

Minutes of the Work Session held September 6, 2011 at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lopez Rogers and Council Members

Jim McDonald, Vice Mayor
Stephanie Karlin
Frank Scott
Charles Vierhout
Ken Weise

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Jim Buster

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie McClendon, City Manager
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager
Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager
Gina Montes, Director, Neighborhood and Family Services
Stephen Erno, Code Compliance Manager
Chris Lopez, Youth Services Coordinator
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1) ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2) YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE

An update regarding youth programs and services developed by the Neighborhood and Family Services Department, Youth Services Division.

Gina Montes, Director of Neighborhood and Family Services, introduced Stephen Erno, the City's new Code Compliance Manager.

Chris Lopez said the Youth Services Division was created to help young people meet the challenges of adulthood by providing mentoring and a safe environment. The goal is to help young people achieve their full potential as caring and productive citizens. The division provides programming in four areas. The Avondale Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC), allows young people to engage in service learning, leadership development, and civic engagement activities. The Next Step Summer Teen Employment Program provides local teens from low income families with opportunities to develop work readiness skills. Qualifying youth also get tuition assistance. The program is funded by Community Development Block Grant dollars.

Project Real is an after school youth development program funded by the Gila River Indian Community. It is offered at La Joya High School during the school year and the Boys and Girls Club during the summer. There is also a pending grant application, which if awarded, would help establish a partnership with the Phoenix Conservatory of Music. The grant would also be used to expand Project Real into Westview and Agua Fria High Schools.

Mr. Lopez stated that the Youth Services Division also provides service learning projects. Each year AYAC organizes and manages the project and generates volunteers. About 70 teens participate each year. In recent years the program was involved in projects at Estrella Mountain Regional Park and Tres Rios Wetlands. AYAC also participates in the

Holiday School Spirit Food Drive, raising awareness of the event and challenging students to join in the effort. Last year the drive set a new record, generating 18,200 pounds of food donations. Youth Services also provides leadership development opportunities by sponsoring and promoting events like the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona State Youth Leadership Day, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. This year student leaders will also participate in the National League of Cities' Congress of Cities.

Mr. Lopez stated that Kids at Hope functions as a foundation for the way the City works with youth. In the past year, training was provided to 74 adults. Two additional school districts, Avondale and Littleton were encouraged to adopt Kids at Hope. Now nearly every child in Avondale can experience Kids at Hope. The Avondale Treasure Hunter Council is working to grow and raise awareness. Participants in the Council include school administrators, faith-based leaders, non-profit leaders, youth and City staff.

iSync is an early release Wednesday program designed to address the need for services, especially in Old Town Avondale. Activities are offered from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the library, and in the park. A new program is being developed with the Phoenix Conservatory of Music, and this was made possible by the Contributions Assistance Funding provided by the City of Avondale. The Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department received a grant to work with Arizona Theater Works. AYAC was recently accepted as an official certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. They work to raise awareness about the program, renew and verify volunteer service by local youths, and nominate and distribute volunteerism awards.

In the last fiscal year, Youth Services has provided services to 1,730 youth. Over 500 hours of youth volunteerism were provided, and over 500 emergency baby boxes were given to families in need. The General Fund provides funding for one full-time Youth Development Coordinator, as well as \$4,200 to support the activities of AYAC, and \$4,500 to support Kids at Hope training. The Division has been able to provide training at no cost to the City so far, by employing existing grants. The Division has been highly effective in generating grant funds, with over \$295,000 secured in the last year.

Mr. Lopez said Neighborhood and Family Services has been tasked with evaluating the need for a teen center in Avondale. AYAC has solicited youth input on the potential project location, design, and programming. The next steps are to develop estimates for initial costs, capital costs, staffing and other ongoing costs.

