

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 1, 2016 at 7:00 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
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Dan Davis, Economic Development Director
Drew Bryck, Environmental Program Manager
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1 ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

2 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Pat Dennis addressed the Council regarding the proposed utility rate increase and explained the effect that it will have for the city's HOAs. She explained that her HOA has calculated their new rates and it will represent an over 20% increase in their bill and added that this increase is not included in their current budget and will not be able to pass that on to residents. She asked that the Council considers how the proposed increase will affect the city's HOAs.

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. Work Session of January 19, 2016
2. Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016

b. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR FY 2016/2017 AND 2017/2018

A request to approve the City-designated holidays for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 fiscal years which will then be included in the City's Administrative Policies and posted no later than June 1 of each fiscal year.

c. RESOLUTION 3291-216 - GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM AZ GOHS FOR DUI ENFORCEMENT

A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$20,000 to support the Avondale Police Department's funding for Driving Under the Influence enforcement through overtime expenses and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 3292-216 - ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE 2015 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A resolution adopting the 2015 City of Avondale Hazard Mitigation Plan.

e. RESOLUTION 3293-216 - ESTABLISHING STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PRIORITY GOALS FOR FY 2016-17

A resolution establishing strategic initiatives and priority goals for FY 2016- 2017.

f. RESOLUTION 3294-216 - OFF-PREMISE BILLBOARD SIGN GUIDELINES

A resolution adopting the City of Avondale Off-Premise Billboard Sign Guidelines.

g. RESOLUTION 3295-216 - AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADOH AND ADOPTING THE OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Arizona Department of Housing for additional funding to the existing City of Avondale Substantial Home Repair Program, adopting the Avondale Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program Policies and Procedures Amended and Restated February 1, 2016 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. RESOLUTION 3296-216 - APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD

A resolution approving and accepting a grant from the Arizona Department of Public Safety to receive Victims of Crime Act funds for two mental health therapist positions to focus on providing counseling services free of charge to victims at the Southwest Family

Advocacy Center and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. The Council will take the appropriate action.

i. ORDINANCE 1597-216 - ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY, A PROPERTY UTILITY EASEMENT AND A PUBLIC TRAIL EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC USE

An ordinance accepting the dedication of certain real property located along Van Buren Street and along 105th Avenue for use as public right-of-way, as a public utility easement, and as a public trail easement and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member Kilgore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolutions 3291-216, 3292-216, 3293-216, 3294-216, 3295-216 and 3296-216 and Ordinance 1597-216. 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.

4 MARICOPA COUNTY SOUTHWEST REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER

Information related to the development of the Maricopa County Southwest Regional Justice Center.

City Manager David Fitzhugh introduced Ms. Joy Rich, AICP, Deputy County Manager and Mr. Reid Spaulding, RA Facilities Management Director with Maricopa County.

Ms. Rich indicated the county is very glad to see this project come to fruition and about the economic development catalyst it will be for Avondale. The Southwest Regional Justice Center represents phase 1 of the development which will still leave a considerable amount of land left.

Mr. Spaulding commented that four different facilities will be consolidated into the justice center. Future plans for the remaining property will include a three story superior court, for which the pad has already been built, and possibly moving the Sherriff's department facility to this campus. Because the four facilities will be consolidated that will be moved to this center will maintain their identity, color will be used to assist visitors with find their way around the facility. Technology will also be incorporated into this facility by installing kiosks where visitors can pay fines, etc.

Vice Mayor Karlin commented she attended the groundbreaking ceremony and was pleased to see so many electeds in attendance who are very excited about this facility.

In response to a question from Council Member Iwanski, Mr. Spaulding said he estimates there will be about 200 employees housed at this facility which will include judges, detention officers, office staff, etc.

Council Member Sierra asked if there was a comparable facility to the one being built in Avondale that staff could visit to get a better sense of what is coming to Avondale. Mr. Spaulding indicated that the Southeast Justice Facility will be the best option for staff to look at. In answer to a subsequent question from Council Member Sierra, Dan Davis, Economic Development Director indicated that because the court is a public facility, it can be built within the current AG zoning. Mr. Davis added that staff has already looked at the Southeast Justice facility to get a good sense of the facility itself and surrounding amenities. Mr. Spaulding added that the superior court building will be the next facility to be built and the timeline may be a minimum of five years.

Regarding traffic impact, Mayor Weise asked how much traffic is anticipated. Mr. Spaulding indicated that while 400 parking spaces are included at this facility, it is expect that the use of technology will reduce this worst case scenario. Mayor Weise indicated he was glad to see this facility come to fruition and likes the use of colors to make it easier for visitors to navigate. He thanked Ms. Rich and Mr. Spaulding for the update.

5 LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION PROJECT

An update on the potential that exists to replace the City's streetlight system with LED streetlight technology.

City Manager David Fitzhugh indicated that this item was suggested by Council during last year's budget session and introduced Drew Bryck, Environmental Program Manager to present this item.

