

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lopez Rogers and Council Members

Stephanie Karlin, Vice Mayor
Jim Buster
Jim McDonald
Charles Vierhout
Ken Weise

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Frank Scott

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie McClendon, City Manager
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager
Rogene E. Hill, Assistant City Manager
Kristen Sexton, Transit Coordinator
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

(Limit three minutes per person. Please state your name.)

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

Regular Meeting of May 7, 2012

b. REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGES PRO TEMPORE AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW JUDGES PRO TEMPORE

A request to reappoint five judges pro tempore and appoint three new judges to one year terms expiring on June 1, 2013.

c. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT - JOSEPH PAINTING COMPANY, INC.

A request to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Joseph Painting Company, Inc. for sewer manhole rehabilitation and other maintenance projects for a maximum of \$500,000.00 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD - CRUSH CONSTRUCTION LLC - THOMAS RD WATERLINE

A request to award a construction contract to Crush Construction LLC for construction of the Thomas Rd waterline in the amount of \$479,658.00 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 3041-512 - THIRD AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

A resolution authorizing the third amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health relating to the childhood immunization program extending the term of the agreement to February 28, 2013 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 3044-512 - GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FIRST THINGS FIRST SOUTHWEST MARICOPA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

A resolution approving a grant agreement with the First Things First Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council to receive \$175,000 for services to be provided to families with children younger than age five, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 3045-512 - MUTUAL AID COMPACT

A resolution approving the Mutual Aid Compact with the State of Arizona which defines the terms and procedures for executing mutual aid in times of emergencies and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. ORDINANCE 1494-512 - LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNEXATION

An ordinance authorizing the annexation of APN 500-30-0231 owned by the Littleton Elementary School District and located south of the southwest corner of Avondale Boulevard and Buckeye Road.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolutions 3041-512, 3044-512 and 3045-512 and Ordinance 1494-512. Council Member Weise seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member Vierhout	Aye
Council Member Scott	Absent/Excused
Council Member Weise	Aye
Mayor Lopez Rogers	Aye
Vice Mayor Karlin	Aye
Council Member McDonald	Aye
Council Member Buster	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

4 UPDATE ON THE ZOOM NEIGHBORHOOD CIRCULATOR

An update on the success of the Zoom Neighborhood Circulator and the upcoming changes that will be made to enhance the service.

City Manager Charlie McClendon indicated that the Zoom Neighborhood Circulator has been in operation for almost a year and the use has been beyond expectations. The service is being expanded in July. He introduced Kristen Sexton, Transit Coordinator to update the Council regarding this item.

Ms Sexton reviewed the particulars of this item as more specifically described in the council report.

Council Member Weise commented that the service is affordable and the route has been modified based on feedback. He suggested that at some point a stop at Banner Estrella should be considered. Ms Sexton indicated that the option has not been considered, but a survey could be to determine need or interest. Phoenix should also be consulted.

Council Member Vierhout asked if there has been a request from ITT schools to add a stop at that location. Ms Sexton commented she has not received such a request.

Mayor Rogers thanked Council Member McDonald for representing the City's interests in the RPTA Board. Council Member McDonald commented on the challenges of ensuring that Avondale's voice is heard on that board. He indicated that the ridership on the Zoom circulator has been beyond anybody's expectations and expressed support for extending the service to Tolleson, adding a stop at the YMCA and Saturday service. He indicated that in time it is going to be necessary to add even more stops especially in the northern part of the city and asked how that will affect service. Ms Sexton said that the best way to do it will be to add another route that will interconnect with the existing route. Council Member McDonald commented that because many riders want to get to Desert Sky Mall to connect with other lines, at some point the city may consider going all the way to Desert Sky Mall. Ms Sexton replied that the option can be considered in a future study.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Karlin, Ms Sexton commented that bus shelters and benches are installed and maintained by a third party at no cost to the city and added that at least five more will be added in the near future.

In response to a question from Mayor Rogers, Ms Sexton indicated that larger ADA vehicles are available for people who require that accommodation. Mayor Rogers asked that staff keep in mind that stops at both Gateway Crossings and Gateway Pavilions may be necessary as McDowell is a wide road to cross on foot.

In response to a question from Council Member Buster, Ms Sexton indicated that the cost is \$4.00 per mile. Avondale and Tolleson will pay for their share of the route and Avondale receives half of it back from the FTA at the end of the year. Charlie McClendon added that there will no additional budget required to pay for the expansion to the route because the region is picking up the cost of line 3 and 17.

Vice Mayor Karlin asked if a formula was used to determine where bus stops were located that took into account where people lived and where they go. Ms Sexton indicated that logic is used and traffic engineering is consulted to make sure that bus stops are located where it is safe and appropriate. Vice Mayor Karlin further commented that community garden users may benefit from a stop at the community garden.

5 RESOLUTION 3043-512 - SETTING FORTH THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET.

A resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2012-2013 tentative budget and establish the City's annual expenditure limitation in the amount of \$159,557,020.

City Manager Charlie McClendon commented that this is the first step in the formal approval process of the budget. He introduced Kevin Artz to review this item and pointing out items that are different from what was previously presented to Council.

Finance and Budget Director reviewed the particulars of this item as more specifically described in the council report.

In response to a question from Council Member McDonald, Kevin Artz indicated that by moving to a new location, the Southwest Valley Advocacy Center will realize a savings of about \$70,000 per year.

Council Member Weise asked if the \$5,000 for the cemetery were above and beyond the money in the trust. Kevin Artz replied that the \$5,000 is part of the trust, and it simply sets it as an allocation so the city can use it.

Council Member Weise indicated that Avondale has learned to live with less and the conservative budget being considered tonight was the right thing to do.

Council Member McDonald moved to adopt Resolution 3043-512 setting forth the fiscal year 2012-2013 tentative budget establishing the City's annual expenditure limitation in the amount of \$159,557,020 and authorizing staff to proceed with the publication of the budget. Council Member Vierhout seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member Vierhout	Aye
Council Member Scott	Absent/Excused
Council Member Weise	Aye
Mayor Lopez Rogers	Aye
Vice Mayor Karlin	Aye
Council Member McDonald	Aye
Council Member Buster	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. An executive session pursuant to (i) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) for discussion or consultation with attorneys for the City regarding bond financing and (ii) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(7) for discussion or consultation with City representatives in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the acquisition of real property.

Council Member Weise moved to adjourn into executive session; Vice Mayor Karlin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member Vierhout	Aye
Council Member Scott	Absent/Excused
Council Member Weise	Aye
Mayor Lopez Rogers	Aye
Vice Mayor Karlin	Aye
Council Member McDonald	Aye
Council Member Buster	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

7 ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business before the Council, Council Member Buster moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Vierhout seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 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 21st day of May 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.

Carmen Martinez

City Clerk