



City of Avondale

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City Council Online Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2020

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Mayor and Council

Kenn Weise, Mayor

Pat Dennis, Vice Mayor

Tina Conde, Council Member | Bryan Kilgore, Council Member

Veronica Malone, Council Member | Curtis Nielson, Council Member

Mike Pineda, Council Member

Administration

Charles A. Montoya, City Manager

Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager

Michael Wawro, City Attorney

Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk

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WORK SESSION

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT FY2021 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS

City Council **received** an overview of department budget supplemental requests and Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget.

3. SALES TAX INITIATIVE - ENHANCED PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

City Council **provided** feedback and direction regarding the possibility of referring a ballot question to Avondale Voters in November 2020 for a dedicated city sales tax for enhanced parks and recreational amenities and operations.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Unscheduled public appearances will **not** be permitted at this meeting. Members of the public may listen to the discussions by joining the meeting online at <https://avondaleaz.zoom.us/j/3083557784>. Anyone wishing to address the Council regarding the public hearing item listed on the agenda should email their comments to CityClerk@AvondaleAZ.gov prior to consideration of the item.

REGULAR MEETING
Convene immediately following the Work Session

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOMENT OF REFLECTION

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. 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. MINUTES

City Council **approved** the March 23, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes. The Council will take the appropriate action.

b. LIQUOR LICENSE - SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) - PEI WEI FRESH KITCHEN - CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

City Council **approved** a request to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Patrick Edward Castle for the sale of alcoholic beverages at Pei Wei Fresh Kitchen located at 1619 North Dysart Road, Suite 101, in Avondale and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

c. LIQUOR LICENSE - SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) - GYROS AND MORE - NEW LICENSE

City Council **approved** a request to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Jesus Orlando Verdy for the sale of alcoholic beverages at Gyros and More located at 1467 North Dysart Road, Suite 107, in Avondale and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

d. DESWEST DEVELOPMENT LLC - RE-PLAT (APPLICATION PL-19-0313)

City Council **approved** a request by Mark Sidler, Lemme Associates, for approval of a Re-Plat of Parcel 3 on the Minor Land Division Lot Split for DesWest Development LLC, dividing an existing 0.46 gross acre parcel into two (2) lots located at approximately 107 feet north of the northwest corner of 4th Street and Mountain View Drive. The Council will take appropriate action.

e. REAL SOLUTION PROPERTIES RE-PLAT (APPLICATION PL-20-0004)

City Council **approved** a request by Dennis Keogh, Keogh Engineering, for approval of a Re-Plat of Parcel A, Ordenez Minor Land Division; Real Solution Properties Re-Plat, dividing an existing 0.38 gross acre parcel into two (2) lots and dedicates a 20' by 20' right-of-way triangle located at the southeast corner of Florence Street and 125th Avenue. The Council will take appropriate action.

f. RESOLUTION 1027-0520 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY AND TRELLIS

City Council **adopted** Resolution 1027-0520 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County and Trellis, a Community Housing Development Organization relating to the construction of two single-family homes and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

g. CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR PARK NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

City Council **approved** a request to authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$175,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the Fiber Optic Connectivity in Parks project for network connectivity throughout various parks. The Council will take appropriate action.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

Comments for Public Hearing: Anyone wishing to address the Council regarding public hearing items shall email their comments to cityclerk@avondaleaz.gov prior to consideration of the item.

a. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION 1028-0520 - 2020 - 2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2020 - 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND 2020 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

City Council **held** a public hearing and **adopted** Resolution 1028-0520 approving the 2020 -2024 Consolidated Plan, the 2020 - 2021 Annual Action Plan, and the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Council Members of the City of Avondale will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Individuals with special accessibility needs, including sight or hearing impaired, large print, or interpreter, should contact the City Clerk at 623-333-1200 or TDD 623-333-0010 at least two business days prior to the Council Meeting.

Los miembros del Concejo de la Ciudad de Avondale participaran ya sea en persona o por medio de llamada telefonica. Personas con necesidades especiales de accesibilidad, incluyendo personas con impedimentos de vista u oido, o con necesidad de impresion grande o interprete, deben comunicarse con la Secretaria de la Ciudad at 623-333-1200 o TDD 623-333-0010 cuando menos dos dias habiles antes de la junta del Concejo.

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
ONLINE MEETING
May 4, 2020

The May 4, 2020 City Council meetings were hosted online using the Zoom Cloud Meeting platform. All participants attended by phone or video.

