

Minutes of the Work Session held April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kenn Weise and Council Members

Stephanie Karlin, Vice Mayor
Bryan Kilgore
Jim McDonald
Sandi Nielson
Lorenzo Sierra

ABSENCE EXCUSED

David Iwanski

ALSO PRESENT

Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Gina Ramos Montes, Assistant City Manager
Stephanie Small, Neighborhood and Family Services
Kirk Haines, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director
Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2 2016-2017 DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Matt Hess, CDBG Program Manager, provided an update on the 2016/17 draft Annual Action Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Action Plan is essentially an extension of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which is a needs-based assessment related to all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Annual Action Plan takes specific goals of the Consolidated Plan and assigns specific activities and funding to those goals. All activities must promote the goals within the Consolidated Plan. Goals that came out of the most recent planning cycle were similar to those of years past. They are designed to:

- Preserve affordable housing inventory
- Replace infrastructure in low to moderate income areas
- Acquire and demolish unsafe structures
- Serve underserved populations
- Promote business development growth
- Affirmatively further fair housing
- Reduce lead-based paint hazards

The CDBG Allocations are:

- Street Reconstruction \$225,000
- Emergency Home Repair \$184,232
- Revitalization Area and Small Business Assistance \$40,000
- Youth Services \$10,000
- Administration \$114,807

HOME Investment Partnership funding activities are allocated as follows:

- Home Buyer Assistance \$30,000
- Substantial Owner-occupied Rehabilitation Assistance \$95,000
- Administration \$8,381

Mr. Hess reported that the draft plan has been available for public comment since March 10. City Council will hold a public hearing and consider on April 18. The plan will be submitted prior to May 15.

Council Member Nielson asked whether the motel on Western Avenue would qualify for demolition funding. Mr. Hess said it could, but given the amount of money available this year, actual demolition of any structures has not been included. Staff is working to identify all structures in revitalization areas that require demolition.

Vice Mayor Karlin said it is important to let the federal government know how valuable CDBG funding is, and how often it is used. Staff does an excellent job to identify the areas of greatest need. Money has not always been set aside to repair streets in aging areas because usually there are higher priorities for the limited funding. The problem is that when projects are continually bumped back, they can become much more expensive to fix. She encouraged staff to revisit the priorities and consider whether spending a little on road repairs now could prevent more expensive problems from developing later. She is proud of the services the City offers, but wishes more money was available.

Council Member Sierra inquired about emergency home repairs. Mr. Hess said approximately \$10,000 is available for health and safety type repairs. Typically these are roof replacements, HVAC, and plumbing projects. Program delivery costs are about \$1,500 per project. A rehabilitation specialist will qualify each applicant, develop a scope of work and facilitate the management of the contract. Every contractor is licensed through the Arizona Registrar of Contractors and all have the requisite bonding.

Council Member Sierra inquired about the small business loan guarantees. Mr. Hess explained that the City uses its credit rating on loans issued through communal financial institutions. The existing program loaned out \$30,000 of CDBG funding in the shape of guaranteed reserves. No money was spent, and there have been no loan losses. Council Member Sierra asked whether CDBG money could be used to help pay for funeral expenses. Mr. Hess did not know whether anyone that has used them in that way, but undertook to look into it.

Mayor Weise inquired about the requirements for business owners who want to redo their facades for revitalization. Mr. Hess said the businesses would have to be in the revitalization area and contribute 25% of the total cost. They would be required to comply with Davis-Bacon and related acts. The process used is similar to the home repair program. The limited funds are allocated on a first come/first served basis.

Mayor Weise inquired about street repair funding. Mr. Hess said the budget increased from about \$900,000 to \$1.5 million. Development and Engineering Services estimates that

street repair preferably should be at about \$4 million per year, and staff has a plan to get there by 2020.

3 SPECIAL EVENTS STATUS REPORT

Kirk Haines, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director, explained that in the wake of the recession, the City looked for ways to reduce the budget. Special events programs and the staff positions to support them were eliminated. In 2012, some special events were brought back. Instead of relying on staff to support event functions, the City turned to contracted vendor Goosebump to fulfill that activity.