Mr. Lopez introduced Avondale Youth Advisory Commission members Victoria Ojeda, Gustavo Rodriguez, and Luis Pulido to continue with the presentation. Ms. Ojeda reported that as part of the teen center visioning, the AYAC conducted a survey to evaluate the need for a teen center, determine likely modes of transportation, explore optimal locations, and prioritize programming needs and interests. Mr. Pulido reported on the findings of the survey indicated 85 Avondale teens participated in the survey. Eighty-eight percent reported they need a teen center. Seventeen percent said they would likely walk to the facility; 8% would bike; 25% would drive; 4% would take the bus; and 54% said they would be dropped off. As for a possible location, 32% said they supported a northern location; 29% preferred a central location; 27% chose Old Town Avondale; and 12% had another location in mind. A gym and fitness program was supported by 82% of respondents; 65%

supported a café and social programs; 54% wanted programs involving art, music and theater; and 49% requested tutoring services.

AYAC member Gustavo Rodriguez said that in February 2011 the AYAC partnered with ASU to host a Teen Center Charrette to help create a vision for the City's future facilities and services for youth and teens. The students conducted site analyses around the city. Forty Avondale teens participated in the event. Their input reinforced the survey findings and the group recommended a gymnasium that could offer room for dances and other events; a multi-purpose meeting room that could offer tutoring, education, and job training; a theater, music, and visual arts space; a café/social area combined with a computer lab that offers media arts; and study and research resources.

Mr. Rodriguez reported that AYAC recommends continuing the visioning and planning for a center that is specifically designed to support the needs and interests of local teens. They also recommend researching funding and partnership opportunities and touring other youth teen centers in the Valley for ideas.

Council Member Weise agreed that it would be beneficial to tour other teen centers around the Valley. He said Brookline, Massachusetts had a significant problem with teen alcohol and drug use stemming from the lack of available activities after school. A citizen there donated a building and some land, and the City was able to generate \$3 million in additional donations to rehabilitate it. Teens were able to get hands-on training in the architectural process and contributed their design ideas. As Avondale moves forward, the community should consider whether to build something from scratch, or to rehabilitate an existing building for a teen center.

Council Member Karlin congratulated AYAC for securing the President's certification on volunteerism. The youth center in Taos, New Mexico has an impressive range of offerings, including a skateboard park and questioned why such an amenity did not make the list, especially considering that Avondale teens have requested it in the past. Mr. Lopez responded that there were some requests for a skateboard park, but the presentation focused on the top five most requested amenities. Council Member Karlin said transportation should be a prime consideration when it comes to determining a suitable location for a teen center.

Vice Mayor McDonald said kids who have opportunities to engage in meaningful activities don't get into trouble. The teens he has met have been very active, driven, and know what they want to do. If they are given opportunities, they will pursue them. Council Member Vierhout thanked the presenters for sharing their vision for the community's youth.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said Mr. Lopez has taken the program to a new level. Kids at Hope lets teens know that Avondale believes that all kids can succeed. She thanked participants for their hard work and vision.

3) **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, Vice Mayor McDonald moved to adjourn the work session. Council Member Weise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

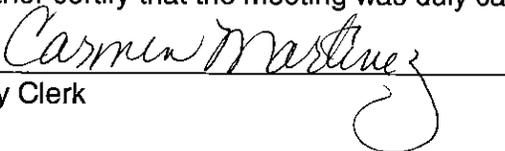
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk


Mayor Lopez Rogers

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 6th day of September 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.


