

Minutes of the Work Session held April 18, 2016 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 (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Sandi Nielson
Lorenzo Sierra (telephonic)

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, City Manager
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Paul Adams, Fire Chief
Dan Davis, Economic Development Director
Kirk Haines, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director
Stephanie Small, Neighborhood & Family Services Director
Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director
Linda Mendenhall, Records Administrator
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2 FY 2016-2017 BUDGET WORK SESSION

- Fire and Medical

Paul Adams, Fire Chief, said Fire and Medical needs to replace the ballistic vests that are issued to all firefighters. The life span of current vests expires in 2018. The first year of a three-year plan will require a supplemental of \$13,400. The \$17,500 in funding for Wildland Firefighting Training and Equipment comes from deployments generated in previous years. Establishment of the Emergency Operations Center is a primary goal for the next fiscal year, and a supplemental of \$132,000 will outfit space in the Phoenix International Raceway building for that purpose. The Wildland Fire Deployment Fund is a \$107,750 appropriation that is created to allow a source of funds that can be readily drawn from in the event the department is deployed to a wildland fire. These funds are reimbursed from state or federal agencies.

Vice Mayor Karlin requested an update on the County Island Fire District. David Fitzhugh reported that if the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the petition process, staff would brief Council on the situation and what to expect moving forward. Chief Adams added that the petitioners will have a year from the time it is authorized to gather enough signatures. Should that be successful, the City would begin talking actively about a contract for service in that area.

Council Member Sierra inquired about the effort to pursue accreditation. Chief Adams responded that the department would still like to pursue it, but doing so requires a great deal of staff time and this will have to be worked into future budget processes. In response to a further inquiry from Council Member Sierra, Chief Adams said the safety of first responders who fight wildfires is a very high priority. The Forest Service recognizes that municipal fire

agencies are unaccustomed to working in wildfire environments on a regular basis, so they tend to put those crews in areas where they are less exposed. He said the crews are very well trained and can very easily handle the situations they are put in.

- Economic Development

Dan Davis said Economic Development has four supplementals. The \$250,000 Economic Opportunities Fund is basically a deal closing fund used to address projects that are coming to Avondale and need a little assistance to push them over the line. The Desert Springs \$64,700 supplemental is for a residential development agreement that City Council approved this past year. The Infill Incentive Program supplemental makes \$94,000 available for residential and commercial infill projects in Historic Avondale. The Mortensen Property Acquisition supplemental of \$81,000 carries forward two extensions that would be required for next year's budget, plus the differential in property taxes.

Council Member Nielson requested a history of the Mortensen acquisition. Mr. Davis explained that the acquisition included not only the 4.25 acres for the Sports Center property, but also the option to purchase the parking lot parcel in front and a parcel in the back. The City has the ability to purchase these properties outright for \$2.3 million. In lieu of that, the City can make yearly payments to extend it. Mayor Weise asked whether Avondale has to buy both properties all at once or if there is an option to buy the pieces separately. Mr. Davis responded that the way the agreement is currently structured, both parcels would have to be acquired as one. Andrew McGuire, City Attorney, noted that the City could renegotiate the property deal, but an encumbrance currently exists on it.

Council Members Iwanski and Sierra indicated that they have been hearing nothing but praise regarding American Sports Center. Mayor Weise said Main Event and the Sports Center are two of Avondale's biggest successes. Family-friendly development strikes a chord in Avondale, and he would like to keep that momentum going. Mr. Davis responded that the Accelerate Now incentive package has kick-started development. The department will continue to focus on attracting high capital investment and great job opportunities for residents.

Vice Mayor Karlin inquired about the Gangplank allocation. Mr. Davis explained that Avondale has a five-year agreement with Gangplank. That agreement is set to expire at the end of June and future opportunities are currently being reviewed. The \$60,000 is the fee paid to Gangplank to operate out of the old City Hall. They conduct a number of outreach activities to bring small businesses together to collaborate. The success has not been as great as hoped for. Once the review has concluded, City Council will be asked to consider whether the contract should be extended.