Mr. Haines said the current special events budget is around \$250,000. The City has \$184,000 budgeted to help pay for the cost, while the remainder will come from sponsorships or partnerships. Of that amount, Goosebump is paid \$50,000. They ran 12 events through the course of the year and spent 706 hours working on events. That does not include the considerable amount of time spent planning, preparing and marketing events. City staff also encumbers hundreds of hours throughout the year on special events.

Mr. Haines said planning has started for next year's special events. There will be six signature events. RAN/GAIN and Winterfest will both be held on Western Avenue. Tale of Two Cities will be at Estrella Mountain Community College, while Tres Rios Nature Festival is being held next to Phoenix International Raceway. Avondale KidFest is scheduled for April 9 at Friendship Park. Fiesta Avondale will be moving to Western Avenue this year in an effort to boost attendance.

Specialty events include A Day of Play, Movie Night at PIR; Make a Difference Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and Avondale Showcase Comedy Night. Additional activities include the Resource Fair, Fashion Holiday, STEMfest, Project WET, and the Farmers Market. There are opportunities to disperse these events and make better connections in different neighborhoods around the city. The City Hall campus could also be used for possible cultural, music or food festivals. EMCC has a wonderful performing arts facility that could host indoor functions in the summer. Avondale is also affiliated with events like Black History Month, Dia de los Muertos, VetFest, the IMS Marathon, and the Criterion Bike Race, by providing either financial resources or facilities.

Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs, stated that Billy Moore Days was established in 1954, and was traditionally held on the third weekend of October. It celebrated the history of the area in honor of a pioneer who established a stage stop, general store and saloon in what became Avondale. Billy Moore left a disreputable past before resettling in Arizona following the Civil War. The festival was celebrated by Avondale, Goodyear, and Litchfield Park. It included a parade on Western Avenue, a carnival, an arts and crafts fair, a golf tournament, burro races, car shows, street dances, and was linked to Agua Fria High School's homecoming. The business community was very much involved in the coordination of the event. Avondale was very different in the 1950s, and this was the big social event for the community. Everybody got involved. It marked the end of summer and celebrated the fall harvest.

Ms. Simeri said that in 2005, the Chamber of Commerce asked the City to take over the coordination of Billy Moore Days, which it did. In 2009, the recession hit and City Council made the tough decision to scrap all special events. When events returned in 2012, City Council opted to partner with Goodyear and EMCC in Tale of Two Cities Parade and Festival. The idea was to create an event with more of a regional appeal.

Ms. Simeri said staff conducted a survey in 2015, but it did not generate much feedback. A petition to bring back Billy Moore Days has been circulating since December 2014 and is up to about 479 signatures. The feedback reveals that there is much nostalgia surrounding the event. It was very meaningful for people. She said the City will never be able to replicate what Billy Moore Days meant in a bygone era, nor live up to those kinds of expectations today. Instead the focus should be on building up new traditions and memories for current and future residents.

Mr. Haines explained that staff has been trying to develop a program that would help replicate some of the Billy Moore Days activities. He presented three alternatives for City Council to evaluate:

- Option 1 would be a two-day event on Western Avenue in springtime. It could be coupled with Fiesta Avondale. It would feature a parade of lights at night, and headliner entertainment on Friday and Saturday, as well as community stage acts of local talent. A mini carnival and fireworks would add to the atmosphere.
- Option 2 would also be on Western Avenue in the fall. It would be combined with Resident Appreciation Night on Friday night and will feature a parade on Saturday along Western Avenue and ending at Agua Fria High School. It could feature the same types of activities as Option 1.
- Option 3 would be a spring or fall event at Festival Fields. It could be a longer festival, with a bigger carnival setup. This option would does not include a parade as it would be more challenging to stage. Entertainment and family oriented activities would be featured throughout the weekend.