Carmen Martinez
City Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lopez Rogers and Council Members

Jim McDonald, Vice Mayor
Stephanie Karlin
Frank Scott
Charles Vierhout
Ken Weise

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Jim Buster

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie McClendon, City Manager
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager
Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager
Sammi Curless, Economic Development Specialist
Kevin Artz, Finance and Budget Director
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 August 1, 2011
2. Regular Meeting of August 1, 2011
3. Regular Meeting of August 8, 2011

b. LIQUOR LICENSE SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) - LA BONA PASTA

A request from Ms Maria Iribe De Rivera for a Series 12 Restaurant License to sell all spirituous liquors at La Bona Pasta located at 13321 W Indian School Road in Avondale.

c. LIQUOR LICENSE SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) - RAUL'S ORIGINAL MEXICAN AND AMERICAN FOOD

A request from Ms. Haydee Amada Sainz for a Series 12 Restaurant License to sell all spirituous liquors at Raul's Original Mexican and American Food located at 1109 N Dysart Road in Avondale.

d. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – RACEWAY ELKS - OCTOBERFEST CHARITABLE FUNDRAISER

A request from Mr. Gary Bruce on behalf of Raceway Elks #2852 for a special event liquor license for an Octoberfest Charitable Fundraiser event to be held on October 1,

2011 from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple located at 1015 N 8th Street in Avondale.

e. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE - SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY NETWORK

A request from Mr. Michael Harrell on behalf of Southwest Community Network for a special event liquor license to be used in conjunction with a family gathering and fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Festival Fields.

f. LIQUOR LICENSE PERMANENT EXTENSION OF PREMISES - SCREWBALLS WINGSPIZZA- N-THINGS

A request from Mr. Tracy Custar for a permanent extension of premises for his Series 12 restaurant license to sell all spirituous liquors at Screwballs Wings-Pizza-N-Things located at 965 East Van Buren Street, Suites 124 and 125 in Avondale.

g. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT - GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO.

A request to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company to purchase tires, tubes and related materials for a total amount not to exceed \$190,000 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - KRML-KRN 2 "DI" 4, L.L.C.

A request to approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Avondale and KRML-KRN 2 "DI" 4, L.L.C. for the operation of the food concession at the Civic Center Library and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the applicable contract documents.

i. AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT - ARIZONA COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION

A request to approve the First Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA) to receive up to \$106,000 in direct utility assistance for eligible residents who need assistance with their APS or SRP bills or from the Home Energy Assistance Fund and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

j. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT - FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

A request to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Felix Construction Company for testing the pipes on the Avondale Blvd. Bridge in the amount of \$53,906.58 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

k. THIRD AMENDMENT TO SOFTWARE SUPPORT AGREEMENT - INFOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS (MICHIGAN), INC.

A request to approve the third amendment to the software support agreement with Infor Global Solutions (Michigan), Inc., to perform an Enterprise Asset Management software upgrade, testing, and issue resolution and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

l. MATERIALS PURCHASE AGREEMENT - WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC. DBA BROWN WHOLESALE ELECTRIC

A request to approve a Materials Purchase Agreement with Wesco Distribution, Inc. dba Brown Wholesale Electric to purchase streetlight supplies and equipment, and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

m. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - PRECISE SIGN, INC.- CITY CENTER MULTITENANT SIGN AND MARQUEE

A request to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Precise Sign, Inc. for the design and construction of the City Center Multi-Tenant Sign and Marquee in the amount of \$84,134.32 and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

n. REPLAT – WEST VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL (PL-11-0100)

A request for approval of a Replat of Lot 4 of Avondale Commerce Center for West Valley Charter School. The replat subdivides Lot 4 into two lots, re-numbers Lot 4 to Lot 3A and Lot 3B, and dedicates sidewalk easements to the public.

o. FINAL PLAT FOR AVONDALE CITY CENTER PHASE 2

A request from staff for approval of the final plat for Avondale City Center Phase 2.

p. RESOLUTION 3001-911 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TOLLESON FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tolleson for FY11/12 Transit Services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

q. RESOLUTION 3002-911 - SECOND AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE, GOODYEAR AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA

A resolution approving the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Avondale, City of Goodyear, the Town of Buckeye and the State of Arizona acting by and through the Department of Economic Security to provide integrated services to children and families at the Southwest Family Advocacy Center and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

r. RESOLUTION 2999-911 - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

A resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the Arizona Public Safety Procurement program and the City of Avondale which authorizes the Avondale Police Department to participate in the Department of Defense 1033 program and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

s. RESOLUTION 3000-911 – FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND MARICOPA COUNTY

A resolution authorizing the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation and Maricopa County for the 115th Avenue Bridge over the Gila River at Phoenix International Raceway and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

t. ORDINANCE 1467-911 - ANNEXATION OF REMNANT PORTIONS OF PARCELS IN SOUTH AVONDALE

An ordinance authorizing the annexation of various remnant portions of parcels in South Avondale in order to close the gaps and facilitate future development of the area.