- Parks, Recreation and Libraries

Kirk Haines, Parks, Recreation & Libraries, said \$100,000 was put into the special event budget for the Billy Moore Days celebration. An ongoing supplemental of \$30,000 per year will be required to cover the water cost for the splash pad. Western Avenue Holiday Lighting requires a supplemental of \$56,710. The parks maintenance contract will be scaled back somewhat and staff will now be responsible for maintaining the sports fields, which will

increase operating costs by \$24,320. The department currently has a part-time Recreation Specialist that will be built up to a full-time position for a \$31,700 supplemental. An ongoing supplemental of \$4,610 covers the Siemens HVAC contract annual increase. The library's circulation system requires a \$5,000 supplemental to cover the 3M service agreement increase. The library's self-check system requires a replacement supplemental of \$50,580, and a new registration software package requires \$170,000. The concrete border at Crystal Gardens has a supplemental of \$100,000. The community pays for the irrigation within the landscaped area, but the City owns and maintains the property.

Vice Mayor Karlin said KidFest was a success. She said citizens have complained that the online system to sign up for programs can be challenging and it could probably benefit from some streamlining. Mr. Haines agreed, saying staff is in the process of looking for a more user-friendly application.

Council Member Sierra said the City should prepare a sponsorship package for businesses interested in sponsoring Billy Moore Days. The splash pad is going to be a real draw for people both inside and outside the community. He inquired whether the new registration software would be able to integrate with the proposed website improvements. Mr. Haines responded that staff has not yet chosen a software package. Many options are being explored for their user friendliness, value and ability to meet the City's objectives. An RFP will be issued allowing a variety of service providers to offer proposals.

Council Member McDonald inquired about the recurring concrete border expense. Mr. Haines explained that the project was initially expected to cost \$250,000, but that cost has increased to \$380,000. This supplemental covers about 25% of the total, and payments will be required for the next three years to complete the project. The border is being replaced incrementally primarily for budget reasons, with the worst areas being replaced first. Replacement materials will be of high quality and have the desired longevity.

Council Member Kilgore stated that he has been receiving positive feedback regarding Friendship Park and commended staff for responding to requests to repair Fred Campbell Park. He praised the library's reading program, and inquired about the status of the existing self checkout system. Mr. Haines responded that one unit has been updated and is functioning extremely well. It allows patrons to check out several items at once and is easier to use.

Mayor Weise asked whether solar panels could be used at Fred Campbell Park to help offset the cost of lighting there. Mr. Haines said staff is always looking for better solutions. The lighting at the park must ensure that the park is user-friendly and meets the objectives of the Police Department. Mayor Weise noted that some parts of the park are dark and inquired whether more lights would be added. Mr. Haines said adding more lights would be a point of emphasis for the park.

- Neighborhood and Family Services

Stephanie Small reported that Neighborhood & Family Services has grown tremendously over the past few years, and now has five divisions. The transition of Senior Services to NFS requires a total supplemental of \$43,500 to make up for the shortfall of funding that

was available to cover that program. The Community Action Program funding from Maricopa County was reduced by more than half. A supplemental of \$68,880 would provide the funding needed to maintain current staffing levels and meet service delivery demands. A supplemental of \$65,080 would support an administrative assistant necessary to adequately meet department goals and grant obligations. In an effort to address the citywide needs for volunteers, a comprehensive volunteer management system would require a one-time setup cost of \$9,000 and an ongoing license supplemental of \$6,000. The last supplemental is for \$60,000 to continue the popular Police Housing Incentive Program.

Vice Mayor Karlin asked whether Avondale does anything to encourage beautification of neighborhoods. Ms. Small responded that last year staff created a neighborhood toolbox program that allows residents to reserve the tools necessary to handle neighborhood cleanups. Free Dumpster service is provided as well. Staff is looking to revise Make a Difference Day to provide more of an incentive for beautification. Vice Mayor Karlin suggested letting HOAs know that these incentives are available.

Vice Mayor Karlin said that word is spreading about the farmers' market, but parking remains a challenge. The market helps alleviate one of Avondale's food deserts. Mayor Weise inquired about the parking challenges. Vice Mayor Karlin responded that the market itself and the available parking is difficult to find and can only be accessed from one direction. The signage is not clear. As more people participate, the parking problems will be even worse.