A **Work Session** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened using the Zoom Cloud Meeting platform in open and public session at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Kenn Weise; Vice Mayor Pat Dennis; Council Members Tina Conde, Bryan Kilgore, Veronica Malone, Curtis Nielson, and Mike Pineda.

Note: All Council Members attended the meeting through phone or video conference with the exception of Mayor Weise who appeared in-person at City Hall with staff.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Charles Montoya, City Manager; Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Michael Wawro, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director; Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Jeff Case, Fire Chief; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director; Craig Jennings, Judge; Bryan Hughes, Acting Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Kevin Murphy, Development and Engineering Services Director; Dale Nannenga, Police Chief; Cherlene Penilla, Human Resources Director; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; and Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director.

Audience: Approximately ten members of the public were present.

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2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT FY2021 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS

City Council received an overview of department budget supplemental requests and Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget.

Police Department

Lindsey Duncan, Director of Finance and Budget Services, stated that the Police Department funding is split between the General Fund and the Public Safety dedicated tax fund. The following items are recommended for the funded category for the General Fund: five Patrol Squad positions, one Police Sergeant position for the school resource officers, and two Municipal Security Officer positions. The Records and Vehicle Impound Supervisor position is being moved from the Vehicle Impound Fund to the General Fund. This move in position does not represent the addition of a new position. Cell phone

stipends are recommended for all patrol officers and staff will be assessing the use of stipends compared to city-issued cell phones. One Court Security Officer position is recommended for additional security at the Court building.

The following items are recommended for the contingent on funding category for the General Fund: four Community Action Team Squad positions and one Neighborhood Resource Officer position.

The following items are recommended for funding category for the Public Safety Dedicated Sales Tax Fund: patrol squad, radio licenses for an additional console within the police dispatch center, vehicle/equipment for the School Resource Police Sergeant, equipment for the Municipal Security Officers, cell phone stipend for all of patrol, equipment for the Court Security Officer, equipment for identification areas, and the analytics data program software.

The following items are recommended for the contingent on funding category for the Public Safety Dedicated Sales Tax Fund: four Community Action Team Squad positions and one Neighborhood Resource Officer position.

In response to a question from Council Member Malone regarding the amount of security officers, Ms. Duncan stated that there are two Municipal Security Officers and one Court Security Officer, for a total of three. Mr. Montoya clarified that one of the officers will be shared between the Court and the Police Department.

Council Member Kilgore asked how many people the Records and Vehicles Impound Supervisor position will be supervising. Dale Nannenga, Police Chief, stated that there are six people in the section and there is currently a records supervisor in the position. However, in January of 2019, the vehicle impound process was changed by statute and the number of cars being towed and funded was decreased by approximately 60 percent. The position is already being used, but the request is changing how it is funded.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked for clarification on the number of Court Security Officers. Mr. Montoya stated that after having further discussions with staff, all three positions will reside within the Police Department, with a shared physical presence in the Court. The position currently in the Court's budget is the reclassification of the Court Security Officer to be at a higher rate of pay. The additional three Municipal Security Officer positions will have one-half of the position assigned to the Court. When it becomes a full-time position, it will be assigned solely to the Court.

Vice Mayor Dennis noted that the City of Litchfield Park will be using the Avondale Court facility and asked whether the City of Litchfield Park would be bringing its own security. Mr. Montoya stated that existing security staff, including this half-time position, should be sufficient as they only utilize the facility one-day per week or every other week.

Public Works

Ms. Duncan addressed Public Works, noting that a number of supplemental items are funded through multiple sources. In the General Fund, software-related equipment is included for the mechanic to serve the fleet as the City grows. Also recommended is a Water Production and Treatment Operator position, an Environmental Technician, and necessary equipment and software. The Field Superintendent position is contingent on funding. The Fleet Services Fund includes a one-time contingent cost for fuel island canopy replacement.

The Water Operations Fund includes the following: increases for laboratory fees, SCADA system upgrade, well and booster station rehabilitation, a Water Production and Treatment Operator position, increases in Salt River Project fees, increases in Phoenix water treatment delivery fees, and an Environmental Technician position. The meter purchases for new customers is contingent upon growth.

The Sewer Operations Fund includes programmable logic controllers upgrade. The Sanitation Fund includes an increase in tipping fees associated with disposal of waste at the landfill and an increase in recycling fees. The Sanitation Fund includes container purchases for new customers and a Field Superintendent Position that are recommended as contingent upon growth. The Field Superintendent Position is largely funded by the Highway User Revenue Fund and the slowing economy will likely result in a decrease in the Highway User Revenue Fund. The item will remain in contingency until funding is confirmed.