Vice Mayor Karlin said investment in parks and recreation in many ways is even more valuable than economic development because it showcases the community and brings people in from outside who can see for themselves what Avondale has to offer. Tres Rios should be a premier event. It is unique and highlights one of the few natural riparian areas in Arizona. Much more could be done with it. The EMCC Performing Arts Center will hopefully encourage more collaboration with the West Valley Arts Council. She supports the idea of having events dispersed throughout the community. Option 2 for Billy Moore would tap into the success of RAN, which is already a walkable, family-oriented event. She said Goosebump has done an excellent job. The fireworks at PIR were successful but expensive, and there are other displays across the Valley. Events are important because they bring the community together.

Council Member Nielson said City Council established the goal of having family-friendly events, but Comedy Night was billed as adult humor. The money should be spent on something else. Option 2 is the preferable one for Billy Moore Days. The headlining act

should be a clean one. The event should occur before the State Fair to create the best draw. The amphitheater could host a movie night. She felt the money raised during the golf tournament should be spread to more charities. Mayor Weise explained that the Mayor's Golf Challenge was started by the Boys and Girls Club. They do the bulk of the work, and the City lends the Mayor's title to it. Other charities are not precluded from doing the same thing. Council Member Nielson suggested that Billy Moore Days be renamed Wild West Days. Bringing it back will help the city.

Council Member McDonald expressed his support for bringing back Billy Moore Days. Tale of Two Cities has been a success, but the narrowness of Western Avenue creates a more vibrant atmosphere. Children find fire station open houses very exciting. He likes Option 2 for Billy Moore. Fall is the ideal time to get marching band participation. Since Avondale stopped doing Fourth of July fireworks, other venues have picked it up. Goodyear packs their ballpark every year. If Avondale picks it back up again, the crowds could be smaller than before.

Council Member Sierra felt that holding events in various neighborhoods would be a very welcome addition. Billy Moore Days would give people a break from a faster paced world and bring back a taste of old fashioned Americana. It would pay homage to the past while still looking toward the future. Fall is the ideal time for marching bands. This type of event would lend itself well to public/private partnerships.

Council Member Kilgore said the Avondale Resource Fair and Fashion Holiday Celebration are always well received. He inquired about the money spent on the affiliated events. Mr. Haines said it ranges between \$500 and \$2,500. Council Member Kilgore said he supports bringing back Billy Moore Days. There is a lot of nostalgia and people miss the sense of community it generated. Option 2 is the best. He would support a name change to avoid any problems that could come from associating with Billy Moore's past.

Mayor Weise likes the City's events. RAN/Gain is outstanding and a natural partner for Billy Moore Days. Billy Moore needs a carnival. Marching band season is in the fall, and Agua Fria High School has volunteered their grounds for a portion of festivities. Some of what Billy Moore stood for would probably be looked down upon today, but he played a role in Avondale's history, and this is a chance to tell new residents that story. Avondale should not try to rewrite history and ignore who Billy Moore was. The public should have a say in whether the name should be changed or not. Billy Moore Days should make a return in 2017 so it could be done right. It would be too rushed to bring it back in 2016, and the community needs to be involved. The logistics related to fireworks and carnival vendors would be hard to pull off in such a short time.

Tale of Two Cities is great, but it feels like a manufactured event. The parade route is too long. He would like to see the partnership with EMCC continue. Too many other cities are doing fireworks now for Fourth of July. Avondale should have them for Billy Moore Days instead. The City should partner with HOAs more often, even offering grants to help smaller HOAs put on events.

Council Member McDonald said if the cost of rushing Billy Moore Days for 2016 would be too great, he would prefer to wait until 2017. Mr. Haines said staff would explore the

feasibility of having a quality Billy Moore event return in 2016. Mayor Weise said the educational component of the event is important. He proposed a proclamation renaming Avondale to Coldwater for the two days of Billy Moore to shed some light on the community's history.