Council Member Sierra inquired whether the need for the City's services has been increasing. Ms. Small explained that the demand is growing partially because the need is, but also because the City has been disseminating more information about the type of services that are being offered. Council Member Sierra noted that the ongoing revitalization of central Phoenix has priced people out of that market and many are moving to the West Valley as a result. The service providers they have been relying on would like to establish themselves in Avondale, and he encouraged staff to be prepared for the increased need. He inquired about the situation regarding the Community Action Plan. Ms. Small stated that the situation is complex. Maricopa County Human Services is opening new CAP agencies in underserved areas, which makes less money available for Avondale and other cities with existing programs. Staff is preparing a City Council presentation on the overall impact of this transition.

Council Member Sierra suggested that the new volunteer software be integrated with the City's new website. He proposed that in the future Avondale should offer teachers a similar program to the police housing incentive program. This would help the local school districts recruit and retain teachers. Mr. Fitzhugh clarified that by approving the supplemental for the CAP position, City Council will be making the decision that the City will be fund part of the CAP, which is a County program. Staff has looked into a teacher housing program, but Avondale is not eligible for any of the state or federal funds that are available. Mayor Weise said it might be time to take another look at this idea.

Council Member Kilgore said the community loves the NFS services that help them live a better life. The department has been fiscally responsible with its budget, and hopefully more

funding can be provided in the future. Council Member Iwanski inquired about opportunities to partner with organizations in assisting veterans. Ms. Small responded that Avondale has a navigator program at the Resource Center. Mayor Weise noted that Avondale played a role in creating the new West Phoenix Veterans Center, which is opening north of Luke Air Force Base at the former greeting center.

- Public Works

Cindy Blackmore, Public Works, said the first two supplementals are to support replacement cycles for the chlorine generation system, at \$150,000, and the R&M bulk chemical tank, at \$30,000. The chlorine system has nine generators, which last about ten years each. This cycle will allow for replacement of one each year. There are 18 chemical tanks in the system that can last an average of six years each. This cycle will allow replacement of three tanks each year.

Ms. Blackmore said the focus on improving preventative maintenance services requires a supplemental to cover the necessary extra materials and supplies. The water reclamation request is for \$65,000, and the sewer collection system request is for \$45,000. Two staff positions are requested: a water treatment operator/mechanic, and a SCADA technician. The expenses for these positions were included when City Council reviewed the water and sewer rates. The Fleet Services requests for both fuel tank maintenance and repairs, and security/access control upgrades are being withdrawn because the savings from lower fuel prices can be applied to cover those costs. The current budget is also sufficient to handle electricity costs, so there will be no need for a supplemental for this purpose.

Vice Mayor Karlin asked why there appears to be two SCADA technicians, but only one was mentioned in the report. Ms. Blackmore explained that funding for the one position is being split equally between Water and Sewer. Vice Mayor Karlin stated that arsenic and nitrate brine disposal seems expensive at \$180,000. Ms. Blackmore said that service is contracted out and the brine is hauled to a landfill in Buckeye. Mr. Fitzhugh added that the number is not out of line with typical costs. The service is expensive and the contractor has to assume some liability when they pick the material up. Vice Mayor Karlin noted that Avondale is one of the few cities that have an assured 100-year water supply.

Council Member Iwanski said the water treatment process will always produce organics, some of which are contaminants that have to be disposed of properly. The landfill in Buckeye is permitted to deal with those contaminants, specifically arsenic. Brine disposal will be one of the biggest water management issues in future, because there is no easy way to treat for and dispose of brine. He commended the department's aggressive asset management program. This is absolutely essential. The qualified employees who operate the water and wastewater plants are just as important to the safety, health, and public welfare of the city as any other employee. The City should focus on hiring the best candidates and then train, motivate and retain them.

Mayor Weise suggested that Avondale explore a program that would train high school students into becoming water and wastewater operators. He inquired about the department's relationships with operators in other cities. Ms. Blackmore responded that

staff builds relationships with all neighboring communities, and they all work with each other in times of need.