Capital Improvement Plan Projects

Ms. Duncan noted that carryforwards have been added to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Fiscal Year 2021 projects. All remaining funding allocated to a project this fiscal year will be carried forward to next fiscal year which provides authority to program the budget authority, should it be needed. The Capital Improvement Plan projects fall into the following categories: funded, contingent and unfunded. Staff has largely recommended continuing funding for projects currently under way or contractually obligated. The rest are recommended to be held for contingent, until funding can be identified. The Enterprise Asset Management Software System will provide management of City assets at a cost of \$170,000.

Ms. Duncan reviewed recommended funding items for Police construction, including a secured parking facility at \$430,000, property room and Police Department expansion and remodel, command vehicle, and the detention center and Police substation study. Included in the contingent category is the Alamar Public Safety Substation and the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Police radio upgrade.

Vice Mayor Dennis referenced the Alamar Public Safety Substation and asked staff to keep a list of these large ticket items in terms of potentially forming a bond committee in the near future to address public safety issues.

Ms. Duncan reviewed recommended funding items for Fire construction, including the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) System funded at \$475,000 in 2022 to replace radios which will then have reached their end of life. The command vehicle will be carried forward in the amount of \$200,000. The department is also currently working on a project to replace the training facility support building. If it is not completed by the end of the fiscal year, funds will be carried forward into the next fiscal year. Similar to the Police budget, staff recommends that the Alamar Public Safety Substation be contingent upon funding, largely relying upon development impact fees for construction, to be included in the 2023 and 2024 budgets.

Council Member Nielson referred to the Regional Wireless Cooperative System and asked why the Fire budget is for 2022, while Police is for 2023 and 2024. Police Chief Nannenga stated that this refers to two separate projects. The Police side endeavors to prepare for the future when new radios may need to be purchased again.

Vice Mayor Dennis suggested that the training support building and substation should be referred to a bond subcommittee for consideration.

Ms. Duncan stated the park construction projects largely represent carryforwards of funding for projects that are underway this fiscal year as well as contractual obligations associated with the future community park for the Alamar Development. It is anticipated that the community park at Alamar will be partially funded with development impact fees. The City has obligations through its contractual agreement for \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2021 and \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2022.

Ms. Duncan reviewed contingent funding items for Park construction, including neighborhood park enhancements, Festival Fields restroom and fence renovations, Crystal Gardens trail improvements and multi-modal trail system.

Mayor Weise noted that Bryan Hughes is the new Parks and Recreation Director. Council Members Kilgore and Conde welcomed Mr. Hughes to the City of Avondale.

Council Member Nielson asked whether the Agua Fria Trail is a bike trail and how it interfaces with the one to be built on Van Buren. Mr. Hughes stated that the Agua Fria trail is multimodal with a ten-foot sidewalk, which will connect with the Van Buren multi-use path that is currently under construction. Mr. Murphy provided additional detail on the plans for connecting the trails. Mr. Montoya explained staff will be presenting a trail update in the next few weeks.

Council Members Pineda and Dennis also welcomed Mr. Hughes to the City of Avondale.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired about the status of the irrigation system at Goodyear Farms Cemetery. Mr. Hughes confirmed that the irrigation system is in and the City has entered into an agreement with the contractor to start the next phase of improvements within the next week or two. The improvements will include paved parking, security lighting and cameras to be encompassed in the \$700,000 budget.

Ms. Duncan reviewed the funded One-Time Capital Fund items to include an item for sustain existing building infrastructure for facility-related asset improvements. It also includes the Civic Center Annex building, tenant improvements to the Phoenix Raceway building (spread over two fiscal years), the City Hall building renovations, the Civic Center Library, and the Resource Center.

Council Member Malone asked whether the Civic Center Annex Building is the new building across the street. Mr. Montoya confirmed this understanding.

Council Member Kilgore commented that he was glad to see funding for the Resource Center.

Ms. Duncan addressed the contingent One-Time Capital Fund items to include the City fiber infrastructure project, additional security cameras and equipment, a proof of concept for public Wi-Fi at public locations, and Community Center repurposing. The funded Library Construction Fund includes \$208,000 for debt service for the library.

