

Minutes of the Work Session held May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kenn Weise and Council Members

Stephanie Karlin, Vice Mayor
David Iwanski
Bryan Kilgore
Jim McDonald
Sandy Nielson (via telephone)
Lorenzo Sierra

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, City Manager
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Linda Mendenhall, Records Administrator

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2 A FOR AVONDALE PROPOSAL FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager, noted that City Council discussed a proposal by Council Member Sierra at the 2014 City Council retreat in December and at the April 16, 2015 work session. The premise of the A for Avondale initiative is to have all Avondale schools A rated by the end of the decade. The approach would use a citizen's committee to assess existing A-rated schools and use that knowledge to help other schools reach the same level. Schools would be incentivized to participate in the program. Many quality of life aspects, including economic development, are impacted by the quality and strength of schools. A higher quality workforce would be produced, making Avondale a more attractive place for businesses.

Ms. Montes said the A or Avondale program would require hiring a new staff person to implement. The program represents a departure from past approaches the City has used to support education, as it puts the City in a position of more directly entering the realm of education than in the past. The schools would have to be 100% supportive of any of the City's initiatives. The issues and environment surrounding education are very complex, and all of Avondale's school districts cross multiple city boundaries.

Ms. Montes explained that staff spent a great deal of time acquiring feedback from school superintendents. They expressed an appreciation for the community's concerns over school ratings, and requested the opportunity to celebrate their successes and increase awareness of what is going on in their districts. The superintendents noted the amount of staff time it would take to engage with multiple cities, and expressed concern that a citizens' education committee could have trouble gaining credibility in the education community. Further concerns were expressed over the possibility that school districts could be pitted against each other, and that it could be difficult to resolve disagreements.

Ms. Montes stated that all of Avondale's schools encourage cities to support the initiatives that are already in place. A few superintendents raised the possibility that cities could explore housing subsidies and merchant discounts for teachers. These measures would encourage teachers to take stake in the community, attracting better teachers. The schools

also asked cities to encourage parents to enroll their children in school before July 1, to avoid overcrowded classrooms. They welcome firsthand visits so they can show what is being done at the schools.

Ms. Montes said Avondale engaged in a community dialogue series on education in 2012/13, in which school superintendants and other guests were invited to discuss various education issues with City Council. This series of presentations culminated in an education summit which identified ways that the City of Avondale could support education. The recommendations that emerged have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented. Schools felt that cities could help most by supporting stable neighborhoods.

Ms. Montes reviewed a number of initiatives that Avondale is currently using to support education. Kids at Hope encourages the belief that all children are capable of success without exception. As a Kids at Hope city, Avondale is committed to providing free training within the City organization, for the schools and the community on the importance of that principle. The Read On Avondale effort supports literacy. Children that fall behind in reading by grade three tend to fall behind in all areas, so it is important to address this early. The Valley of the Sun United Way has a great interest in supporting community stability through a variety of programs. Avondale has received grant funding to support early childhood programs. The library has a dedicated youth librarian whose sole focus is to support programming and initiatives for youth. The Genesis Youth Center is a partnership with the Maricopa Workforce Connection Youth Program designed to provide tutoring, occupational skills training and summer employment assistance. More than half of Avondale's AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers are here to support the schools. They are working to determine what type of volunteers the schools need and are channeling them into those areas.

Former Council Member Betty Lynch asked to address the Council.

Betty Lynch said education determines the future of the country. The City Council has options available that will help education without costing anything. Council Members could attend Board of Education meetings, sit on site councils, and meet with people who have been active in the educational community. Thriving Together is a great United Way outreach program, but suffers for lack of money. Cities can best help education by ensuring financial and family stability. Children need stable homes to stay in school and achieve their potential by getting into the best universities with education scholarships.

Ms. Lynch said the A for Avondale proposal would cost a lot of money and take much time to implement. Several B rated districts are only one point away from an A rating. Much has been done to assist education, but more can be done. She encouraged City Council Members to personally meet with key figures in the education community.

Council Member McDonald said the challenge with A for Avondale is getting buy-in from the districts. The City could do a great job and spend lots of money, but still have no authority to implement it. The City likely does not have enough money to subsidize housing, but there are other things the City could do. He encouraged a phased approach, starting off small and then building upon the early successes.