Mayor Weise recognized members of the public who wished to address the Council.

Colleen Schorr, President of the Historic Avondale Merchants Association, reported that the merchants and residents are very excited about the arch over Western Avenue and hope that City Council will consider building it. Many are prepared to speak in favor of it when the matter comes before Council for a vote.

Ernesto Fonseca said that an arch would help build the brand of Western Avenue and establish a gateway to the street. The City has invested millions in redevelopment, but it takes a long time to come to fruition, and more money will be needed. Western Avenue is unique to the city, with a history that dates back to the 1800s. He encouraged City Council to vote for the arch.

Mayor Weise stated that Danny Todd could not attend the meeting but wanted to lend his support to the arch.

3 ADJOURNMENT

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

City Council meeting adjourned at 7:27 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 April, 2016. 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 April 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kenn Weise and Council Members

Stephanie Karlin, Vice Mayor
David Iwanski
Bryan Kilgore
Jim McDonald
Sandi Nielson
Lorenzo Sierra (telephonic)

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, City Manager
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Matthew Hess, CDBG Program Manager
Sheryl Steele, Resource Center Coordinator
Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Information Director
Deann Franklin, Web Services and Media Coordinator
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 RECOGNITION ITEMS (MAYOR PRESENTATIONS)

A. NEWLY PROMOTED FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

- a. Justin Ernst, Battalion Chief
- b. Jennifer Becsei, Fire Captain
- c. Steve King, Fire Captain

Chief Paul Adams indicated he was proud to introduce newly promoted Fire Department command staff officers.

Justin Ernst started with the City in June 2005 and has most recently been promoted to Battalion Chief. Justin is a certified paramedic and a technical rescue technician. He holds an AS General Studies and an AA in Emergency Operations and Emergency Preparedness.

Jennifer Becsei has been with the City since 2004 and was promoted to Fire Captain in April of 2016. Jennifer is a certified paramedic and the City's first female Fire Captain.

Steven King who started in May 1999 was promoted to Captain on April 11, 2016. He is a certified paramedic and a certified technical rescue technician.

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
2. Regular and Special Meetings of April 4, 2016

b. LIQUOR LICENSE – SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) – CASA DE PLATA

An application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) liquor license application submitted by Mr. Joseph Esiquio Plata to be used at Casa de Plata, a new restaurant to be located at 210 N. Avondale Blvd. Suites 104 and 105 in Avondale.

c. COOPERTIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT – ANSWERNOW, INC.

A request to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with AnswerNow, Inc. to provide an after-hours answering service for a maximum aggregate amount of \$70,000 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT – SUMMIT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.

A request to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Summit Electric Supply Co., Inc. to purchase electrical supplies for a maximum aggregate amount \$500,000 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. FIRST AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT – CONTINENTAL FLOORING COMPANY

A request to approve the first amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Continental Flooring to increase of \$47,750 annually and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member Kilgore moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 3307-416 – APPROVING 2016-2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

A public hearing and a resolution approving the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan portion of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Matthew Hess, CDBG Program Manager explained the purpose of the Annual Action Plan indicating that it is an extension of the 5-year consolidated plan and is basically a needs assessment the City needs to complete once every five years. The Annual Action Plan assigns available funding to activities that promote the goals in the Consolidated Plan. Mr. Hess stated that the last year there were seven goals in the plan: to increase affordable housing, replace infrastructure, remove unsafe structures, support programs for underserved populations, promote businesses, housing and reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Mr. Hess reviewed CDBG funding allocation which includes 20% for administration to cover partial payroll and other soft cost to administer the program; 40 % for home repairs for construction and related costs associated to the home repairs. Other allocations support the Next Step Program and costs associated with revitalization; small businesses loan guarantees, signage, façade rehabilitation and other commercial rehabilitation. Home Investment Partnership funds are committed through the County's Annual Action Plan; Administration is limited to 5% reduced split with a 10% maximum allocated with Maricopa County as the lead agency. There are also funds set aside for homebuyer's assistance and substantial rehabilitation. There is an additional 4% from the Maricopa Home Consortium with our required match of \$31,000 for the non-administrative funds.