Ms. Duncan reviewed the funded Street Construction Fund items, noting a number are currently underway, including Fairway Drive improvements, 107th Avenue and McDowell widening, McDowell Road & 107th Avenue dual left-turn lane, Agua Fria Trail Phase I, Palm Lane Road extension, 9th Street Roadway improvements and Avondale Boulevard - McDowell to Encanto. There is continuing funding for the Historic Avondale, Cashion and Las Ligas improvements. Commitments are also made to the preventative street maintenance program. There is new funding for 107th Avenue improvements from Broadway Road to Roeser at \$4.1 million. The remaining projects represent carry-forward funding for Dysart/Rancho Santa Fe intersection improvements, Bike Retrofit Program, Gateway Program, traffic signal at Maricopa Street and Avondale Boulevard, and the Dysart Road Median improvements from I-10 to Indian School.

A number of projects have been identified as contingent based on funding, including Dysart Road Traffic Flow Improvement Project at \$500,000, traffic signal at 119th Avenue and McDowell at \$675,000. There are additional traffic signal and intersection improvements at Avondale & Lower Buckeye with new funding in 2021 and 2023. Also included are Western Avenue improvements from Central to 4th Avenue with funding in 2021 and 2022. A number of projects represent investments in the street system, including streetlight replacement program, transportation safety enhancements, pedestrian ramp/sidewalk program, streetlight infill program, communication conduit and fiber backbone program. Also contingent on funding are street drainage issues, wayfinding signage and traffic signal replacements. There are a number of specific projects, including 119th Avenue road connection, intersection improvements from Roosevelt Street to 99th Avenue, Agua Fria Trail Phase II for the pedestrian bridge, which includes grant funding, Glen Arm Farms geotechnical analysis and pavement design, Avondale Boulevard landscape and median improvements as well as funding for bridge repairs. Other contingent items include right turn lane at 107th Avenue, Dysart Road median offsets, Garden Lakes Parkway Improvements Phase I, Dysart Road right-of-way improvements, Dysart Road median improvements from I-10 to Van Buren and Thomas Road Bridge.

Council Member Malone inquired on the source of funding for an updated crosswalk on Avondale Boulevard south of Buckeye Road. Mr. Montoya stated that it would come from contingent funding. They would have to consult with Mr. Murphy to ensure the City is in full control of the area. Council Member Malone clarified that she is referencing the crosswalk located near Littleton School. Mr. Montoya stated that this was discussed with Planning and they are waiting on the 119th Avenue and McDowell signal. Once that project is completed, they will move on to the next location. Council Member Malone recalled additional discussions on an asphalt walkway on El Mirage from La Hermosa to Lower Buckeye and from Lower Buckeye to Illini and inquired on how to ensure this project is within the budget. Mr. Montoya stated that in working with staff, it has been included in the funding for next year as it will cost around \$50-75 thousand. Council Member Malone inquired as to the time frame for installation of the sidewalk. Mr. Montoya stated that he will work with Planning to identify the year of funding.

Council Member Kilgore asked if the Bike Retrofit Program includes the ride share program. Mr. Murphy stated that this budget item involves the green paint striping. Council Member Kilgore inquired as to whether Avondale is considering a bike share program. Mr. Montoya said this has not been taken up at this time.

Council Member Nielson expressed appreciation for the green striping, which allows visibility for cyclists. He inquired on the \$269,000 for the Traffic Signal at Maricopa St. and Avondale Blvd item since the project is completed. Ms. Duncan said the amounts represent all funding budgeted for this fiscal year for these projects. If it is completed and spent this fiscal year, it will not be rolled forward to next fiscal year.

Council Member Pineda asked whether the Central to 4th Avenue street improvements includes the intersection of Western and Central, specifically as to the broken bricks. Mr. Murphy confirmed that it is a complete replacement with new pavement. Council Member Pineda expressed a desire for this project to be completed as soon as possible.

Council Member Malone recommended preservation of the look in the area, including the bricks. Mr. Montoya noted that it is more expensive to install and maintain once the road is complete, which means that Council may eventually be asked for additional funding. Council Member Malone asked for a project timeline. Mr. Montoya explained the item is listed within the 2021/2022 budget. Development and Engineering Services will start with their request for proposals and specifications will be prepared in addition to a breakout of costs. Council Member Malone asked about the potential to make some repairs in the meantime that will prevent damage to tires. Mr. Montoya confirmed that this can be addressed, with remediation performed prior to the full overhaul. Vice Mayor Dennis agreed with comments related to maintaining the aesthetics of the road.