Mayor Weise stated that the most pressing issue related to this proposal is the budget impact, which requires an immediate decision. David Fitzhugh, City Manager, reviewed that the proposed budget identifies \$156,000 in funding to staff this initiative, and pay for consulting services and administrative costs.

Council Member McDonald said he is not prepared to move forward with the proposal at this time. He requested more details, and suggested the City first apply for grants to see what funding is available to support it.

Vice Mayor Karlin said the City Council recognizes the importance of education. The City is not in the business of education, but can support the school districts' efforts. With the challenges facing education, including state budget cuts, this is not the time for this program. The City has spent many years forging relationships with the districts, and this program could breed divisiveness. She would not be prepared to move forward on this proposal at this time.

Council Member Kilgore commended the idea behind the proposal, but said it is most important that the City make a concerted effort to listen to what the school districts say they need. Quality teachers are hard to come by, and the situation is only getting worse as more teachers retire or leave the profession early because of the lack of support. He expressed his preference to continuing with the initiatives the City is already doing.

Council Member Nielson said she agrees with Betty Lynch's comments. She feels that the City's current initiatives can reach the same goal A for Avondale strives for. The large number of districts and charters schools in Avondale makes it more challenging. The committee could end up with some citizens who lack an understanding of the challenges facing education and would be taking away local control from the districts. Each district votes for their own boards. The City does not like it when the state takes away local control, so should not do the same to the districts. Avondale's schools are doing great things, many of which the Council may not be aware of. Stable families are key to education. The City should continue supporting education in the manner it has.

Council Member Sierra noted the achievement gap amongst Hispanic students in Arizona, saying that if it is not closed, the state's economy will collapse. Avondale is the second largest Hispanic majority city in Arizona and more than 50% of Avondale's students are Hispanic. The City Council, as stewards of the community, must work to prevent this from happening. He clarified that it was never his intent to suggest that Avondale take over education from the districts, but agreed that the plan was perhaps too bold. The City Council can do three things: to help with after school programs as it has been doing, to liaise with the school districts, and to promote public/private partnerships where and when they are feasible. The school districts are doing amazing things with so little money, but the state has made it difficult to maintain competitiveness by limiting the available funding. He recommended that Avondale continue to move forward with its existing education initiatives under the aspiration that it becomes an A-rated community. He felt the money should be kept available in the budget should it ever become necessary to hire a person for this task. Mayor Weise said A for Avondale is an ambitious and noble plan. The City has many education initiatives underway already and many of them are not close to completion. For

the City to take on another massive task would put the existing goals in jeopardy. The City does not have the tools necessary to take on this plan. No one district lies entirely inside Avondale, and the difficulties a district would face in implementing different policies for different cities would be immense. He said he would be opposed to leaving money floating in the budget unaccounted for. This idea should be revisited during the year, but the funding should be removed from the budget at this time.

3 ARIZONA PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Serena Unrein, Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities (APHC), noted that Avondale has made health a key part of the General Plan. Health is defined as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being. Many factors contribute to healthy communities, including safe neighborhoods, places in which to engage in physical activity, affordable and healthy housing, good transportation options, access to fresh food, and social connections. Health is not determined by the amount spent on healthcare. The U.S. spends far more per capita than any other country, but has one of the lowest life expectancies among the world's richest countries.

Ms. Unrein said that the APHC recognizes that zip code has more to do with good health than the genetic code does. The organization is focused on understanding how the built environment can impact human health. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has commissioned several studies on this subject. They found that living within three miles of a major freeway can make a 13-year difference in life expectancy. Walkability has a large impact on health. A sedentary existence can contribute to cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes, and other negative impacts. Charlotte, North Carolina studied transit users both before and after building their light rail system, and discovered that light rail users lost about six pounds on average and reduced their obesity risk by 81%. The National Household Transportation Survey has shown that transit users spend a median of about 19 minutes a day walking to and from their transit destination.

Ms. Unrein said the Federal Reserve banks recognize that if people are unhealthy, it is difficult to have a healthy economy. The APHC is actively seeking good projects and linking them to capital to ensure that they become a reality. The organization's goal is to be involved in supporting 25 healthy community projects by 2025. Avondale can help foster healthy communities by continuing to incorporate health in all of its relevant policies, conduct health impact assessments where appropriate, collect and analyze health data, and apply for funding for healthy community opportunities.