Mr. Hess indicated that the plan went out for comment from March 10, 2016 through April 9, 2016 and was available on the website as well as paper copies available at the Avondale Community Center and Care First Resource Center. Mr. Hess noted that no comments were received. He indicated that prior to approving the plan, the Council should hold a public hearing. The approved plan will be submitted to HUD in conjunction with Maricopa County's Annual Action Plan prior to May 15, 2016.

Council Member Sierra thanked the staff for the presentation and mentioned that he had an opportunity to meet Secretary Castro and members of his staff. He indicated that they were very impressed with what is being done in Avondale and that it is a testament to the staff and their hard work.

Mayor Weise opened up the public hearing for citizens to speak on this issue; there being no comments Mayor Weise closed the public hearing.

Council Member McDonald moved to adopt Resolution 3307-416 approving the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan. 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.

6 CONTRIBUTIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

A request to approve eligibility criteria for the Contributions Assistance Program and appoint a City Council subcommittee to make recommendations on awardees.

Sheryl Steele, Resource Center Coordinator stated that the purpose for this presentation is to review the guidelines for the FY2017 Contribution Assistance Program and to select a subcommittee to assist them in allocating those funds for this year.

Ms. Steele states that the Contributions Assistance Program allocates funding up to \$10,000 for non-profit agencies that will provide health and human services to Avondale residents. She indicated that nineteen agencies were funded most recently. She highlighted Diane and Gregory's Fresh market, who provide the farmers market and health and nutrition programs to some senior apartments complexes. The Lending Toybrary is a program at the Resource Center where families can lend and exchange educational toys for their kids.

Ms. Steele stated that applications will be made available on the city's website. She indicated funding recommendation will be based on an initial staff review, a staff committee as well as a Council sub-committee. Last year's the Council Subcommittee consisted of Mayor Weise, Council Member Sierra and Council Member Nielson. She thanked them for their assistance.

Ms. Steele indicated the criteria has not changed much from last year; agencies need to provide direct services to improve the health and welfare of all the Avondale residents. Recipients are required to submit regular reports and should generate revenue from other sources so the city's funding is not the sole source for their program. Priority is given to special programs that support the goals set by Council and for services provided at the resource center. Ms. Steele indicated funded groups receive mid-year site visit to determine progress on their stated goals and objectives.

The allocated funding is \$80,000 and is included in the fiscal year 2017 budget. Staff is requesting that Council appoint a Council sub-committee and approve the criteria.

Vice Mayor Karlin stated she has served on the committee for approximately ten years and is aware of all of the worthwhile causes and stated it's very challenging to assist all of them. She commented the fund was initially \$100,000, was reduced to \$60,000 during the recession and was increased to \$80,000 last year. She stated she hopes to see it increased to \$100,000 again soon. She indicated the agencies provide services the city does not or supplements those that are provide. She added that while staff tries to concentrate on providing services to Avondale residents, they try to assist as much as possible those who have needs. Vice Mayor Karlin indicated she is interested in this committee and would like to serve but also wants others to have the opportunity to serve. She thanked staff for their efforts noting that she is aware of the time it takes to review the applications and provide a recommendation to council. She is supportive of the bi-annual site review to ensure they are following what we

have requested of them as well as doing what they stated in their application. She expressed her appreciation for the personal visits to these agencies acknowledging the time it takes to review their books and etc.

Council Member Sierra stated it was an honor and a pleasure to serve on this committee and indicated he would be willing to serve if needed. He also offered to refer agencies.

Mayor Weise indicated he would like to see funding back to where it was prior to the recession at \$100,000. Mr. Fitzhugh indicated the request can be addressed the following week during the budget discussion.

Mayor Weise asked council members to indicate whether they would be able to serve. He concluded that the subcommittee will be made up of himself, Council Member Sierra and Council Member Nielson. He then inquired if council approves the criteria. All Council Members indicated they approved the criteria.