Vice Mayor Dennis referenced preventative street maintenance and noted that an overlay was recently performed in her community, with only five or six streets being completed. The remaining neighborhood streets were not addressed, leaving the development to appear unfinished. She encouraged continuity for overlay projects to be completed in full in each neighborhood.

Vice Mayor Dennis cited the total budget of \$688,000 for streetlight replacement and \$330,000 carryover with \$530,000 for 2021. She asked why the carryover amount could not be used to continue the replacement program. Mr. Montoya stated that change orders are still in-process and some costs are still outstanding.

Vice Mayor Dennis discussed the Thomas Road Bridge, noting that money was left over from the initial planning. The concern is that without a complete document, the project may not be shovel-ready for potential funding from the federal government. She asked whether the \$1 million funding in the 2025 budget applies to this project. Mr. Montoya stated that he would have Mr. Murphy look at this to determine what percentage must be completed in order to be considered shovel ready. Vice Mayor Dennis said that she would like to see this happen, in order to take advantage of any funding available from the federal government before 2025 and before the half-cent sales tax election takes place. Mr. Montoya stated that the information would be researched and brought to Council for review.

Ms. Duncan stated that there are a number of projects under the Sewer Construction Fund, including water reclamation facility grit system, lift station rehabilitation program, sewer portions of Historic Avondale, Cashion and Las Ligas, lift station security upgrades, large diameter sewer repair, Citywide sewer improvements, water reclamation facility odor control system improvements, Garden Lakes sewer improvement project, and the Dysart Road sewer replacement Corral Street to Lower Buckeye Road. Carryover items include: 10th Street lift station force main improvements, McDowell Road sewer line replacement (119th Avenue to Avondale Boulevard), water reclamation facility upgrades, secondary clarifier at water reclamation facility, Dysart Road sewer replacement (Riley to Corral), relocation of the Riley lift station, and water reclamation facility operation building improvements.

Council Member Kilgore asked why the McDowell Road sewer line replacement is pushed out to 2025. Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director, stated that item would depend on when the development occurs along the corridor. She noted the timing of this item may change over the years.

Council Member Nielson noted that many of the projects are the same amount in carryover from 2020 to 2021, questioning whether construction crews and resources will be available to complete them. He suggested the possibility of prioritizing them according to importance. Mr. Montoya stated that normally such projects are carried over, as they are two to three-year projects at minimum. Design typically takes one year with construction in years two and three. The final amount must be carried over as Council cannot approve items without having full funding available.

Ms. Duncan reviewed Water Construction Fund projects, including North Avondale water supply project continuation and carryover, The BLVD Well (#33) and transmission line, water contributions for Historic Avondale, Cashion and Las Ligas improvements, and the continuation of Gateway nitrate and treatment equipment replacement. There are new projects for distribution pressure improvements, Garden Lakes nitrate equipment replacement, Northside arsenic treatment system rehabilitation and Rancho Santa Fe

Reservoir coating, repairs and rehabilitation. Additional funded projects include the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Settlement, Well #7 site development, water system line replacements and expansions, well and booster station metering upgrades, McDowell Road waterline from 117th to Avondale, Rio Vista waterline replacement, McDowell Recharge Basin improvements and the 99th Avenue waterline (Thomas to Encanto). Projects in the out years include McDowell Road 16-inch waterline, Avondale to 99th in 2021, the Well 22 and transmission line also in 2021, and several others listed.

Carryforward items include Well #26, South of I-10 and East of Agua Fria, shared well at 107th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard, reservoir coating repairs and rehabilitation, Northside booster well site land purchase and design concept review, Crystal Gardens treatment cells assessment and 16-inch waterline El Mirage (Elwood to Illini).

Council Member Malone asked about adding new lighting in conjunction with the Historic Avondale, Cashion, Rio Vista and Las Ligas water improvement projects. Mr. Montoya stated that lighting is not included in these water rehab projects; however, staff will look at adding lighting in the CIP.

Mayor Weise agreed that there is a sense of urgency in some of these areas in terms of upgraded lighting.

Vice Mayor Dennis said Council addressed this during discussions regarding the three renovations for neighborhood streets, water and sewer. It is her recollection that lighting was to be included. Mr. Montoya acknowledged that he does not recall this but does recall the need to revise the funding and agreed that lighting should be factored in. Lighting improvements should be included going forward for such projects.