Mr. Haines said staff would move forward with the modified framework, and would return for Council review and approval of the event schedule in a few months.

4 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 7:14 p.m.



Mayor Weise



Carmen Martinez MMC
City Clerk

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 4th day of April, 2016. 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 April 4, 2016 at 7:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kenn Weise and Council Members

Stephanie Karlin, Vice Mayor
Bryan Kilgore
Jim McDonald
Sandi Nielson
Lorenzo Sierra

EXCUSED:

Council Member David Iwanski

ALSO PRESENT

Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director
Kirk Haines, Parks, Recreation and Libraries Director
Drew Bryck, Environmental Program Manager
Abbe Yacoben, Finance and Budget Director
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

2 RECOGNITION ITEMS (MAYOR PRESENTATIONS)

a. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES -- CITY CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARDS

Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director indicated that this presentation is based on Council's request. She explained that during the NLC Conference in March, Avondale received the Cultural Diversity Award for the Goodyear Farms Cemetery. The submittal included a narrative on the history of the cemetery and the importance that the cemetery still carries for families and the community as a whole. The submittal also highlighted the Dia de los Muertos celebration that takes place at the cemetery every year to recognize the people who are buried at the cemetery. She indicated that Kathy Soria and the Ballet Folklorico Esperanza should especially be recognized for all their work and volunteer hours they donate to the upkeep of the cemetery.

Vice Mayor Karlin commended Ms. Simeri for submitting the Dia de los Muertos cultural celebration and the Cemetery for the Diversity Award and commented she was glad to see the city recognized in this way. She recognized Ms. Soria and her group for all of her work at the cemetery.

Council Member Sierra commented on the importance of the holiday for the Hispanic culture and expressed his appreciation to Ms. Soria and her group for honoring the Hispanic heritage and culture.

b. PROCLAMATION - MAYOR RECOGNITION DAY FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

Chris Lopez, Youth Services and Community Supervisor indicated this is a national effort to recognize the impact that national service members and volunteers have in the communities they serve. He indicated that AmeriCorp groups serve in different

capacities and projects that range from energy conservation, home beautification, etc. Future groups will work in loss prevention and STEM programing among other projects. Mr. Lopez played a video depicted a recently completed project by VISTA volunteers.

Mr. Lopez introduced Kimberly Will, Arizona State Program Director for the Corporation for National and Community Service to address the Council. Ms. Will thanked the Council and the city for being such an active participant in this effort. She indicated that Avondale is one of the first cities who joined. There are now 39 employers in Arizona which makes Arizona tied with Washington for first in the nation.

Mayor Weise read and presented a proclamation to Ms. Will proclaiming April 5, 2016 as Day for National Service.

3 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no requests to address the Council.

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 March 14, 2016
2. Regular Meeting of March 14, 2016
3. Work Session of March 21, 2016
4. Regular Meeting of March 21, 2016

b. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE - WILDCAT POKER TOURNAMENT AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

A request from Louis Sisbarro on behalf of St. Thomas Aquinas' Wildcat Dads Club for approval of a special event liquor license to be used in conjunction with their Wildcat Poker Tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church located at 13720 W Thomas Road in Avondale.

c. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PREMISES - WILD WILLY'S CANTINA

A request for approval of a temporary extension of premises of a Series 06 Bar Liquor License at Wild Willy's Cantina located at 613 E Western Avenue in Avondale to be used in conjunction with the City sponsored Avondale Fiesta on Saturday April 30, 2016.

d. RESOLUTION 3304-416 - ADOPTING THE POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH PLAN FOR THE AVONDALE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

A resolution approving the establishment of a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association/Post Employment Health Plan for the Avondale Professional Firefighters Association, International Association of Local 3924 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 3305-416 - APPROVING THE CITY OF AVONDALE 401(A) TRUST PLAN

A resolution approving the City of Avondale 401(A) Trust Plan effective July 1, 2016 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 3306-416 - AMENDMENT TO NATIONWIDE 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN TO ADD A ROTH OPTION