Dean Brennan of the Arizona Alliance for Livable Communities provided a brief overview of Health Impact Assessments (HIA). The assessment is a new tool that is used to determine how a physical environment in a proposed project will impact the health of potential users or residents. It focuses on the physical environment as it relates to walkability, bikeability, access to recreational opportunities and healthy food. Madison Heights is a public housing community in Avondale that had an assessment done last year. This project will create safe housing for seniors and people with disabilities. The neighborhood will be improved and there will be more opportunities for the residents to be active. The community will be better organized and better integrated with the surrounding neighborhoods. The Center for

Disease Control, the Pew Charitable Trust, and other organizations have made funding available to support HIAs.

Vice Mayor Karlin said the National Environmental Health Association has been encouraging state health departments to promote healthy communities. She inquired about attempts to work with city staff and developers. Mr. Brennan said there is communication with many groups across the Valley and a growing recognition amongst developers that they need to focus on health related issues in their designs.

4 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member McDonald moved to adjourn the regular meeting into executive session. Council Member Iwanski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

City Council meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Mayor Weise

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 18th day of May, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.



Records Administrator

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kenn Weise and Council Members

Stephanie Karlin, Vice Mayor
David Iwanski
Bryan Kilgore
Jim McDonald
Sandy Nielson (via telephone)
Lorenzo Sierra

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, City Manager
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Matthew Hess, CDBG Program Manager
Donna Gardner, Community Engagement Coordinator
Abbe Yacoben, Finance and Budget Director
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. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

Stephanie Small, Neighborhood and Family Services Director introduced Keisha Cyriaano, Revitalization Manager. Mayor Weise and council welcomed her to the City.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Annette Moreno, Director of Budget and Finance for the Pendergast Elementary School District invited the Mayor and Council to the Pendergast Community Cabinet breakfast on May 27, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. Mayor Weise indicated he would be out of town and stated that someone from council would be in attendance.

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

1. Work Session of April 6, 2015
2. Regular Meeting of April 6, 2015
3. Special Meeting of April 13, 2015
4. Regular Meeting of April 20, 2015

b. LIQUOR LICENSE SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) – PALERMO'S GRILL

A request from Deborah Yadira Velasco for approval of a Series 12 Restaurant liquor license to sell all spirituous liquor at Palermo's Grill located at 11107 W Buckeye Road in Avondale, AZ.

c. RESOLUTION 3252-515 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FOR REALLOCATION OF HOME FUNDS

A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Scottsdale to reallocate \$397,714 in HOME Investment Partnership funding to the City and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 3254-515 – AMENDMENT TO 2014-2015 HOME INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY

A resolution approving an amendment to the 2014-2015 IGA with Maricopa County to secure an additional \$617,089 in HOME funds, authorize a transfer from the general fund contingency account in the required local match amount of \$116,559 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. FIFTH AMENDMENT – CONTRACT WITH PRO-LOW JOINT VENTURE

A request to approve the Fifth Amendment to the construction agreement with Pro-Low Joint Venture for the construction of two additional Legacy Avondale homes. The amendment will extend the term of the contract to May 18, 2016, increase the value of the contract by \$396,205 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. SECOND AMENDMENT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT- ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – KELLOGG AND ASSOCIATES

A request to approve the second amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for architectural services related to the construction of two additional Legacy Avondale homes. The amendment will extend the term of the contract to May 18, 2016, increase the value of the contract by \$22,400 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 3250-515 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ADOT FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT

A resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Avondale and the Arizona Department of Transportation for design, procurement, and construction of the sign management system project, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. RESOLUTION 3253-515 – CITY OF AVONDALE WAYFINDING SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

A resolution adopting the Avondale Wayfinding System Master Plan. The Wayfinding System Plan includes specifications for gateway monuments, directional, and pedestrian signs. The plan includes a colorful palette integrating the recent Avondale "Avi" logo and identity and authorizes the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

i. ORDINANCE 1580-515 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ENCANTO AND AVONDALE BLVD

An ordinance authorizing the sale of certain real property located at the northwest corner of Avondale Blvd and Encanto Blvd in the amount of \$800,000, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

j. ORDINANCE 1581-515 – ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR DYSART ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – VAN BUREN STREET TO MC85