Mayor Weise recalled a conversation on the lack of lighting in some areas during discussions on LED lighting; however, he does not recall that conversation being part of the Cashion infrastructure. He also agreed that it should be a factor moving forward.

Council Member Kilgore concurred with the other Council Members, noting he remembers the issue being brought up when Council Member Sierra was on the City Council. He referenced the gateway nitrate treatment equipment replacement and inquired if the timeframe for such improvements was about ten years. Ms. Blackmore confirmed that the life cycle is approximately ten years. Council Member Kilgore inquired if this item addresses brine in addition to nitrate. Ms. Blackmore explained that the brine is generated from the nitrate treatment; therefore, is included in the mentioned item.

Council Member Nielson asked if the distribution pressure improvements are intended to mitigate low pressure in the northwest corner of the City. Mr. Montoya acknowledged that there is an issue in the north side of town; however, this item is to address the issue in other parts of the City.

Council Member Conde voiced concurrence with the other Council Member comments on lighting. During the last community meeting at the library, this is one of the concerns raised by residents.

Council Member Pineda also concurred with the other Council Members with respect to the lighting concerns.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Dennis, Mr. Montoya confirmed that the carryover amount for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Settlement is the same amount year to year. Since this item is a liability, the City must continue to budget for it. There is no set time frame for resolution.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked if there is a project on the list that will address water pressure issues in the north part of the City. Mr. Montoya reiterated that the distribution pressure improvements will increase pressure for sites throughout the City. Completing the loop will cause more pressure to the system overall. Any developments coming to the northwest corner will be required to install wells or other facilities necessary to address water pressure in that location.

Ms. Duncan noted that there is one equipment purchase for sanitation development in 2025. She reviewed vehicle replacement items, which are contingent upon available funding. Mr. Montoya is monitoring the items to review and approve replacements before they occur. He also requested a hold on replacements until January 2021.

Ms. Duncan addressed equipment replacement, noting there are two items for replacement for fire equipment to include thermal imaging cameras, cardiac monitors and protective equipment (\$220,000) as well as self-contained breathing apparatus equipment. There is contingent funding for the remainder of equipment replacement. This includes technology, service and storage, wireless access points and additional equipment for water, sewer and sanitation funds.

Vice Mayor Dennis surmised that the fire equipment replacement budget may not be sufficient to cover the total costs of thermal imaging and cardiac monitors. Ms. Duncan clarified that the funding is not intended to replace the entirety of their equipment this fiscal year as it is a one-time infusion to be reevaluated each fiscal year as part of the budget process. In agreement, Mr. Montoya stated that this budget will allow the Chief to move forward in assessing how to use the funding, identifying priorities and additional needs. Vice Mayor Dennis noted concern with the budget not fully covering replacement of all needed items.

3. SALES TAX INITIATIVE - ENHANCED PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

City Council feedback and direction was requested regarding the possibility of referring a ballot question to Avondale Voters in November 2020 for a dedicated city sales tax for enhanced parks and recreational amenities and operations.

Lindsey Duncan, Director of Finance and Budget Services, discussed the current transaction privilege tax (sales tax). The proposed option is a 0.2 percent rate increase, which would apply to current categories that are at 2.5 percent for the City. This excludes single purchases greater than \$5,000 and is consistent with the other dedicated sales taxes current in place. Council and staff have discussed the option of sunseting this tax to which staff recommends sunseting after 25 years. This allows sufficient time for the

City to issue bonds, fund projects and repay the bonds with principal and interest. Shorter interims may not be as easy or affordable for bond issuance. Conservative estimates indicate that the tax would generate \$85 to \$90 million over 25 years. It would be used to fund capital projects, operations and maintenance. When comparing current rates to proposed rates, the state sales tax is 5.6 percent with the county sales tax at 0.7 percent. The proposal would increase the City's sales tax from 2.5 percent to 2.7 percent. When all rates are combined, the total sales tax on purchases would be 9 percent. In terms of fund use, there are projects identified totaling \$57.7 million. These funds would be used, based on issuance of a bond within the first few years with the taxes collected over time to repay the principal. On top of the bonds, the City would have interest of approximately \$23.6 million. The balance of approximately \$3.7 to \$8.7 million would be dedicated to operations and maintenance and would also provide an opportunity for enhanced recreational programming. The sales tax initiative calendar was reviewed.

Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed projects, including:

- Aquatic Center at \$23.3 Million
- Neighborhood Park at \$10.2 Million
- Trails/Bike Lanes at \$20.5 Million
- Art/Aesthetics and Beautification at \$3.5 Million

The Aquatic Center has an estimated budget of \$23.3 million with a proposed location of four acres on the Civic Center campus. Possible features include a competition pool, diving well, zero depth entry, play features, water slides and a lazy river. Standard amenities include locker room and multi-purpose rooms. The neighborhood park is proposed at 12 acres with a half-mile turf area. Possible amenities include playgrounds, splash pad, picnic ramadas, sport courts, area lighting, multi-purpose fields without lights, open turf areas and dog park. The park would be in the northern portion of the City in order to fill a service gap. For trail and bike lane improvements, the proposal is for approximately 32.8 miles of trails, 15.4 miles of bike lanes using a multimodal trail system. Art/aesthetics and beautification would include public art focused in The BLVD, Historic Avondale and Civic Center Campus as well as a street tree master plan.

Council Member Malone asked about the location of the neighborhood park, noting that there is a gap behind Phoenix Children's Hospital. Mr. Montoya said they have identified some areas; however, identifying the chosen plots could lead to a rapid increase in property value of the land. The City does own a six-acre parcel in Crystal Gardens. It adjoins other land owned by Pendergast School District. Council Member Malone said that based on a conversation with a resident in the area, community members have had the expectation that a park was promised in the area and they are still waiting. Council Member Malone asked about management of the aquatic center. Mr. Montoya stated it would be an amenity for the entire community with fees based on residency/non-residency and the facility would be managed by the City.

Council Member Kilgore noted that his question regarding the location of the park was already answered during his meeting with Mr. Montoya and understood about not mentioning the location as that may raise property values. He agreed that the northern park location would be a nice amenity for residents and nice addition to the City. He stated

the aquatic center looked great and he embraces the idea. He did not add any additional comments but concluded that he liked what was presented.

Council Member Nielson inquired if the aquatic center would eventually become like the sports center, with most of its visitors coming from outside of Avondale. If so, the City needs to address parking needs. Goodyear is slated to have their aquatic park completed by the end of next year, if not earlier. It might be helpful to make observations. Mr. Montoya stated that the intent is to have the majority of visitors be citizens of Avondale as it will be available at a higher cost to nonresidents. He agreed that he will look at the aquatic centers in other communities.

Council Member Conde said she loves the idea of an aquatic center, as residents have always expressed interest in such a development but requested staff ensure residents receive reduced rates. She also concurred that a park in the north part of the City would be beneficial to residents.

Council Member Pineda stated that it is good to know that staff and management have experience with such large-scale projects. Having a park in the northern location would reflect the Council's response to the needs of the community.

Vice Mayor Dennis referenced the exclusion of single purchases greater than \$5,000 for the 0.2 percent rate increase and asked if this was done for a particular industry. Mr. Montoya stated that the rate is set to be consistent with the current sales tax. In response to a question from Vice Mayor Dennis, Mr. Montoya confirmed that surrounding cities have comparable exclusions. Vice Mayor Dennis expressed concern over losing tax revenue with having the tax exclusion be applicable to such a low amount. Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager, noted that in approximately 2010, the City went to the voters and asked them to remove the cap on items over \$5,000 and this proposal was rejected. Vice Mayor Dennis agreed that the proposed projects will depend upon the voters' desire to expand services and recreation.

Mayor Weise commented that residents responded in great numbers to the desire for a trail system.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Vice Mayor Dennis moved to adjourn the Work Session meeting; Council Member Kilgore seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Kenn Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection in remembrance of Overland Park Police Officer, Mike Mosher.

Members Present: Mayor Kenn Weise; Vice Mayor Pat Dennis; Council Members Tina Conde, Bryan Kilgore, Veronica Malone, Curtis Nielson, and Mike Pineda.

Note: All Council Members attended the meeting through phone or video conference with the exception of Mayor Weise who appeared in-person at City Hall with staff.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Charles Montoya, City Manager; Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Michael Wawro, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director; Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Jeff Case, Fire Chief; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director; Craig Jennings, Judge; Bryan Hughes, Acting Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Kevin Murphy, Development and Engineering Services Director; Dale Nannenga, Police Chief; Cherlene Penilla, Human Resources Director; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; and Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director.

Audience: Approximately five members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. 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.

