



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS . 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE . AVONDALE, AZ 85323

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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**April 13, 2015**  
**6:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR**

**1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK**

**2 PROPOSED FY 2015-16 ANNUAL BUDGET**

The City Manager and staff will present the proposed budget plan for the 2015-2016 fiscal year which totals \$169,644,780 prior to requested adjustments. For information, discussion and direction.

**3 ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Martinez  
City Clerk

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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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**SUBJECT:**

Proposed FY 2015-16 Annual Budget

**MEETING DATE:**

4/13/2015

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**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Abbe Yacoben, Finance & Budget Director ext. 2011

**THROUGH:** David Fitzhugh, City Manager

**PURPOSE:**

The City Manager and staff will present the City Manager recommended budget plan for fiscal year 2015-2016, which totals \$169,644,780.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Avondale City Charter requires that the City Manager present a recommended budget estimate to the Mayor and Council on or before June 1st for the upcoming year. The estimate must include all estimated revenues and expenditures.

**DISCUSSION:**

The combined base operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 totals \$169,644,780 which includes \$82,432,670 in operating costs, \$63,831,280 in capital projects, \$11,444,550 in debt service costs and \$11,936,280 contingency. Total revenues anticipated for fiscal year 2015-2016 are \$170,667,820. Fund balances will be utilized for one-time expenditures, carryover requests and capital projects. As we have done in past years, revenues and expenditures are analyzed to match stable, recurring revenue sources with on-going expenditures. For the new year, on-going revenues are projected to exceed the on-going base budget which has allowed this proposal to include supplemental requests to continue restoration of or improvements to services and to provide compensation plan adjustments for City Employees.

Supplemental requests for all funds total \$4,078,490 of which \$2,085,830 are onetime requests. The ongoing portion of the supplemental requests totals \$1,992,660 which includes a three and a half percent (3.50%) compensation adjustment for non-represented employees. Compensation adjustments for represented employees in the Police (5%) and Fire Departments (5.5%) are included in the departments' base budget due to the existence of Council approved agreements.

The capital improvement plan (CIP) was reviewed and discussed with the Capital Improvement Plan Citizens' Committee on February 24th and 25th of 2015. The committee meeting minutes are attached to this report. The CIP included in the City Manager's proposed budget includes the Council's recommendations for the one-time capital fund projects. The first year of the CIP will be appropriated with the annual operating budget.

The following list shows the timeline for all actions required for formal adoption of the City's annual budget:

April 13th – Council budget work session

April 20th – Council budget work session

May 18th - Adopt tentative budget

June 2nd - Publication of Budget and tax notice

June 9th - Publication of Budget and Tax notice

June 15th - Public hearing and adoption of final budget

July 6th - Adopt Property tax levy

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for discussion only.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

[CIP Citizens' Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

[FY 15-16 Proposed Annual Budget](#)

# Capital Improvement Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

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Meeting began at 6:04 p.m...

**Members Present:**

Lisa Amos	Richard Childress	Yvette Long
Betty Lynch	Dan Rauscher	Bradley Ruggles
Sean Scibienski	Edward Striffler	

**Members Absent:**

Martina Torres

**Staff Present:**

Paul Adams	Kevin Artz	Dale Nannenga
Cindy Blackmore	Mike Smith	Tracy Stevens
Tom Struve	Abbe Yacoben	Dave Vaca

Kevin Artz welcomed the committee. He stated that there were enough members present at the meeting for a quorum. With a quorum a formal recommendation could be given to Council. He suggested members elect a chairperson for the committee. Betty Lynch volunteered and a motion was accepted. Members and staff then introduced themselves.

Kevin mentioned that the Indian School – Dysart to 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue project was the result of committee member bringing a traffic concern to the attention of staff. He stated that this was the type of input needed from the group.

Member Striffler asked what the reason was for the committee. He asked if it was to ask for projects or review projects. Kevin said that both were critical. Member Striffler then asked what were the Council priorities and if staff would share those goals. Kevin said that staff would make them available to the committee.

Abbe Yacoben began reviewing the development process of the CIP and how revenues are generated. She explained that development fees were based on growth estimates in the General Plan.

Police Chief Dale Nannenga began review Police projects. He stated the mobile command vehicle would provide a field office for emergencies and events. He then explained that the property evidence room would be necessary due to changes in evidence storage requirements.

Member Striffler asked if grant funds were available for the command vehicle. Chief Nannenga explained that those types of grants are now rare. Member Striffler then inquired if the property evidence room could be a joint project with a neighboring city. Chief said it would be a complex situation with multiple agencies sharing space that could lead to tampered evidence.