Vice Mayor McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolutions 2999-911, 3000-911, 3001-911, 3002-911, Ordinance 1467-911. 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	Excused

Motion carried 6-0.

4 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS AND RENAMING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Review of proposed revisions to the bylaws and renaming of the Environmental Affairs Commission.

Charlie McClendon introduced City Clerk Carmen Martinez to present this item. Ms Martinez reviewed the specifics of this item as more particularly described in the council report. At the conclusion of her presentation, she introduced EAC members Joe Rudder, Joe Mosca, Gena Byrd, Sandra Nielsen, Gustavo Rodriguez who were in attendance.

Mayor Lopez Rogers welcomed and thanked the members for being in attendance.

Council Member Karlin also thanked the members in attendance and expressed support for the renaming of the Commission. She asked for examples of projects the Commission has worked on. Sammi Curless indicated that on an annual basis the Commission prepares a set of goals which are categorized into first, second and third priorities. She indicated that as part of the first priority goals, the Commission works with various department to promote and educate residents regarding recycling, water conservation, energy efficiency and conservation rebate programs, among others. She indicated the Commission is busy and there is always opportunity for members to give feedback on various issues.

Council Member Karlin thanked Sammi Curless for the guidance she has provided the Commission.

Vice Mayor McDonald commented he understands the need to reduce the size of the Commission and asked the City Attorney if it would be possible to change the bylaws to allow flexibility regarding what constitutes a quorum. City Attorney Andrew McGuire commented that as a public body the Commission needs to comply with the Open Meeting

Law. Vice Mayor McDonald commented it is important to always encourage and allow participation from citizens and youth members.

Council Member Weise asked if staff has considered the possibility of holding meetings at a different location in order to encourage participation. Ms Martinez commented that in years past Council would hold meetings at offsite locations and unfortunately participation by the public did not increase.

Mayor Lopez Rogers commented that personal invitation is the most effective way to recruit residents for the city's boards, commissions and committees and encouraged Council Member to do so.

Mayor Lopez Rogers indicated she had a speaker cards submitted by Sandi Nielsen indicating support for approval for this item. She thanked Commission members for their involvement and contributions to the City.

5 US GOVERNMENT SECURITIES INVESTMENT UPDATE

An update regarding the City's investment program for Fiscal Year 2010- 2011.

City Manager introduced Kevin Artz, Finance and Budget Director to present this item.

Finance and Budget Director Kevin Artz commented that in 2010 Council authorized staff to transfer \$30 million from the local government investment pool to US Government securities which produced a higher yield and the City was able to increase dividend income by a little over \$400,000. Mr. Artz indicated that in spite of the recent downgrade in the government's credit rating, staff believes it is still safe to continue investing in this type of securities.

Vice Mayor McDonald asked if there any rules that determined what the credit rating needs to be in order to invest. Mr. Artz replied that the City is in conformance with the investment policy as it does not specify a credit rating. Vice Mayor McDonald commented he is in favor of putting more money into government securities.

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. An executive session pursuant to ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 38-431.03 (A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the City Attorney regarding (i) the SLT Expressway litigation, (ii) threatened litigation from DH Ventures and (iii) threatened litigation related to a personnel matter.

Vice Mayor McDonald moved to adjourn to executive session; 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	Excused

Motion carried 6-0.

7 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Mayor Lopez Rogers



Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

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