Mayor Weise asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Having no requests from Council, motion was made by Council Member Nielson, seconded by Vice Mayor Dennis, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the March 23, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

b. LIQUOR LICENSE - SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) - PEI WEI FRESH KITCHEN - CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

City Council recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Patrick Edward Castle for the sale of alcoholic beverages at Pei Wei Fresh Kitchen located at 1619 North Dysart Road, Suite 101, in Avondale and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. LIQUOR LICENSE - SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) - GYROS AND MORE - NEW LICENSE

City Council recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Jesus Orlando Verdy for the sale of alcoholic beverages at Gyros and More located at 1467 North Dysart Road, Suite 107, in Avondale and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. DESWEST DEVELOPMENT LLC - RE-PLAT (APPLICATION PL-19-0313)

City Council approved a request by Mark Sidler, Lemme Associates, and approved a Re-Plat of Parcel 3 on the Minor Land Division Lot Split for DesWest Development LLC, dividing an existing 0.46 gross acre parcel into two (2) lots located at approximately 107 feet north of the northwest corner of 4th Street and Mountain View Drive.

e. REAL SOLUTION PROPERTIES RE-PLAT (APPLICATION PL-20-0004)

City Council approved a request by Dennis Keogh, Keogh Engineering, and approved a Re-Plat of Parcel A, Ordonez Minor Land Division; Real Solution Properties Re-Plat, dividing an existing 0.38 gross acre parcel into two (2) lots and dedicates a 20' by 20' right-of-way triangle located at the southeast corner of Florence Street and 125th Avenue.

f. RESOLUTION 1027-0520 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY AND TRELLIS

City Council adopted Resolution 1027-0520 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County and Trellis, a Community Housing Development Organization relating to the construction of two single-family homes and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR PARK NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

City Council authorized a budget amendment in the amount of \$175,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the Fiber Optic Connectivity in Parks project for network connectivity throughout various parks.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION 1028-0520 - 2020 - 2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2020 - 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND 2020 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

City Council held a public hearing and consider a request to adopt Resolution 1028-0520 approving the 2020 -2024 Consolidated Plan, the 2020 - 2021 Annual Action Plan, and the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Mr. Montoya noted that contingency funding was added for the Cares Act. It must be put forth for Council to add into the budget as part of the regular program.

Mayor Weise opened the public hearing and did not receive any requests to speak. Mayor Weise closed the public hearing and opened the floor for comments from Council.

Vice Mayor Dennis noted that the CARES Act is divided into two areas: small business assistance, and homeless services and eviction prevention. She asked whether the homeless services and eviction prevention would include financial assistance towards mortgage or rent payments. Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director, stated that these were placed in the budget as a placeholder at this time. Staff will return to Council for direction upon receipt of regulations from HUD. It is possible that the funding will include financial assistance for housing.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked if there are CAP dollars available to help with eviction prevention. Mr. Lopez stated that some funding is available, not necessarily CAP dollars, but funds received from Maricopa County. It is anticipated that there will be a significant increase in need across the community.

Council Member Kilgore said he spoke at a previous Council meeting, asking if the City had received any Fair Housing requests or complaints. Staff have indicated that no such submissions have been received. He would like to see the Fair Housing allocation of \$500 increased in the future as well as added funding to educate residents about these initiatives. In response, Mr. Lopez said staff will take a look at this, explaining the plan provided a good starting point to develop the materials for public education.

Council Member Malone asked if the funding for the CARES program is targeted only to Avondale or whether services have to be expanded to other communities being served in surrounding areas. Mr. Montoya said this funding is dedicated to residents of the City of Avondale. However, they have been approached by another community to see if Avondale would consider taking their funding but until they receive a formal request, they will not present this to Council. In response to a follow-up question by Council Member Malone, Mr. Montoya explained staff will let Council know if the mentioned formal request is received. Council Member Malone expressed interest in keeping the funding solely for Avondale residents.

Council Member Malone asked how the City is tracking the homeless population, specifically in regard to the IHELP program. The program is popular and attract people from other communities. Mr. Lopez stated that staff is exploring databases that could be used for verification. They are exploring methods of tracking individuals from intake throughout their progress and residency. Proposed plans will be brought to Council for review, but staff was unavailable to provide a date in which the plan will be presented. Council Member Malone moved to adopt Resolution 1028-0520 approving the 2020 -2024 Consolidated Plan, the 2020 - 2021 Annual Action Plan, and the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents; Vice Mayor Dennis seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Vice Mayor Dennis seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Kenn Weise, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 4th day of May 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk