

Minutes of the Work Session held April 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lopez Rogers and Council Members

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

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie McClendon, City Manager
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager
Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager
Sandy Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1) ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2) PENDERGAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION

A presentation about the strengths, successes, opportunities and future plans of the Pendergast Elementary School District and discuss how the City of Avondale can support the District.

Gina Montes, Neighborhood and Family Services Director, introduced Dr. Ron Richards, Superintendent of the 13-school Pendergast ESD. Dr. Richards said in his 38-year career at Pendergast, enrollment has grown from 1,200 students to 10,000. The City's support has been instrumental in that success. Pendergast encompasses portions of Avondale, Phoenix and Glendale, with three schools in Avondale: Garden Lakes, Canyon Breeze, and Rio Vista. All three are labeled A schools. He showed a brief promotional video for the District.

Dr. Richards said every child comes to school with a dream, and it is the role of educators to provide them with the tools necessary to pursue it. The District chose to adopt the Kids at Hope belief system to acknowledge that every child can succeed. Pendergast has maintained its music, art, and physical education programs, when other districts have cut them. Arizona State University and Grand Canyon University partner in staff development efforts. Pendergast also collaborates with Head Start, First Things First, and Maricopa Integrated Health.

Council Member Vierhout inquired about the District's preparations for Common Core. Dr. Richards said Pendergast has been rolling out Common Core for a number of years and is working with the Rodel Foundation to implement it. Two weeks of training are provided for first year teachers, and one additional training session is held every month. Teachers are expected to collaborate with each other. Technology plays a key role in the assessment process. Pendergast is considering upgrading its internet connectivity. The reading program currently does not align with the Common Core because of a lack of available resources to purchase an upgraded program. Pendergast will ask the Board to approve a \$1.2 million acquisition through a lease/purchase process to pay for the expense over a five-year period.

Council Member Vierhout discussed the innovation of using technology to flip classrooms. Gangplank offers a boot camp to teach students about microprocessor programming. Dr. Richards responded that the District is open to these types of partnerships and opportunities.

Council Member Weise asked how the District was able to retain its music and arts programming when others have not. Dr. Richards explained that Pendergast created a successful model early on and has maintained it proportionately as the district has grown and shrunk. Council Member Weise inquired about exemplary teachers. Dr. Richards explained that a number of teachers have been recognized by Rodel. One counselor was named the National Counselor of the Year, and two others were recognized at the state level. Council Member Buster praised Dr. Richards for meeting the challenges of a growing region. He inquired about future District growth. Dr. Richards said there is room for growth in a few places, but there are many more opportunities for collaboration with cities and community partners.

Council Member McDonald said Avondale has learned that partnerships help accomplish more with less money. It is good that Pendergast has been able to maintain art and music in the schools, because different students learn in different ways. Mayor Lopez Rogers said Avondale looks forward to continuing its partnership with Pendergast. The Kids At Hope program is important to the culture of Avondale, and it was Pendergast that brought it to City Council's attention. She noted that the educational summit will be held on May 2.

3) 2013-2014 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

A presentation on the Annual Action Plan required to receive grant funding from HUD. An Executive Summary of the Plan is attached.

Charlie McClendon said HUD requires Avondale to provide an annual Action Plan Update for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funding. Sandy Lopez stated that the Action Plan serves as an update to the five-year Consolidated Plan. FY 2013/14 will be the fourth planning year in the current five-year cycle. The Action Plan helps determine the activities that will be funded by CDBG and HOME. Those activities must adhere to the goals and strategies defined in the Consolidated Plan.

Ms. Lopez said CDBG funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the objective of developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities for low income persons. HOME funding comes through the Maricopa County Home Consortium, and has the objective of expanding the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low income Americans. HOME requires a 25% local match. Funding would be directed to the Historic Avondale, Las Ligas Park, Rio Vista and Cashion neighborhoods.

Ms. Lopez reviewed accomplishments from the past year. Over \$300,000 in CDBG funding went to the Emergency Home Repair Program. In the last three years, 28 projects were completed, and another five should finish by the end of the fiscal year. The Substantial Home Repair Program will have helped repair 15 homes by the end of the fiscal year. Next

STEP, the summer teen employment program, received \$125,000. IDEA Program assisted with post-secondary education by matching the investment students made in their own futures. Approximately \$98,000 in CDBG funds was allocated for small business assistance and revitalization efforts in Historic Avondale. About \$740,000 in CDBG funds were used for eight public infrastructure projects and an additional five are in the planning stage. The Home Buyer Assistance program helped to increase home ownership opportunities.

