environmental Affairs Commission to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission and amending the Commission's bylaws to reduce the number of members, standardize the format and update and clarify the language as needed.

h. RESOLUTION 3004-911 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR ADA SERVICES

A resolution approving the third amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transit Authority for FY 2012 Paratransit Services and authorizing the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

i. RESOLUTION 3005-911 AND ORDINANCE 1469-911 - ADOPTING THE 2010-11 AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX CODE OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE

A resolution declaring as a public record the 2010-11 Amendments to the Tax Code of the City of Avondale and an ordinance relating to the Privilege License Tax, adopting the amendments by reference, establishing an effective date and providing for severability and penalties for violations.

Vice Mayor McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolutions 3003-911, 3004-911 and 3005-911. Council Member Weise seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Vice Mayor McDonald	Aye
Council Member Scott	Aye
Council Member Vierhout	Aye
Mayor Rogers	Aye
Council Member Weise	Aye
Council Member Karlin	Aye

Council Member Buster

Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

4 PROPOSAL FOR NEW MURALS IN THE PIONEER CEMETERY

A proposal from the Ballet Folklorico Nueva Esperanza for the installation of three murals at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Assistant City Manager Rogene Hill reviewed the particulars of this item as more specifically described in the council report. She indicated that staff is recommending costs for this project come out of the funds raised by the Ballet Folklorico's annual fundraising dance. Ms. Hill indicated based on Council's direction tonight, it is expected that unveiling of the mural will be in October of 2011.

Mayor Rogers asked why it was decided to go with an Aztec theme. Ms. Hill replied that the artist felt it was important to preserve the landmark and include key elements of the Mexican culture.

Mayor Rogers commented that the wall that is currently blank was intended to be a Veteran's Memorial wall and that is why it is adjacent to the flagpole. Ms. Hill commented that the problem is that the City does not have complete records regarding the Veterans who are buried at the cemetery. Mayor Lopez Rogers indicated whatever the form of a memorial, a recognition of Veterans should be included. Ms. Hill indicated that there have been discussions regarding paving the area surrounding the mural walls which could lend itself to building a memorial in that area. She noted that currently flags are not being flown at the cemetery due to some problem with finding the right size flags for the poles.

Mayor Lopez Rogers asked for an update regarding the event that had been proposed for Día de Los Muertos. Ms. Hill explained that staff reviewed the proposal but there were problems with parking. Staff reached out to the school district in an effort to allow attendees to park at the school. Unfortunately the school has other events planned for the same day which would use up the available parking.

Council Member Vierhout likes the sketches and would like to move forward. He asked if the business complex just north of the cemetery was approached regarding allowing parking for the special event. Ms. Hill indicated that only the school district was contacted.

Vice Mayor McDonald commented that he understands a lot of information is not available regarding the Veterans interned at the cemetery, but some type of recognition of those Veterans should be made. He indicated he was in favor of proceeding with the first mural while the recognition of Veterans is incorporated into the second mural.

Council Member Weise suggested replacing the flagpoles to ensure the flags are appropriately flown.

Vice Mayor McDonald commented that the Folklorico group has done an outstanding job raising money for the cemetery and likes the drawings and appreciates the artist's work, but if the intent has been to incorporate a memorial for Veterans, it should be done now.

Council Member Vierhout suggested that the base where the flagpole stands could be used for the memorial.

Mayor Lopez Rogers thanked the Ballet Folklorico group and the artists for the proposal.

Charlie concluded that the mural on the back of the existing mural will move forward. Council will review proposals for the Veteran's Memorial at the October 3rd meeting.

7 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Vice Mayor McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Weise seconded the motion.

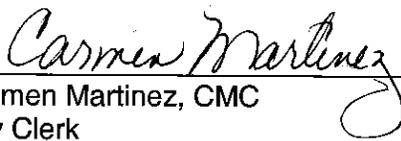
ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Vice Mayor McDonald	Aye
Council Member Scott	Aye
Council Member Vierhout	Aye
Mayor Rogers	Aye
Council Member Weise	Aye
Council Member Karlin	Aye
Council Member Buster	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.


Mayor Lopez Rogers


Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 19th day of September 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.


City Clerk