An ordinance authorizing the dedication, purchase or condemnation of real property for the Dysart Road Improvement Project, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

k. ORDINANCE 1582-515 – DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS TO APS FOR DYSART ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – VAN BUREN STREET TO MC85

An ordinance authorizing the dedication of two utility easements to APS in relation to the Dysart Road Improvement Project for the purpose of installing electrical equipment, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

l. ORDINANCE 1583-515 – ACQUISITION OF SIDEWALK/STREETLIGHT EASEMENT FOR DYSART ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – VAN BUREN STREET TO MC85

An ordinance authorizing the dedication or purchase of a sidewalk and streetlight easement in relation to the Dysart Road Improvement Project, for the purpose of installing sidewalk and streetlight improvements, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolutions 3252-515, 3254-515, 3250-515, 3253-515, and Ordinances 1580-515, 1581-515, 1582-515 and 1583-515. Council Member Kilgore seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member McDonald	Aye
Council Member Iwanski	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye
Vice Mayor Karlin	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Sierra	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

5 PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 3255-515 – SUBSTANTIIL AMENDMENT TO THE 2014-15 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

A public hearing and resolution approving a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2014-2015 HUD Annual Action Plan was held.

Matthew Hess, CDBG Program Manager explained that this approval is a requirement in order for the city to accept and receive the additional \$617,000 in HOME funding available from Maricopa Home Consortium. He noted that the amendment is necessary due to the citizen participation plan requirements and indicated this action meets two of those requirements: 1) when a new activity not included in the existing action plan is created; and 2) when an allocation is changed by more than 20%. Mr. Hess stated the funding will be used as follows; \$397,000 to complete the Legacy Avondale project and approximately \$219,000 to complete some substantial home repairs.

Mr. Hess explained that as part of the consent agenda, the council approved other items related to this action, namely the IGA with the City of Scottsdale for the reallocation of funds, the amendment to the 2014-15 IGA with Maricopa County to accept funds, and amendments to the constructions services agreement and professional services agreement with the contractor and architect to complete the work.

Mr. Hess stated they are currently working to update the environmental assessment for county approval and are working with procurement to get a sub-recipient to provide homebuyer education services for program participants. The substance of the amendment is budgetary and activity based, currently the home funds are allocated with about \$148,000 total and the additional \$617,000 providing an increase of approximately 400% in HOME funding this year.

Mayor Weise indicated that anytime you get a 400% increase in HOME funding it is good and you should take it.

Mayor Weise opened the public hearing. There being no requests to speak, Mayor Weise closed the public hearing.

Council Member McDonald moved to adopt Resolution 3255-515 approving the substantial amendment to the City's 2014-2015 HUD Annual Action Plan. Council Member Karlin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member McDonald	Aye
Council Member Iwanski	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye
Vice Mayor Karlin	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Sierra	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

6 CONTRIBUTIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – REVIEW GUIDELINES

City Council will consider a request to approve the eligibility criteria for the Contributions Assistance Program.

Donna Gardner, Community Engagement Coordinator provided an update and information on the Contribution Assistance Program explaining the goal of this program is to provide funding to non-profit organizations that provide direct services that address health and welfare for Avondale residents. She gave a brief overview of guidelines one through six that were previously approved and established by council. She stated that proposed guideline seven is adding a mid-year site visit to meet with the organizations who received funding, and to see their program in action. They are recommending approval by council for this guideline.

Ms. Gardner stated last year twenty-four applications were received and eighteen of those applicants received funding. Those selected offered a wide range of services; housing, education, youth development, health and nutrition, and senior services and safety. The budget approved last year was \$60,000 and council approved a one-time use of contingency funds for \$20,000. In addition, they had carryover from the prior year of \$6,667 totally \$86,667.

Ms. Gardner explained the application review process; the initial step is staff review and recommendations for the sub-committee. Next the sub-committee reviews applications and makes the final determination for funding. She noted, at a previous council meeting the council appointed Mayor Weise, Council Members Sierra and Council Member Nielson to the sub-committee.

Ms. Gardner stated this year they made some enhancements to the program, first adding mid-year site visits. The mid-year site visits serve as an opportunity to see the program in action as well as address and resolve issues. She explained they are recommending the addition of a mid-year report to aid in following up with the organizations to see if there is anything they can do to assist during the middle of the fiscal year.

Ms. Gardner stated the new on-line application has helped streamline the process and allows them the opportunity to send the application to multiple staff members as well as time stamping the application.