7 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT – STUDIO K

A request to approve a Professional Service Agreement with Phoenix-based artist Kimberly Harris of Studio K for the design, construction and installation of a sculpture, titled: "Three Rivers" at the Avondale City Center.

Mr. Fitzhugh indicated that agenda item #7 and #8 will be combined into a single presentation however, council will need to take separate action on the items.

Pier Simeri, Community Relations Director recognized Avondale Municipal Art Committee (AMAC) members Lisa Schuur and Pat Dennis. She gave a brief account of the history of the AMAC and highlighted some projects. The Utility Box Project included six utility boxes painted by artist Andy Brown and generated lot of community engagement through social media. The Partners Mosaic done by artist Petra Adams and Agua Fria High School students. The mosaic depicts real life police officers from the Western Avenue substation. The Art Space Survey was conducted to assess the needs and opportunities for art in Avondale. Ms. Simeri added that while Avondale was not selected to be an Art Space Community a lot of information was gathered that will help us as we move forward. In 2015 the city was selected for the Galley 37 project. In conjunction with EMCC, young aspiring artists and master artists worked together to produce The Friendship Park Splash Pad mosaic which will be installed when the Friendship Park project is completed. Ms. Simeri provided an update on the West Valley Mural project indicating that Bonnie Lewis was the artist selected to work on this project which was recently completed. This project was another West Valley Art Council collaboration. Ms. Simeri indicates that we are working with the West Valley Cities to have friendly competition for murals as funding allows. The AMAC contributed funds along with the West Valley Art committee for this project and selected Fire Station 172 for the mural, the mural depicts the Tres Rios wildlife and we believe it will fit well with the surroundings wetlands of the Crystal Gardens area. In addition to the many projects, the AMAC is committed to engaging the public and bringing awareness about public art and creating a buzz and excitement with public art in Avondale. AMAC members have attended many of our public outreach events and had a booth at the Tale of City Cities Festival where they had artists do some demonstration art, as well as handling out information about the Art Committee. Ms. Simeri added that the "Andy

Art Drop" social media campaign, where miniature art work was hidden around town with clues for one week, citizens posted selfies with the art on social media was very popular.

Ms. Simeri introduced DeAnn Franklin, the city's Web and Social Media Coordinator and recognized her for her efforts with the Municipal Art Committee.

Ms. Franklin updated the Council on a few projects the Art Committee is working on. The Annual High School Art Contest is in its fifth year and was started by Council Member Kilgore who at that time was the Chairman of the Art Committee. To date, \$15,000 in scholarships have been awarded. He aspired to host an Annual High School Art Contest to provide an opportunity and to recognize the artistic talents of Avondale graduating high school seniors. The event now includes more art medium categories such as sculptures and photography. This year the program received almost fifty entries and had representation from all three high schools. She stated the winners of the contest will be announced at the Art reception being held this Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Civic Center Library.

Ms. Franklin reviewed that the art pads at City Center is another project included in the Art Committee Work Plan for this year. The art pads were added to allow opportunities to showcase sculpture artists. In fall of 2015 a call to artists was released for proposals, with approximately ten proposals and several concepts submitted, the committee selected two sculptures. The first sculpture is called "Avondale Birds," artist Mark Carroll submitted his proposal for the southwest art pad. The sculpture is about thirteen feet tall, made from white marble and given a rust patina. The sculpture is projected to be completed in fall of 2016. The next sculpture selected is called "Three Rivers," artist Kimberly Harris proposed this sculpture to be located at the northwest art pad. The committee selected this sculpture on a unique design because it embraces Avondale's heritage and how it will engage the community through the process. The piece will stand over ten feet tall and will be fabricated from elements from the community such as the river rocks collected at the Tres Rio event. This sculpture will also be completed in fall of 2016.

Ms. Franklin stated that It has taken awhile but public art is becoming more prominent with some of it being iconic and uniquely Avondale such as the "Family at Play" and the "Elephants" at Friendship Park. It has encouraged art to merge organically such as the murals on Western Avenue. The Art Committee has taken a proactive approach to reaching out and engaging with the public. The City is committed to integrating art into all elements of development which is evident through freeway art and wayfinding signs; the splash pad is going to be different and unique to Avondale. She noted that the art program has sparked more youth involvement with local artists inspiring a new generation of future artists. Ms. Franklin closed by recognizing the Municipal Art Committee who have worked so hard outlining the committee identity separating the past and embracing the future as a rich vibrant culture who live in Avondale.