Ms. Lopez reviewed the results of a community survey demonstrating that tuition assistance was the most popular program at 17%, followed closely by job training, housing rehab, youth and after school programs, public infrastructure, home buyer assistance, economic development, and finally multi-family rental assistance. She presented two strategies for the upcoming fiscal year in light of the uncertainty regarding the level of HUD support this year. The first scenario is to base all allocations on last year's funding levels, while the second scenario assumes a ten percent reduction across the board.

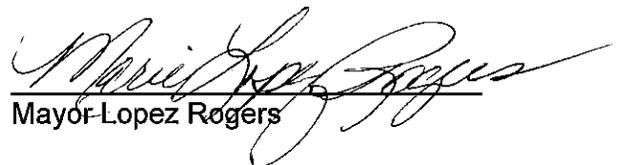
Council Member Buster inquired whether money for road improvements has to be spent within a certain period, or could it be saved up over several years to do something more substantial. Ms. Lopez responded that funds cannot be held indefinitely. The City cannot retain more than one and a half times the previous year's funding level. Council Member Buster asked about tuition assistance. Ms. Lopez explained that it is a match program that falls under the public service cap and is designed to help low to moderate income persons pursue post-secondary education.

Mayor Lopez Rogers said the City must prepare in advance for funding cuts if Congress fails to avoid the worst of the sequestration impacts. She noted that most of these expenditures go towards communities that need help, not to administration. Avondale has managed to accomplish quite a bit despite the small amount of money available, and residents who live in these neighborhoods appreciate that.

4) ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



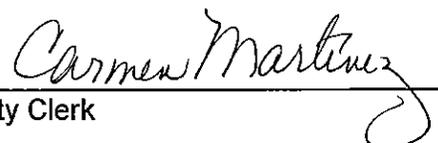
Mayor-Lopez Rogers



Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 1st day of April 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.



City Clerk



Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Mayor Scott and Council Members

Jim Buster
Stephanie Karlin
Jim McDonald
Frank Scott
Charles Vierhout
Ken Weise

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mayor Rogers

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie McClendon, City Manager
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager
Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager
Stephanie Small, Social Services Manager
Charles Andrews, City Engineer
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 address the Council.

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. Special Meeting of March 4, 2013
2. Work Session of March 18, 2013
3. Regular Meeting of March 18, 2013

b. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE - CINCO DE MAYO SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

City Council will consider a request from Mr. Adam Joseph Maldonado on behalf of Taking the Good Out of People for a special event liquor license to be used in conjunction with a softball tournament scheduled for May 4th and 5th at Festival Fields located at 101 E Lower Buckeye in Avondale. The Council will take appropriate action.

c. LIQUOR LICENSE TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PREMISES - HILTON GARDEN INN

City Council will consider a request from Mary Lambert for a temporary extension of premises of a Series 11 Hotel/Motel Liquor License at the Hilton Garden Inn located 11460 W. Hilton Way in Avondale to be used in conjunction with the City's Out and About event on Friday, May 3rd from 6 to 9 pm. The Council will take appropriate action.

- d. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT - FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**
City Council will consider a request to approve a contract with Felix Construction Company for valve repair/replacement and construction services for Rigby Water System and Thomas Road in the amount of \$126,323.44 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- e. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - CONSULTANT REGISTERED SURVEYING, INC.**
City Council will consider a request to approve a Professional Service Agreement with Consultant Registered Surveying, Inc. to provide topographical surveying services and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Council will take appropriate action.
- f. CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT - URBAN YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
City Council will consider a request to approve a contractor agreement with the Urban Youth Athletic Association, Inc d/b/a RBI to establish jointly-sponsored athletic programs with the City of Avondale through the Parks, Recreation, and Libraries Department and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the applicable contract documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- g. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – WOOD, PATEL & ASSOCIATES, INC.**
City Council will consider a request to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Wood, Patel & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering design services for the Central Avenue Improvement project in the amount of \$147,500.00, authorize the transfer of \$147,500.00 from 304-1267-00-8420 to 304-1178-00-8420 and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Council will take appropriate action.
- h. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - LOGAN SIMPSON**
City Council will consider a request to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Logan Simpson Design, Inc. to provide a schematic design services for the Friendship Park renovation project in the amount of not to exceed \$71,811 over a contract term of one (1) year and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- i. FIRST AMENDMENT - LANDSCAPE SERVICES CONTRACT - ISS GROUNDS CONTROL**
City Council will consider a request to approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with ISS Grounds Control Inc. to provide additional landscaping services and sports field maintenance for city facilities, parks, medians and easements in the amount not to exceed \$250,008 annually and a total contract increase in the amount of \$1,250,040 over a contract term of five (5) years and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

j. NOTICE OF INTENT - DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT - GUN BO, LLC.