Drew Bryck provided some background regarding the number of street lights owned and maintained by the city. He indicated that the majority of the 8,700 street lights in Avondale are inefficient according to the energy efficiency standards. In 2015, an evaluation of about 75% of light poles found them to be in different stages of corrosion; 22 were found to be in immediate failure so they were replaced at the end of 2015. Forecasts are that 180 poles will fail in 1-3 years and another 178 in the next 4-7 years. He explained that in 2014 the city budgeted around \$735,000 for electric use plus \$80,000 to \$100,000 for replacement parts; staff time is additional.

Mr. Bryck explained that LED lights use 50% less energy than current fixtures which have a considerable positive environmental benefit to the city which would be equivalent to taking 519 cars off the road. Another advantage of LED lights is that the light spread can be better controlled and be more focused.

Mr. Bryck explained that over the last few months, staff has researched potential cost of streetlight conversion and presented two options.

The first option would be to replace only the fixtures which would be done by a contractor who would audit the system, purchase the materials and install the lights. Cost would be about \$2.5 million which would be self-funded over 6-7 years from the cost savings realized by the reduction in energy consumption. The second option would replace the streetlight poles which are degraded and rolled into the larger LED streetlight project. As of now, the cost of replacing the poles which are degraded has not yet been funded through the CIP process. He explained that while using this approach the city will realize savings from the first year, the first year's savings would be substantially higher due to the rebate incentive the city would receive upon installation. Estimated total savings over 20 years would be \$7.9 million and \$5.9 million for each option respectively.

Mr. Bryck summarized by listing other benefits of this project which would include having new LED light fixtures citywide; reduction in the city's carbon footprint; lower the city's; create a new LED standard for developers; optional add-ons could be included to dim lights, custom lighting plans among others; etc. He indicated that staff recommends pursuing option 2 to include light pole replacement.

Vice Mayor Karlin indicated she has been a proponent of this type of conversion for many years. She asked if LED technology is considered universal waste at the end of the lights' lifespan. Mr. Bryck indicated he did not have an answer to that question. Vice Mayor Karlin asked if staff was looking at this project as an option to increase security in some of the city's neighborhood such as old town Avondale and Cashion. Mr. Bryck indicated that if the council directed staff to proceed with this project, the first step would be to do a photometric

analysis to determine needs and correct accordingly. He added that if the option to control the intensity of the lights was included, would be beneficial in the event of a police chase or similar incident. In response to a subsequent question, Mr. Bryck indicated that once given direction to proceed, the city could piggyback off of Phoenix' project currently being developed or Avondale to do its own procurement. Vice Mayor Karlin indicated she would be in favor of option 2 to include light pole replacement. She added that this would be a great project to submit for a Valley Forward Award.

Council Member Nielson indicated she thought this is a great project and is in favor of option 2. In response to a subsequent question, Mr. Bryck indicated that once procured, he estimates project completion would take 4-6 months.

Council Member McDonald asked for confirmation that there is currently no funding for replacement of the deteriorating poles. Mr. Bryck indicated that some poles have been replaced and the remaining poles have been submitted to the capital improvement plan for consideration but have not yet been allocated. Council Member McDonald wondered whether it made sense to replace something that still has 4-6 years of life and suggested long term savings would be more beneficial if the poles that still have 7-8 of life left are not replaced. Mr. Fitzhugh indicated that the point is currently being debated and there are arguments for either option.

Council Member Sierra indicated he is very much in favor of proceeding with this project and asked if the LED technology is at the point where the city would get the best technology for the best price. Mr. Bryck indicated that technology has moved quickly and it appears to have leveled off and manufacturers are currently offering a 10 year warranty. In response to a subsequent question, Mr. Bryck indicated that while manufacturers are mostly American companies, he is not aware where the lights are manufactured. Council Member Sierra commented that he would prefer that the light be American made.

Council Member Kilgore questioned whether the local utility companies have rebate incentives. Mr. Bryck indicated that APS offers rebates and estimates it would amount to about \$116,000, he added if directed to proceed, staff will look into the possibility of receiving grants to help towards funding this project. Council Member Kilgore indicated he is in favor of option 2.

Vice Mayor Karlin asked if the 7-prong feature mentioned by Mr. Bryck is included in the light fixtures. Mr. Bryck indicated it is. Mayor Weise and Vice Mayor Karlin indicating this was a great feature as add-ons such as being able to provide wi-fi and being able to adjust lighting related to public safety incidents would be of great benefit to the community.

Pat Dennis requested to address the Council regarding this item. In response to her question, Mr. Fitzhugh indicated that all lights in public streets are owned by the city and they have a life span of 20 years. Ms. Dennis suggested that the city should build a replacement reserve into its budget that would eliminate the need to include such a replacement as a CIP item. Mr. Fitzhugh indicated that while it would be great to have such a reserve, there are different schools of thought on the issue as the city does not currently have the capacity to do so.

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session pursuant to 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 lease agreements for city-owned property.

Council Member Kilgore moved to adjourn to executive session; 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.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Nielson moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Kilgore seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.



Mayor Weise

Carmen Martinez
Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

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 1st day of February 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.

Carmen Martinez
City Clerk