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to review and approve the proposed addition of a Roth option to the Nationwide deferred compensation plan (457) adopted by the City in 1994 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member Kilgore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented including Resolutions 3304-416, 3305-416 and 3306-416. Council Member Nielson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS

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

Motion was carried 6-0

5 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD - DNG CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT FRIENDSHIP PARK

City Council will consider a request to award a contract to DNG Construction, LLC. For improvements at Friendship Park in the amount of \$3,004,427.07, authorize the necessary transfer and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Parks, Recreation and Libraries Director Kirk Haines provided a brief overview of this project indicating that ingress and egress to the park as well as traffic flow within the park will be modified to match the traffic flow improvements being made on McDowell road. Mr. Haines also highlighted other amenities coming to Friendship Park such as group picnic areas, new playground equipment and a splash pad. He explained that the splash pad will feature the Gallery 37 mosaic project. Finally he explained there will be two playgrounds. One of the playgrounds will open on April 9th and will be completely ADA accessible. The second playground is slated to open in early May and includes musical elements so as to stimulate all of the senses.

Mr. Haines indicated that the construction schedule will be condensed so that the park can be completed for Labor Day. He said the grand opening could be celebrated as a special event with activities for the kids and families. The fields will be closed for the summer and they will be reconstructed while closed so that the entire park can be ready for fall activities.

Mr. Haines reviewed the recommendations being presented to Council:

- Approve a construction contract with DNG Construction in the amount of \$3,004,427.07 for park improvements at Friendship Park
- Authorize the transfer of \$1,450,000.00 from CIP Park Fund Line Item 310-1105-00-8210, Festival Fields to CIP Park Fund Line Item 310-1027-00-8210, Friendship Park

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Karlin, Mr. Haines indicated that the water that will be used for the splash is potable water which once used will go directly to the lake.

Council Member Kilgore commented that while he had expressed concerns previously regarding using funds originally slated for Festival Fields for the proposed renovations at Friendship Park, he is excited to see what will come to Friendship Park. He added he has talked to his constituents and they are comfortable with improving one park at a time. Council Member Kilgore suggested that a batting cage be added to the amenities available at the park as he knows there would be a high demand for it. Council Member Kilgore explained he is concerned regarding access for public safety personnel should there be a need. Mr. Haines indicated that staff will rely on the police department in the event that there was a need to alter the traffic flow and ingress and egress to the park.

Council Member Sierra asked if there are any projections for park use. Mr. Haines explained that staff has had to deal with several groups using the fields at the same time and will plan accordingly to ensure programming is adequate. Mr. Haines explained that staff will work to ensure that ramada reservation and use of the splash pad be coordinated appropriately to ensure everyone gets a chance to use the amenities. Council Member Sierra asked if there will be opportunities for food vendors at the park. Mr. Haines replied that staff has not considered that yet, but is cognizant of the fact that people will stay longer and will need those options.

Council Member Nielson was complimentary of the plans for Friendship Park.

Mayor Weise indicated that the proposed amenities will address the needs of the community. He asked regarding cleanup of the park and amenities such as the grills. Mr. Haines explained staff will look at those issues to ensure that users have a positive experience and the facilities are up to their expectations to have an enjoyable time.

Vice Mayor Karlin asked if there would be recycling receptacles available. Mr. Haines replied that there will one wherever there is a regular trash can. Vice Mayor Karlin suggested that the trash cans incorporate an education component so as to reduce contamination.

Regarding safety, Council Member Nielson indicated that she has heard reports regarding this issue and suggested that police patrol the area periodically.

Council Member Nielson moved to award a contract to DNG Construction, LLC. For improvements at Friendship Park in the amount of \$3,004,427.07, authorize the necessary transfer and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Vice Mayor Karlin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS

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

Motion was carried 6-0

6 HOOVER DAM POWER PURCHASE

City Council will receive information regarding the option to purchase Hoover Dam power directly from the Arizona Power Authority (APA) at a reduced rate compared to current electric utility power charges. This item is for information, discussion and direction.