City Council will consider a notice of intent to enter into a development tax incentive agreement with GUN BO, LLC. for future construction of a family entertainment center by Main Event Entertainment, LP. and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Council will take appropriate action.

k. CONTRACT TO PURCHASE - CENTERLINE SUPPLY WEST, INC.

City Council will consider a contract with CenterLine Supply West, Inc. for the purchase of a thermoplastic pre-melter trailer, authorize the transfer of \$64,000 from 201-5925-00-6790 to 201-5925-00-8630 and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Council will take appropriate action.

l. RESOLUTION 3098-413 - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Council will adopt Resolution 3098-413 for grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to the Avondale Police Department for \$43,810 for e-citation equipment and a speed trailer and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

Council Member Weise moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolution 3098-413. Council Member Vierhout seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

4 CONTRIBUTIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

City Council will consider a request to approve the timeline for the Contributions Assistance Program, appoint a Council Subcommittee to review and recommend funding, approve a staff committee to review applications for eligibility, and approve the eligibility criteria. The Council will take appropriate action.

City Manager Charlie McClendon indicated that it is time for council to review the criteria for the contributions assistance program and appoint a council subcommittee to review the applications and make recommendations for funding.

Stephanie Small, Social Services Manager, reviewed the particulars of this as more specifically described in the council report.

In response to a question from Council Member McDonald, Charlie McClendon indicated that funding for this program prior to the recession was \$80,000 and is currently \$50,000. He further indicated that if the council desired to increase funding to previous levels, council can give direction to staff during the budget work session on April 15th.

Vice Mayor Scott expressed interest in serving another term as a subcommittee member. Council Member McDonald and Weise expressed interest as well.

Council Member Weise moved to approve the contributions assistance program timeline and the appointment of Vice Mayor Scott and Council Members McDonald and Weise to the subcommittee as discussed. Council Member Karlin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

5 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD - CACTUS ASPHALT

City Council will consider a request to approve a construction contract with Cactus Asphalt, a Division of Cactus Transport to provide construction services for the Paving Improvement Plan - Rancho Santa Fe from Dysart Road to McDowell Road project in the amount of \$437,824.24, authorize the transfer of \$45,000.00 from 304-1267-00-8420 to 304-1290-00-8420, and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

Charlie McClendon introduced Charles Andrews to present this item. Charles Andrews indicated this project will be done in two phases to accommodate the differences in the conditions of the asphalt and to minimize disruption to businesses and residents. The first phase will be along Rancho Santa Fe from Dysart to Walmart. He explained the asphalt in that area is failing and will be removed along with an additional three inches of aggregate base and will be replaced with six inches of asphalt. This will provide the strength that is needed for the high volume on that street.

He explained the second phase will be from the Walmart driveway to McDowell and will take place immediately upon completion of the first phase. The condition of the pavement in this area is better and will be done quickly.

Mr. Andrews indicated that Rancho Santa Fe Blvd. from Dysart to Walmart will be closed for approximately 32 hours and will start on a Sunday evening around 9 pm; the roadway will reopen on a Tuesday morning around 5 am. Phase 2 will begin immediately after and will

be done one side of the street at a time so as not to completely close the street. Phase 2 will take no more than 28 days. Staff has been in contact with business owners since November and together they have determined that April-May will be the best time for construction. Staff will work closely with the business owners to ensure that ample notification is given to customers and to ensure that signage is appropriate. A list of trucking companies who make routine deliveries to the area has been compiled and will be used to give ample notice of closures and lane restrictions as necessary. After a public bidding process, Cactus Asphalt has been selected to do the work.

Council Member Weise pointed out that there is a church on Rancho Santa Fe and suggested they be contacted as well to ensure they are aware of the closures/restrictions.

Council Member McDonald moved to award a construction contract to Cactus Asphalt to provide construction services for the Paving Improvement Plan - Rancho Santa Fe from Dysart Road to McDowell Road project in the amount of \$437,824.24, authorize the transfer of \$45,000.00 from 304-1267-00-8420 to 304-1290-00-8420. Council Member Weise seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. An executive session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion regarding the City Manager's annual evaluation.

Council Member Weise moved to adjourn to executive session. Vice Mayor Scott seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Buster moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Vierhout seconded the motion. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Mayor Lopez-Rogers



Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

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