



City of Avondale

City Council Meeting

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS . 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE . AVONDALE, AZ 85323

Summary of Actions

WORK SESSION
February 11, 2019
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. COMMUNITY PARK NO. 3 IN THE ALAMAR DEVELOPMENT

Staff **presented** a conceptual design for the new community park in the Alamar residential area and request comments and feedback from City Council for the design team to finalize the park master plan.

3. FY2019 MID-YEAR FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

Staff **presented** a mid-year financial status update to Council.

4 ADJOURNMENT

Council Members of the City of Avondale will attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

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MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
February 11, 2019

A **Work Session** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 6:03 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: Mayor Weise participated by telephone.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Charles Montoya, City Manager; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Andrew McGuire, City Attorney; Pier Simeri, Community Relations Director; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director; Dan Davis, Economic Development Director; Paul Adams, Fire Chief; Christopher Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Kirk Haines, Parks and Recreation Director; Dale Nannenga, Chief of Police; and Tracy Stevens, Development and Engineering Services Director.

Audience: Members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. COMMUNITY PARK NO. 3 IN THE ALAMAR DEVELOPMENT

Kirk Haines, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a brief introduction of a conceptual design for the new community park in the Alamar residential area, stating this item is meant for City Council to provide comments and feedback for the design team to finalize the park master plan.

Mr. Haines explained staff utilized the Parks, Recreation, Libraries and Trails Master Plan to start the initial layout and design for the community park. Mr. Haines explained the park is being referenced as the Alamar Community Park, but the official name of the park may change based on Council's preference. Mr. Haines provided information regarding the partnership with Brookfield, including the contribution amount.

Jeff Denzak, Swaback PLLC, presented the following:

- Major Park Themes
 - o Creative connections (placement of elements such as pedestrian walking paths)
 - o Attractive landforms (incorporating elevation and interesting landforms)
 - o Vertical elements (park lighting elements)
 - o Series of outdoor rooms (great lawn, fields, playground, multipurpose area)

- o Interesting spaces (lake, dog park, BBQ)
- Alamar Land Use Plan Map
 - o Current conceptual plan
 - o 20-acre school site, including after-hour use and parking
 - o Access points and parking
 - o Flexible path system
 - o Overview of points of interest
- Next steps (project timeline)

Vice Mayor Dennis opened the floor to comments.

In response to questions from Council Member Nielson, Mr. Denzak explained there is a total of 430 parking spaces with an additional 60 spaces for the school. Mr. Denzak explained the planning for baseball fields, rather than soccer fields, came from zoning programming, Libraries and Trails Master Plan, as well as elements at existing parks. Lastly, Mr. Denzak noted that vertical features are meant to help recognize the park from a distance by using designed lighting or an amphitheater.

Mr. Haines commented that there will be two additional youth sports fields added to Festival Fields to meet the demand within the community.

Council Member Conde expressed interest in a zipline element and inquired on lighting on the walking trails. In response, Mr. Denzak explained lighting details will be addressed later in the planning, confirming that safety and functional standards are met. Council Member Conde requested staff be mindful of proper seating, shade, restrooms, water fountains, and public art pieces incorporated throughout the park. Lastly, Council Member Conde thanked staff for including multiple entries into the park.

Vice Mayor Dennis echoed Council Member Conde's comment with respect to a zipline element, provided all ages could utilize the zipline.

Council Member Kilgore expressed his appreciation for the thorough concept, the size of the lake, and the extra fields being added due to foreseen need by staff. Council Member Kilgore also thanked staff for collaborating with Littleton School District. Council Member Kilgore stated he desires to hold his comments until it is time for public input from the community as he believes in the importance of resident/stakeholder involvement. Lastly, Council Member Kilgore expressed his appreciation for the diversity of the park, providing a park with different amenities from the other parks within the community.

Council Member Malone expressed her appreciation for the multiple entrances into the park. Council Member Malone echoed Council Member Conde's comments with respect to seating and shade throughout the park. Council Member Malone expressed interest in the seating near the ramada and playground area and proper lighting on the trail system.

In response to a question from Council Member Malone, Mr. Haines stated Friendship Park has 800 parking spaces. Mr. Haines provided additional information with respect to parking and explained staff plans to strategically plan events to best fulfill parking needs.

Council Member Pineda expressed interest in the park name as Alamar Regional Park. Council Member Pineda also expressed interest in an elevated hill between the amphitheater and great lawn area to provide seating that overlooks the Estrella Mountains.

Mayor Weise expressed the importance of shade by the baseball fields. In response to a question from Mayor Weise, Mr. Denzak explained the space between the dog park and soccer fields will be addressed once drainage of the park has been analyzed. Mr. Denzak explained staff are working to leverage the capital investment of the project and will functionally utilize both sides of the lake. Mayor Weise expressed his appreciation to Mr. Haines for his honest feedback to City Council.

Vice Mayor Dennis expressed her concern with parking. In response to a question from Vice Mayor Dennis, Mr. Haines explained that through preliminary discussions with the schools, the City would have priority access to the fields after the school's uses are completed. Mr. Haines explained the purposes/use types of the different fields within the park and explained current managed needs/program opportunities. Vice Mayor Dennis expressed interest in playgrounds for a mixture for various ages as well as safe residential crossing from the neighborhood into the park.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Dennis, Charles Montoya, City Manager, explained the fields allow for change and provide the City with an opportunity to be adaptive based on changes within the community needs.

Mr. Denzak noted Mr. Haines received a grant for exercise equipment within the park.

3. FY2019 MID-YEAR FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director; presented a mid-year financial status update.

Presentation included:

- o Economic Indicators
- o Revenue
 - o Taxes (Local Sales Tax)
 - o Intergovernmental Revenue
 - o State Shared Sales Tax, State Income Tax, and Vehicle License Tax
 - o Licenses and Permits (Development Revenue)
 - o Charges for Services
 - o Expenditures

Council Member Conde thanked staff for the thorough presentation.

Mayor Weise encouraged Council to watch the construction sales tax as it shows new development coming into the City and expressed his appreciation to staff for the input.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Dennis, Ms. Duncan explained the hotel bed tax is at the same rate as the City's other local tax rates. Ms. Duncan also explained due to the low number of tax payers in that category, the reportable number is not disclosed.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Dennis, Tracy Stevens, Development and Engineering Services Director, provided additional information regarding several single-family projects that are pending. Ms. Stevens explained the Verde Trails and Alamar community projects are expected to be completed and ready for home sale by the end of the year or early next year.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Kilgore moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Nielson 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 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Kenn Weise

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 11th day of February 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Carrillo, CMC
City Clerk