Assistant City Manager Kevin Artz introduced Drew Bryck, Environmental Program Manager to present this item.

Mr. Bryck indicated that Hoover Dam is run by the Bureau of Reclamation. Electricity generated there is moved through large transmission lines where it meets the APS and SRP grid system in the valley. The Arizona Power Authority purchases electricity from the Hoover Dam and in 2011 the Hoover Power Allocation Act allowed new contractors to apply for a chance to purchase power. He indicated staff submitted an application and was awarded the opportunity to purchase power directly from the APA at about \$0.025 per kWh. Avondale currently purchases power from the utilities at a rate of \$0.07 to \$0.09 per kWh. He explained that application opportunities have only been opened twice in the last 75 years. Mr. Bryck explained that because the contract term is 50 years, staff feels it would be prudent to solicit professional services to analyze the potential financial impact and risks of moving forward with the long term contract. He added that preliminary estimates indicated that the city would save approximately \$20,000 - \$37,000 per year. Mr. Bryck indicated that there are some expenses associated with this program which would include a repayable advance to the EPA. Other costs would be related to hiring services of a professional engineer to prepare a financial impact report which would cost about \$10,000 and a \$2,500 membership fee to the Arizona Municipal Power Users' Association.

Vice Mayor Karlin asked if the \$0.025 per kWh is set or will it change over the term of the contract. Mr. Bryck indicated that the prices do adjust over time and that would be a reason to do the professional economic analysis. In response to a subsequent question from Vice Mayor Karlin, Mr. Bryck indicated that if the city were to take advantage of this opportunity, a contract would need to be signed by October 1, 2016 and added that this timeline gives the city ample time to explore further.

Council Member McDonald asked Mr. Bryck what was his confidence level that the analysis will show that the city would benefit from this proposal. Mr. Bryck indicated that his confidence level is high and sees this as a potentially positive move for the city.

In response to a question from Council Member McDonald, City Attorney Andrew McGuire indicated that the legal fees are tied to the membership to the association, so the city will be able to get the legal advice without an additional cost. He indicated that questions such as additional fees and charges the city may need to incur as a result would be analyzed by the consultant.

7 PUBLIC HEARING - HOME RULE ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

City Council will hold the second of two required public hearings on the home-rule alternative expenditure limitation option.

Assistant City Manager Kevin Artz indicated that this is the second of two required public hearings regarding the Alternative Expenditure Limitation.

Abbe Yacoben, Finance and Budget Director indicated the first public hearing was held on March 21st. She explained this is required by both the Arizona Constitution and the Arizona Revised Statutes which impose an expenditure limitation on cities and towns based on the 1979-1980 expenditures with an adjustment made for inflation and population growth. There are exclusions for certain expenditures such as bond proceeds, interest income grants and intergovernmental revenues. She explained that because voter approved revenue sources such as the ½ cent sales tax for infrastructure and transportation, the ½ cent sales tax for public safety and impact fees would not be exempted, the city would not be able to make the improvements the voters thought they would get when they voted in favor of these measures. Were the Home Rule not be approved, the city would be required to cut about \$82 million from the current budget.

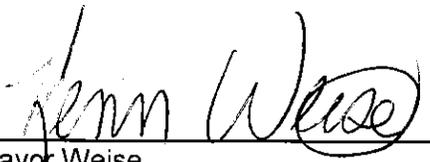
Ms. Yacoben indicated that based on council feedback, staff will go above and beyond the required public noticing requirements and will use the city's website, social media, RAVE magazine to inform the public regarding this issue. She added that staff will send email blasts to the various boards, commissions and committee members, HOA groups, schools, etc.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.



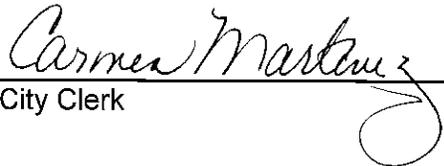
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