

Minutes of the Work Session held August 3, 2015 at 6:32 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
Lorenzo Sierra

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Kirk Haines, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR FY 15/16

Kirk Haines, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director, presented the special event activities planned for FY15/16. Special events have always played a significant role in enhancing the quality of life of residents. They draw citizens together and build a sense of community pride that celebrates and embraces the diversity of the city. Events also promote health and wellness, and are simply fun.

Mr. Haines said that prior to 2009, Avondale supported and hosted as many as 30 special events each year, both large and small. When the recession happened, Avondale was faced with financial impacts that required the discontinuance of non-essential services, including special events and the staff that organized them. As the economy recovered, some special events returned, such as the Holiday Festival and the Tres Rios Nature Festival. Instead of hiring City staff to plan and organize these events, the City determined that hiring a private contractor, Goosebump, would be the most economical way to plan, organize, and implement special events moving forward. Special events continue to improve every year, and all are offered free of charge. Council approved a budget to support events throughout the city, and throughout the year.

Mr. Haines reviewed the list of planned events, with the first being A Day of Play, which provides an opportunity to showcase many of Avondale's programs and activities for youth, teens, adults, and seniors. All programs will be free that day, and participants will be given the chance to determine whether the offered programs fit their interests.

Movie Night at Phoenix International Raceway will show the NASCAR race from Richmond, Virginia on the big screen. Once the sun sets, the Pixar movie *Cars* will be screened. Resident Appreciation Night will be coupled with the National Getting Active In Neighborhoods (GAIN) program. All departments will be present at this event on Western Avenue to show what the City of Avondale provides to residents. Make a Difference Day is held in partnership with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, Arizona Game and Fish, Luke Air Force Base, and the Maricopa Attorney's Office. Community volunteers will help clean up the Tres Rios habitat area and work on neighborhood revitalization projects.

Mr. Haines said the Veterans Day event is to thank and appreciate the men and women who have served in the armed forces. A boot camp style fitness run will be held on the Civic Center campus, followed by a free pancake breakfast. Non-veterans will be asked for a small donation. Proceeds will help provide educational scholarships to Estrella Mountain Community College. This year's Mayor's Golf Challenge is planned for the Wigwam Resort. This is a fundraising activity to provide resources for the Thornwood Branch Boys & Girls Club. Avondale Winter Fest takes place along Western Avenue. This year's event promises to be extra special.

Mr. Haines said the Tale of Two Cities Parade and Festival is held jointly with the City of Goodyear. Last year there were 80 parade entries and plans are well underway for 2016. Tres Rios Nature Festival is a two-day event. Activities include kayaking, archery, fishing, bird watching, and live entertainment. This is also an Arizona STEMfest signature event, in which the sciences, technology, engineering, and math are specifically recognized in March.

Mr. Haines said KidFest emphasizes youth and celebrates the Week of the Young Child. It is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, an organization that focuses on early learning. It emphasizes families as key to a healthy community. Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated with a street party along Western Avenue this year in the Viva Fiesta event. The annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Civic Center Amphitheater will pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mayor Weise said Avondale used to hold Billy Moore Days, which celebrated the history of the community. It was done away with during the recession, and A Tale of Two Cities was developed as an attempt to cost share with Goodyear. People remember Billy Moore Days fondly, and there has been a clamoring for its return. He would like to see it moved to the fall in time for the 70th Anniversary of Avondale.

Council Member Sierra agreed that many residents have been asking for the return of Billy Moore Days. It is meaningful for the community, and private financing could help pay for it. Council Member Nielson said she moved to Avondale because of its historic value. Activities like Billy Moore Days will help revitalize Western Avenue and make it a place of fun. The Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce has offered to help bring it back.

Council Member McDonald said he did not want to see Billy Moore Days go at all. Though A Tale of Two Cities has been great, having the parade on a wide street like Thomas is not the same as having it on Western Avenue. He requested a cost estimate for its return.

Council Member Kilgore said he heard many requests for Billy Moore Days when he was campaigning. Bringing it back would be great for the surrounding neighborhood. Council Member Iwanski said he would like to see Avondale find a way to bring it back.

Vice Mayor Karlin said Billy Moore Days was special because it was local and personal, and people are missing that. It would be a draw that brings people to the city and help merchants on Western Avenue. Space would be required for the post-parade carnival, and the bands and dancing. A Tale of Two Cities is gaining momentum, but it is a very different type of event. Both have their place in Avondale. Mayor Weise described A Tale of Two

Cities as more of a world festival, whereas Billy Moore Days is more about Avondale's heritage.