Mayor Weise thanked Ms. Franklin for being out on Saturday at Fred Campbell Park with her family, indicating that it was good to see them there.

Vice Mayor Karlin states that municipal art is one of her interests. She thanked Council Member Kilgore for his efforts in bringing art and recognizing and working with high school seniors. She encouraged everyone to attend the Mayor Marie Public Art being held this

Thursday night from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Library. She expressed her belief that public art enhances a city. She stated that she had the opportunity to personally meet Kim Harris the artist working on "Three Rivers" and indicated that her art is very impressive. She indicated Ms. Harris wants to involve the residents by asking them for pieces of equipment to depict the city's agricultural past in this particular project. Vice Mayor Karlin indicated that she is not as familiar with the "Avondale Birds" piece however states that since it will be located at City Center it will be a good draw and will let people visiting the sports center that Avondale isn't just sports; we are family oriented and have many aspects to our city. She closed by thanking the Art Committee for their efforts.

Council Member Sierra stated nothing talks to the quality of life more than the artistic motif of a community. He thanked the Art Committee and Council Member Kilgore for their efforts. He spoke of his opportunity to meet with Martin Moreno who did many of the murals along Western Avenue and met all of the artists who worked on the mosaic. Council Member Sierra recalled his experience on Sunday at City Hall, looking at the sculptures how the one donated by Betty Lynch made him think of a quote from Aristotle, which speaks to what Vice Mayor Karlin spoke of, art is not to represent the outward appearance of things but the inward significance. Council Member Sierra expressed his support of the arts program and looks forward to seeing the finished products. He thanked the Art Committee for all their work.

Council Member Kilgore thanked Vice Mayor Karlin and Council Member Sierra for their comments. He recognized Ms. Franklin for her enthusiasm, dedication and effort and thanked her and Christopher Lopez for their efforts. He thanked Pier Simeri and the Municipal Art Committee for their time and dedication. He urged that they continue with the art scholarship stating it definitely helps our community so much as well as helps to build a steady workforce in the city which is the ultimate goal. With respect to the art pieces, he indicated "Avondale Birds" and "Three Rivers" exemplify the beauty of Avondale.

Council Member Iwanski expressed appreciation for Council Member Kilgore's leadership and inspiration. He said that having fifty submittals for the high school contest is a reflection of his efforts and he appreciates it very much.

Mayor Weise stated that while Avondale is a diverse community and a community full of pride, it seeks to nurture its residents to become the people they want to be. Through its work, the AMAC is helping local artists grow. He expressed enthusiasm about the pieces, indicating they will look great there and wants to have updates in the future from the Municipal Art Committee a couple of times a year, as well as other committees to see what they are running into, the successes, the concerns they have and to see how Council can help.

Vice Mayor Karlin moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Studio K for the design, construction and installation of a sculpture, titled: "Three Rivers" at the Avondale City Center. Council Member Kilgore seconded.

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.

8 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT – THE SCULPTURE STUDIO, LLC

A request to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Cave Creek-based artists Mark Carroll of the Sculpture Studio, LLC for the design, construction and installation of a sculpture, Titled: "Avondale Birds" at the Avondale City Center.

Council Member Nielson moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Sculpture Studio, LLC for the design, construction and installation of a sculpture, titled: "Avondale Birds" at the Avondale City Center. 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.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kilgore moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Nielson seconded the motion. Council Member McDonald wanted to continue with the budget discussions.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Council Member McDonald abstained, motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.



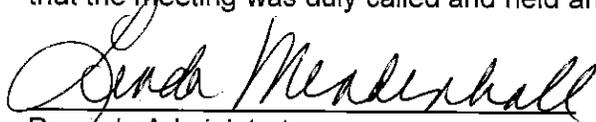
Mayor Weise



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 April, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.



Records Administrator