Member Lynch asked if Police could afford to wait for a building and how much land would be required. Chief said a new position would have the ability to dispose of evidence no longer needed and that would provide space. He also said there was land in Historic Avondale, at the 107<sup>th</sup> Public Safety site and behind the main station at City Hall.

Member Childress asked if the department was gaining space by selling guns. Chief said that yes we were gaining some space.

Member Scibienski asked if the department could use existing shooting ranges. Chief said at this time the Surprise range was a better option and was being used at no charge.

Member Ruggles wanted to know if the fire arrangement with Glendale could be extended to Police. Chief Adams said that our investment was only on the Fire side of the facility but that it was possible for a future discussion. Chief Nannenga said it would have to be negotiated.

Member Amos asked what ranges Tolleson and Goodyear use and if maybe a combined facility would work. Chief said he would ask in the parties were interested.

Fire Chief Adams began discussing upcoming projects. Member Striffler asked if other needs of the department were being met. Chief replied yes and that the vehicle replacement program was an example of how the City is being proactive to meet those needs.

A review of the Parks fund was scheduled next but Chris Reams was delayed by another engagement. Member Lynch said the review could be delayed until later in the meeting.

Tracy Stevens and Tom Struve then reviewed Street projects. Tom explained that street maintenance and overlay projects were required to extend the life of existing pavement. He distributed a handout with a detailed map and planned maintenance activity over the next five years.

Member Lynch inquired if Indian School – 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue to El Mirage was going to be striped. Tom replied that it was scheduled to be done in April.

Member Scibienski asked why Thomas – 103<sup>rd</sup> to 99<sup>th</sup> was moved up. Tracy said the project may now move back out due to development being delayed. Tom added that the City could micro overlay the street in the interim. Member Scibienski then asked if the

99<sup>th</sup> Avenue irrigation undergrounding was moving forward. Tracy informed the group that it was still on schedule.

Member Rauscher asked if there was a striping maintenance schedule. Tom said there was and with current funding there was a 3.1 year timeline or as needed. Member Ruggles asked if the plan was working now. Tom said it was but it can be complex with paint versus plastic striping. Plastic he said has a longer life cycle.

Member Striffler asked if the McDowell – Bridge to 119<sup>th</sup> project would include sidewalks. Tracy replied that it would. Member Lynch asked if the drainage issue would be addressed. Tracy said yes it would.

Member Striffler inquired if the street projects were the result of a master plan. Member Sciebienski asked if the plan meshed with the sewer and water projects. Tracy replied that there was a master plan but sometimes development occurs before anticipated and the plan has to be adjusted.

Member Striffler asked if the funds for the Avondale – McDowell to Thomas could be used for Tom's maintenance projects. Tracy informed the committee that a developer was looking at the area. Dave Vaca mentioned that the Avondale project would be funded by development fees and therefore could not be used for the maintenance program.

Cindy Blackmore reviewed the Sewer projects. She mentioned that the Central Avenue project would bring an aging sewer line up to standard. She stated the South Avondale / PIR sewer line and lift station was complete. Cindy added that the master plan was required to address future needs.

Member Sciebienski asked about the cost of sewer infrastructure in the area of Litchfield Road and Lower Buckeye. Charles said he would look into the request and provide information to be passed on to the committee.

Abbe Yacoben gave a review of the One-Time projects. Dave Vaca explained that the projects would compete for general fund dollars to cover the City share portion.

Member Lynch said she had received a call from the owner of TJ's Restaurant concerning a power pole placement for the Dysart Road project. Tracy Stevens said she would have the project manager look at the temporary location of the pole to see if it conflicted with TJ's delivery door.

Member Striffler inquired about the description for the Western Avenue Drainage project and if it could be more specific as to what the scope of work is. Tracy said she would have staff revise. Member Sciebienski said businesses would not be impacted by drainage issues, with past storm water events as evidence.

Member Amos asked if the Traffic Calming on Garden Lakes was identified by the City or the residents. Tracy said the City had initiated the project due to the width of the

existing pavement. The project she said would provide a safer path for bikes and pedestrians. Member Scibienski asked if staff had contacted the Garden Lakes HOA about sharing the cost. Tracy replied the City had not but would inquire.

Member Scibienski asked if the budget for the Historic Avondale Arch was solid. Tracy informed the group that there were no longer easement issues that would impact the budget.

Member Amos asked if the Signal Head project had a compliance deadline. Tracy said she would ask the project manager for a proper response.

Dave Vaca informed the committee that a one-time project list would be submitted to the members for ranking. The list would be ranked numerically by importance and returned to staff. A meeting to discuss the project rankings would be a possibility.

Cindy Blackmore then began review of Sewer projects. She said the goal of the City is to capture 100% of reclamation water. This will ultimately be accomplished with the next two expansions of the Water Reclamation Facility. She informed the committee that at this time 33% of the treated water was being reclaimed.

Member Ruggles asked what the current treatment level at the plant is. Mike Smith said it was 6 MGD with a current maximum capacity of 9MGD. Mike said that use of 80% capacity would trigger the design of the next expansion.

Member Scibienski said the area of Lower Buckeye and Litchfield was the last zoned for distribution. He mentioned that after meeting with Economic Development he was informed that the area was not tied into the sewer system. Mike Smith said that extending the sewer system would have to be development driven.

Cindy and Mike then began review of the water projects.

Member Lynch asked about the Dysart Road – Western to Riley line replacement and why it wasn't being done with the current street project. Mike said it wasn't needed now and that funding at this time was being used for other needs.

Member Lynch inquired why the Lakin Well was no longer in the plan. Mike said the Infrastructure Improvement Plan had identified the water in that area as very low quality and that water from the north area would be transmitted to the development.

Member Lynch asked about the well on McDowell by Fry's. Mike said well 18 was being rehabbed and the work was funded through the operating fund.

Member Rauscher asked what the deal on the White Mountain Water Rights. Cindy replied it was for the rights of acre feet of water from the tribe. Cindy offered to provide more detail by email.

Abbe Yacoben then discussed the Equipment Replacement funds and discussed how funding is budgeted each year and accrued for such charges.

Dave Vaca covered the Parks projects for Chris Reams. He explained what improvements were planned for Friendship Park and Festival Fields in both phases of each project.

Acceptance of last year's minutes was motioned and seconded.

Abbe reviewed the sales tax audit reports. She stated that the committee serves as the oversight group.

Member Ruggles asked if it was an actual audit. Abbe replied that it double checked compliance. Member Ruggles then asked if there was an ending date on the tax. Abbe replied that there was not.

Member Amos motioned to close the meeting. Member Scibienski seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m...

# Capital Improvement Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

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Meeting began at 6:06 p.m...

**Members Present:**

Lisa Amos	Richard Childress	Yvette Long
Betty Lynch	Dan Rauscher	Bradley Ruggles
Edward Striffler		

**Members Absent:**

Sean Scibienski	Martina Torres
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**Staff Present:**

Abbe Yacoben	Dave Vaca
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Dave Vaca welcomed the committee. He stated there were enough members present for a quorum. Dave stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ranking of one-time projects for a recommendation to Council. He then turned the meeting over to Chairperson Betty Lynch.

Member Lynch told the committee they were present to address the group ranking of projects. She said to keep in mind budget dollars are a factor when it comes to projects.

Member Childress stated he was perplexed by the project rankings. Some members stated they had ranked by funding while others ranked by impact to city.

Member Striffler pointed out that while it is good to leverage funding from outside sources some projects, such as the drainage projects could be of more importance. Member Amos added that the Van Buren Drainage Channel would also benefit the City Center area.

Member Striffler mentioned that the Garden Lakes Traffic Calming seemed to be a polarizing project when individually ranked. Member Childress asked how many kids actually walk to school in that area. He added that if it was indeed a safety problem he would be willing to rank higher. Member Lynch stated that the Garden Lakes HOA had been contacted about sharing the cost of the project but no reply was received.

Member Striffler inquired about the operating cost of the Riparian Preserve. Staff did not have an answer as the project has not been clearly defined. Other members agreed that the project should be ranked low.

Member Rauscher said he had ranked according to infrastructure needs as opposed to safety issues. He said that he realized some projects were political with a grant funding piece so those might be preferred.

Member Lynch inquired about the police citations count on Santa Fe Trail requested after the first meeting. Dave Vaca informed the group that the request was made and the information would be received shortly.

Abbe Yacoben explained the budget process and the presentation to Council. She said at this point the amount of dollars in the funding bucket could dictate some of the decisions.

Member Lynch asked if the group would like to reorganize the initial group rankings. The committee said yes and moved some projects up and down the list.

Member Striffler stated that no matter what the ranking outcome Historic Avondale has to look attractive. Member Lynch added that the merchants must support one another and spend locally.

Member Lynch moved to approve the minutes from the first meeting. The motioned was seconded by Member Long.

Member Amos motioned to close the meeting. Member Striffler seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm...

FY 2015-2016  
PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

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