

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lopez Rogers and Council Members

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

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie McClendon, City Manager
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager
Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager
Pier Simeri, Director, Community Relations
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Linda Mendenhall, Records Administrator

1 ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

Linda Mendenhall, Records Administrator, read a statement of participation regarding public appearances.

2 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Pier Simeri, Community Relations Director introduced Sandy Lopez as the new Executive Management Assistant for the Mayor and Council Office. Ms. Simeri stated that Ms. Lopez most recently worked for Gina Montes, Director of Neighborhood and Family Services, where she worked on CDBG, housing and home programs and has come before the Council on many occasions for those initiatives. Ms. Simeri expressed her gratitude to the Mayor and Council for their vision of the "growth from within" initiative to support staff that show talent and promise move forward.

Sandy Lopez, Executive Management Assistant addressed the Council expressing her appreciation for this new opportunity and is looking forward to working with the Mayor and City Council. She indicated that she will be setting up individual meetings with the Mayor and Council to get to know one another and for her to see how she can best help them. She closed in saying that she is excited about this opportunity.

3 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no unscheduled public appearances.

4 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**

Budget Meeting of December 9, 2013

b. **FOURTH AMENDMENT TO SOFTWARE SERVICES AGREEMENT – INFOR (US), INC. FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE**

A request to approve the fourth amendment to the Software Services Agreement with Infor (US), Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$30,000, to upgrade the Public Works Department's asset management and maintenance software and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. **PURCHASE AGREEMENT – REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 305 E. HILL DRIVE**

A purchase agreement for the acquisition of 305 E. Hill Drive (APN 500-17-081) and authorize the Mayor or City Manager or City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member Weise moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

5 RESOLUTION 3158-114 – ADOPTION OF COUNCIL GOALS FY2014/15

Charlie McClendon, City Manager reviewed the Council Goals for FY2014/15 discussed at the December 9, 2013 goal setting session. He stated that the goals focused on the areas that were important to the Council as leaders of the community;

- *Community Development*
- *Economic Development* - including continuing with our emphasis in the medical and technology corridor, youth and amateur sports and manufacturing the City Center.
- *Community Involvement* - continuing to have activities where residents of our community can be involved in their local government through "City Hall Comes to You", completion of the branding project and other initiatives.
- *Promote from Within Practices* - promote internally where it is feasible to do so in an effort to keep staff in the City that are doing an excellent job.
- *Environmental Leadership* - finishing and implementing the City's sustainability plan.
- *Financial Stability* – financial stability which is always at the heart of Council's discussions; how to maintain our solid financial standing.
- *Transportation Management* - street maintenance and replacement, and taking steps to address neighborhood traffic issues,

- *Quality of Life* - developing plans to reach alternatives for completing and finishing Festival Fields. Working with Phoenix International Raceway on their 50th Anniversary celebration. Exploring possibilities with the Avondale Youth Commission to create potential youth activities centers at some of the retail areas and etc.
- *Public Safety* - which is a priority for City Council; taking steps to reduce crime and making sure that our residents feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods.

Mr. McClendon concluded, the goal statements have been developed, Council has had the opportunity to review them and the next step is for Council to adopt the Resolution adopting the goals. He indicates that once adopted, the goals will serve as the framework for staff to prepare the budget for fiscal year 2014/15.

Council Member Weise stated that he has been a part of the goal setting for 7 years and has been on the Council for 8 years. He noted that during financial stress the decisions are made for you and that you don't have a lot of say or input. He felt this was the first time in quite a while the Council was able to reach beyond the past and put some vision in the goals. Council Member Weise also thanked Council Member Karlin for her project ideas and Council Member Vierhout for his vision in future technology. He expressed his excitement in going forward and seeing how we accomplish these goals.

Mayor Rogers agreed that many budget meetings in the past Council was not able to do the things they wanted. She indicated that Council made good selections for the goals and is excited about this coming year and the future. Mayor Rogers thanked Mr. McClendon and staff for following the goals that were established.

Council Member Weise moved to approve Resolution 3158-114, Adoption of Council Goals for FY2014/15. 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 passed unanimously.

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. An executive session pursuant to (i) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the City's Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the City's Attorney regarding potential litigation with respect to tax matters, and (ii) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion regarding the City Manager's evaluation.

Council Member McDonald moved to adjourn the regular meeting into executive session; 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

7 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Buster moved to adjourn the meeting; Council member Vierhout seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.


Marie Lopez Rogers


Linda Mendenhall
Records Administrator

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 6th day of January. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.


Linda Mendenhall
Records Administrator