David Fitzhugh, City Manager, said Billy Moore Days would be included in the mix as the preliminary draft budget is prepared for the City Council's consideration.

3 ADJOURNMENT

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

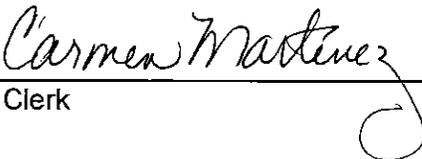
City Council meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



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 3rd day of August, 2015. 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 August 3, 2015 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kenneth N. Weise and Council Members

Stephanie Karlin
David Iwanski
Bryan Kilgore
Jim McDonald
Sandi Nielson
Lorenzo Sierra

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Tracy Stevens, Engineering and Development Services Director
Jessica Blazina, Assistant Community Relations and Public Affairs 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 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION -TROY LUTRICK, SENIOR ADVISOR FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICE INITIATIVES

Fire Chief Paul Adams introduced Troy Lutrick, the city's new emergency manager who will also work on expanding the emergency medical health program for the community. He is coming from the City of Glendale.

Mr. Lutrick explained that he has extensive experience and qualifications at both the state and national levels and has a wealth of experience on a variety of events including the most recent super bowl. Council Member welcomed Mr. Lutrick to the Avondale team.

3 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A resident addressed the council and expressed his concern regarding vandalism and other problems at his vacant property. Mayor Weise directed staff to follow up with the resident to address his concerns.

4 CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Work Session of July 20, 2015
2. Regular Meeting of July 20, 2015

b. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENDITURE OF DONATIONS RECEIVED

A request to authorize the appropriation transfer of \$34,000 from General Fund contingency to the Neighborhood and Family Services Department.

c. FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT -JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC. -THOMAS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A request to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to provide design services for the Thomas Road

Improvement Project in the amount of \$36,181 and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT -TIGHTLINE SERVICES, INC. (DBA GOOSEBUMP MARKETING & EVENTS)

A request to approve the first amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Tightline Systems, Inc. (d/b/a Goosebump Marketing & Events) to extend the term of the agreement, modify the scope of work to include the additional services, to increase the compensation up to \$184,000 annually for the additional services, and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT DIBBLE CM LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

A request to approve the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Dibble CM for Construction Inspection Services in the amount of \$400,000 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 3267-815 -INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #214 FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

A resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Tolleson Union High School District #214 to share the cost of providing a School Resource Officer during the 2015/2016 school year, for both Westview High school and La Joya High School and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 3268-815 -FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, CITIES OF AVONDALE, BUCKEYE AND GOODYEAR

A resolution approving the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Avondale, the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, the Town of Buckeye, and the City of Goodyear extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2016 and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the applicable contract documents.

Council Member Kilgore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolution 3267-815 and 3268-815. Council Member Nielson 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 RESOLUTION 3266-815 -AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LENNAR ARIZONA, INC. AND DESERT SPRINGS VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

A resolution approving the first amendment to the Development Agreement with Lennar Arizona, Inc, and Desert Springs Village Homeowners Association to extend the term of the

Agreement and extend the time period for the City's partial development impact fee payments and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Tracy Stevens, Engineering and Development Services Director explained that the Desert Springs Village subdivision was originally designed to include 174 single family lots of which 96 were developed and 78 remained vacant. In 2012 the city acquired twelve lots from Lennar to accommodate future drainage improvements for the city center. These lots were acquired at a cost below market value and a portion of the development fees were reimbursed to Lennar upon the sale of homes.

Lennar is in the process of selling the remaining lots to Pinnacle West Homes. Staff has been working with Lennar and Pinnacle Homes to ensure the design and products complement and are compatible with existing homes. The request tonight is to approve an amendment to the development agreement to extend the term of the agreement from five to six years and to extend the time condition of partial development impact fee payment from three to six years. Without approval, the partial development impact fee payment clause will expire this year. She concluded by saying that for a few years the city has had to deal with the stigma of an unfinished subdivision, this development would not only allow the city to start removing that stigma as well add a new product in the city with larger home and unique floor plans.

In response to a question from Council Member Nielson, Ms. Stevens indicated Pinnacle has a tight schedule and staff expects to bring the final plat for approval in September.