Ms. Gardner reviewed the outreach methods used to make organizations aware that the application period was open; a press release went out on April 16, 2015, notifications to current and previous awardees, as well as organizations that have expressed interest in the past. Staff has also made presentations to different community groups.

Ms. Gardner reviewed the timeline:

- May 21 - Application submission deadline.
- June 10 - Staff review and recommendations.

- June 17 - Council meets and makes recommendations, approves the organizations for funding.
- August - Check presentation will take place.

Ms. Gardner stated the budgetary impact is \$80,000 for FY2015-16 and that staff recommends approval of the guidelines for the FY2015-16 contributions assistance program.

Council member Iwanski thanked Donna for her presentation and asked how long the criteria would stay in affect. Ms. Gardner answered they stay in existence until directed otherwise.

Regarding the proposed funding of \$2,900 to Kids at Hope, Mayor Weise and Council Member Nielson asked what it was used for since they operate through two school districts. Stephanie Small, Director of Neighborhood and Family Services stated that Kids at Hope received funding last year for additional trainings and presentations they did that were above and beyond what they currently do for the city.

Mayor Weise indicated he had a speaker card from former Council Member Betty Lynch.

Betty Lynch, stated that a number of cities are now funding requests from houses of worship. Which are also non-profits and in many instances they are as active as or more active than many non-profits. She indicated they have a tremendous community outreach and programs that provide a gamut of services for our residents. She stated that while she is aware it is too late to consider funding them this year, she would like council to keep in mind for the future. Ms. Lynch continued by urging the staff and council to ensure the organizations being awarded funds are doing the work they say they are and are meeting state regulations. She commented she was concerned about a couple that were funded last year and suggested that in addition to the mid-year visit, a pre-allocation meeting/visit with the agency is done similar to what the United Way and the Arizona Republic's Season for Sharing do. She offered assistance with guidance in navigating the state regulations.

Mayor Weise asked whether faith organizations are included. Ms. Small responded that faith based organizations can submit and apply for the contributions assistance program as long as they are a 5013c. Regarding Ms. Lynch's suggestions, Ms. Small commented that the staff conducts a mid-year site visit to ensure recipients are using the money as indicated in their application and offer assistance if they are having difficulties. Mayor Weise suggested that the mid-year meeting should be unannounced or with short notice as much as possible so as to provide an opportunity for a more real assessment. Ms. Small stated the mid-year is held on short notice and they also do a "pop in" to see how they are doing. She indicates they have good working relationships with their agencies.

Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager acknowledged Ms. Lynch for her feedback and encouraged her to share her concerns/complaints with staff so they can address them. Ms. Montes shared some perspective on the contributions assistance program urging all to recognize that these grants are very small in the grand scheme. They are a maximum of \$10,000 and most of them are much less than that which doesn't mean we shouldn't require

some reporting but we have always tried to strike a balance and not make it so onerous to get \$5000 from us. She agreed with Ms. Small that many of them are long term partners with the city in different ways and are serving our community. Ms. Montes stated that her direction to staff is to keep this in mind, to be balanced in this way and to also recognize that it is a council discretionary funding program where council helps to decide what the priorities are for the community. Ms. Montes finished with saying the vast majority are well intentioned organizations that do good for our community.

7 FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWEST FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

Information on the potential formation of a 501(c)(3) group, the Friends of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center.

Debbie Olson, Director of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center presented to council on the formation of the 501c3 group called the Friends of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center. She provided a brief overview of the center for the new council members. Ms. Olson explained that in 2008 a partnership was formed between the cities of Avondale, Goodyear and Buckeye to create the advocacy center. The Maricopa County Sheriff's office joined in 2012. Each law enforcement entity has a SVU detective located at the facility, there is also a department of child safety investigative unit, mental health therapist, a forensic interviewer, victim advocate, and a prevention program. Forensic medical exams are provided through Scottsdale Health Care and Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Ms. Olsen stated the purpose of the advocacy center is to minimize the trauma experienced by victims. The goal is to maximize resources for investigations and treatment of victims. This is accomplished by having all of these services and the people providing them under one roof. The team works together to investigate child cases that involve physical and sexual abuse and neglect as well as adult domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse. She noted that of the 788 clients see last year, 85% were children, and 53% were under the age of twelve.