Council Member McDonald asked for explanation regarding the two different expiration dates on two separate clauses in the agreement. City Attorney Andrew McGuire explained that we want to see the rebate portion of the agreement be done early in the process rather than waiting until the tail end of the agreement. Ms. Stevens clarified that without the agreement, the rebate portion will expire in November. Council Member McDonald explained that the council recently adopted a program to spur development and is believes that the city has fulfilled its obligation and should allow the new process to apply for this development.

Vice Mayor Karlin indicated she was in agreement with Council Member McDonald and is uncomfortable with extending the impact fee payment from three to six years.

Mayor Weise indicated that he believes the city should let the agreement expire; all developers should be treated equally.

Council Member McDonald moved to adopt Resolution 3266-815 approving the first amendment to the Development Agreement with Lennar Arizona Inc. and the Desert Springs Village Homeowners Association. Council Member Iwanski seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Motion failed.

6 2016 LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS RESOLUTIONS

City Council will review, discuss, and provide direction on the proposed resolutions which will be voted on at the August 18, 2015 League of Arizona Cities and Towns (LACT) Resolutions Committee meeting.

Ms. Jessica Blazina, Assistant Community Relations and Public Affairs Director and Intergovernmental Affairs Manager commented that the AZ State Legislature will be back in session in just a few months. The 2016 League Resolutions will be voted on by 91 mayors at the League's annual conference on August 18th. She indicated this year the League formed policy committees to vet and make recommendations on the resolutions submitted by the various cities. The policy committees include 1) Budget, Finance, and Economic Development, 2) General Administration, Human Resources and Elections, 3) Neighborhoods, Sustainability, and Quality of Life, Vice Mayor Karlin served on this one, 4) Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Works and 5) Public Safety, Military Affairs and Courts committee. Council Member Nielson was supposed to serve on that one, but there were no resolutions submitted so it did not meet.

Ms. Blazina highlighted some of the proposed resolutions:

- BFED 2 is an economic development tool that would allow cities and towns to invest in infrastructure and other improvements in a designated area by paying for investments via the increased property tax revenue generated new development. At this point staff is recommending a neutral position as there are still details to be clarified
- GAHRE 1 proposed to conduct thorough reform of the PSPRS System as provided by the League's PSPRS task force. Staff is recommending supporting this resolutions and hoping a consensus can be reached to fix the PSPRS
- NSQL 2 seeks to restore the Arizona State Park Heritage Fund
- NSQL 3 seeks to restore the AZ Housing Trust Fund
- TIPW 1 urges the Legislature to stop future sweeps of HURF and restore funding to 2008 levels

She concluded by saying that these are dollars that would come back to the municipalities and staff is recommending support of these resolutions.

Council Member Iwanski asked if under BFED 1 the definition of conservation was limited to energy or if it also included water. Ms. Blazina indicated that at this time it only includes water, but staff can recommend that water is added to the definition. Council Member Iwanski indicated he would strongly recommend that "water" is added to the title as energy is only part of the equation and water is just as important.

Regarding BFED 2, Council Member Iwanski cautioned for staff and the league to be careful that this resolution does not replace the tax exempt financing option. Ms. Blazina indicated that this would be an additional tool and not replace anything that currently exists.

Mr. McGuire clarified that the proposed resolution would create a tax increment financing district that would generate revenue to pay tax exempt bonds. The financing would be the same, but there would be a different revenue source to pay the revenue bonds. Mr. McGuire clarified that the financing options would not be competing with each other.

Mayor Weise indicated that regarding GAHRE 2, he believes there should be reasonable balance but citizens should have the right to request records. Ms. Blazina commented that the league is trying to strike a balance and maintain transparency while at the same time making sure that there is no abuse of staff time and resources.

Mayor Weise asked for clarification regarding GAHRE 3. Ms. Blazina commented that the proposed resolution seeks to provide flexibility for municipalities when pursuing annexations. There are times when communities have large areas within their boundaries that are not annexed and it provides a challenge when providing public safety services.

7 EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council may hold an executive session pursuant to (i) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A) (1) for discussion regarding the City Manager's quarterly evaluation.

Council Member Nielson moved to adjourn to Executive Session; Council Member Sierra seconded the motion. There being no objection, the motion passed unanimously.

8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Iwanski moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Council Member Sierra seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



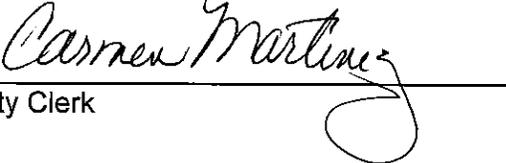
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