She indicated the purpose of the formation of the 501c3 is to serve the supporting agencies in carrying out the centers purposes. There are three reasons for forming the 501c3;

1. Groups and individuals that donate snacks, toys and blankets to the center, expect to receive a charitable donation receipt for tax purposes. As a government funded center we are not able to provide that however, a 501c3 could.
2. Local businesses, such as Walmart, have expressed their desire to make contributions but they can only donate to a 501c3.
3. The status would allow the organization to apply for grants available only to non-profits.

Ms. Olson stated that with the assistance of the City Attorney's office, the articles of incorporation and the by-laws have been prepared and a board of directors has been

appointed. Each city police chief was able to make an appointment to the board as part of the articles of incorporation. Each board member brings unique perspective and skills to the board. Mark Henley the President has extensive knowledge and connections with corporations. Mike Eyer has knowledge of mental health services specific to our victims. Shelia Sorenson has grant writing knowledge and Betty Lynch has knowledge of social services in the west valley as well as non-profit. The center's director also serves on the board.

Ms. Olson summarized that the Friends of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center was formed to support the work of the center by soliciting, receiving, holding, investing and managing gifts, grants and bequests and distributing those funds to the agencies to operate the center. The group's next step is to file the incorporation, the tax exempt application and the director's liability insurance. The police chiefs approved these costs and will be paid for by the center's donation fund for the first year only, thereafter it would be expected that the group would be self-sustained.

Council Member Nielson thanked them for all that they do, she is aware of some individuals who have gone through the center. They provide an amazing service and she is grateful that Avondale is taking the lead in this program.

Council Member Sierra inquired if they had partnered with other non-profit organizations. Ms. Olson responded that they currently do not have anyone partnering with them. Council Member Sierra offered assistance if they needed an organization to partner with or anything else needed to help with establishing this program. She responded they would appreciate any assistance.

Mayor Weise and Council Member Iwanski expressed their appreciation for the work done at the center and offered their assistance.

8 RESOLUTION 3251-515 - ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET

A resolution adopting the tentative budget and establishing the annual expenditure limit in the amount of \$176,838,680 for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Abbe Yacoben, Director of Finance gave a recap of the tentative budget for FY2015-16. She indicated that the initial base budget presented to council at previous work sessions was in the amount of \$169M. The new tentative budget amount totaling \$176,838,680 includes \$3M in supplements, corrections for clerical errors for the sewer and RICO funds, the compensation package for raises for the non-union employees, the new development Fee Subsidy created a few weeks ago and some carryover funds.

Council Member Nielson asked for clarification regarding the \$100,000 for City Center. Mr. Fitzhugh indicated he believed the money was identified for the resurfacing of the parking lot at EMCC. Mayor Weise asked Ms. Yacoben to follow up with Council Member Nielson with more detailed information.

Council Member Nielson also inquired about the funds designated for the A for Avondale, Mayor Weise responded saying that after the budget is approved the council will direct staff to remove those funds.

Council Member Iwanski expressed appreciation for the financial staff and thanked Ms. Yacoben for her diligence, stating this is her rookie season and that she has done an outstanding job.

Ms. Yacoben reviewed the next steps in the budget approval process;

- Publication of the tentative budget
- June 15, 2015 public hearing for the tentative budget and property tax levy
- July 7, 2015 the adoption of the property tax levy.

Mayor Weise reminded council if they approved the budget, council will direct staff to move the \$156,000 out of reserve for A for Avondale.

Council Member Nielson moved to approve Resolution 3251-515 adopting the 2015-16 tentative budget and establishing the annual expenditure limit in the amount of \$176,838,680. Mayor Weise seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member McDonald	Aye
Council Member Iwanski	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye
Vice Mayor Karlin	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Sierra	Aye

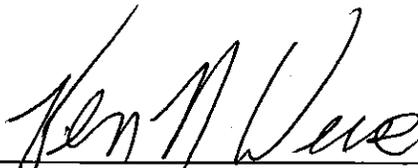
Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weise directed staff to remove the \$156,000 for A for Avondale and asked that be reflected in the final budget. Mr. Fitzhugh requested a show of hands from council members who support the removal of these funds. Six members were in favor.

9 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Kilgore moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Nielson seconded the motion. All ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Mayor Weise



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 18th day of May, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.



Records Administrator