

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
January 23, 2023

A **Special Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 West Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 5:35 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Kenn Weise; Vice Mayor Mike Pineda; Council Members Tina Conde, Veronica Malone, Curtis Nielson, Gloria Solorio and Max White.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Cherlene Penilla, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Ted Flores, Acting Human Resources Director; Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Ingrid Melle, Communications and Marketing Program Manager; Dale Nannenga, Public Safety Chief; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Acting Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Aric Stewart, Engineering Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately twenty members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

The following new employees were introduced to City Council. This item was for discussion only.

Human Resources Department

- Rosa Villasenor, Human Resources Specialist (Benefits)

Development Services

- Daniel Castro, Building Inspector
- Wilson Hedrix, Building Inspector
- Dorothy Williams, Senior Management Analyst
- Catherine Lorbeer, Deputy Director of Planning

Finance and Budget

- Veronica Martinez, Senior Accountant

3. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT OF AVONDALE RECOGNITION (AVI STAR STUDENT)

The Mayor and City Council recognized students from schools located in Avondale for their character and achievement. This item was for discussion only.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the Special Meeting; Council Member Conde seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 West Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Kenn Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Members Present: Mayor Kenn Weise; Vice Mayor Mike Pineda; Council Members Tina Conde, Veronica Malone, Curtis Nielson, Gloria Solorio, and Max White.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Cherlene Penilla, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Ted Flores, Acting Human Resources Director; Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Ingrid Melle, Communications and Marketing Program Manager; Dale Nannenga, Public Safety Chief; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Acting Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Aric Stewart, Engineering Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately ten members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Lucy Valenzuela and J. Alfredo Villa spoke about concerns they had regarding a home within the City of Avondale with active code violations due to a hoarding environment. Mayor Weise asked Dale Nannenga, Public Safety Chief, to work with the concerned residents to address their concerns

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the City Council at a work session. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

Mayor Weise asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Conde requested agenda item 3a be removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Pineda, seconded by Council Member Nielson, to approve the Consent Agenda except for agenda item 3a.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

a. RESOLUTION 1006-0123 - ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT FUND PROGRAM THROUGH THE SOUTHWEST FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Item is listed below in more detail.

b. RESOLUTION 1007-0123 - AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO IGA BETWEEN MARICOPA COUNTY, TRELLIS, AND THE CITY OF AVONDALE

City Council adopted Resolution 1007-0123 approving Amendment No. 2 to an Intergovernmental Agreement between Maricopa County, Trellis, and the City of Avondale relating to the construction of three single-family homes and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. RESOLUTION 1008-0123 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH AZTRACS VIA THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

City Council adopted Resolution 1008-0123, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with AzTraCS via the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the purpose of transferring accidents, citations and other traffic data captured by the Avondale Police Department to ADOT and the courts and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 1010-0123 - SUPPORTING NEWTOWN GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH MARICOPA COUNTY HOME CHDO FUNDING

City Council adopted Resolution 1010-0123 associated with a grant application submitted by Newtown Community Development Corporation to Maricopa County for HOME Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) funds, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. ORDINANCE 2004-0123 - AVONDALE BOULEVARD RIGHT OF WAY ANNEXATION

City Council adopted Ordinance 2004-0123 authorizing the annexation of a portion of Avondale Boulevard right-of-way generally located between Southern Avenue and Indian Springs Road and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. ORDINANCE 2005-0123 – ABANDONMENT OF ELWOOD STREET RIGHT OF WAY

City Council adopted Ordinance 2005-0123 authorizing the abandonment of Elwood Street right of way generally located south of Lower Buckeye Road and east of El Mirage Road, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY:

a. RESOLUTION 1006-0123 - ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT FUND PROGRAM THROUGH THE SOUTHWEST FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

City Council considered a request to adopt Resolution 1006-0123, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) and the City of Avondale, on behalf of the four partnering agencies of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center which include the City of Avondale, the City of Buckeye, the City of Goodyear and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, for the acceptance of an anti-human trafficking grant and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Reem George, Director of the Southwest Valley Family Advocacy Center, provided some background information about her experience. Stating in the last few months there have been four sex trafficking cases prior to conducting any proactive investigations. Runaway juveniles are picked up within two hours and within twenty-four hours they are working

this trade. This is occurring in Avondale and Goodyear. The presented grant will allow undercover operations to take place and more trafficking victims will be picked up.

Council Member Conde stated there has been a lot of talk around sex trafficking and often people think it happens in other countries, not realizing it is happening in our city and state. Last week Mayor Weise and the Council signed a proclamation stating January is anti-human trafficking month. Part of the proclamation says we will work together to eliminate trafficking in our community and support law enforcement and other organizations in battling human trafficking.

Mayor Weise stated this is an education campaign as human trafficking does not only involve juvenile females but males as well. The world of sex trafficking involves abuse, drugs, and some of the worst things imaginable.

Council Member Pineda noted many are excited for the Super Bowl; however, that brings this element with it. City Manager Ron Corbin, had shared that some of Avondale's public safety personnel will be assisting with the Super Bowl event.

Council Member Conde moved to adopt Resolution 1006-0123, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs and the City of Avondale, on behalf of the four partnering agencies of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center which include the City of Avondale, the City of Buckeye, the City of Goodyear and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, for the acceptance of an anti-human trafficking grant and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents; Council Member White seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

4. REGULAR AGENDA

Note from the City Clerk: Items 4a and 4b were presented together and voted on individually.

a. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 1011-0123 – HERMOSA RANCH TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS - SOUTH MINOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – APPLICATION PL-22-0163

City Council held a public hearing and considered a request to adopt Resolution 1011-0123, approving a request by Carolyn Oberholtzer of Bergin, Frakes, Smalley, and

Oberholtzer, PLLC for a Minor Amendment to the Avondale General Plan 2030 Land Use Map for Hermosa Ranch Technology Campus - South and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This request is for a proposed 78 gross acre development located one-half mile south of the southwest corner of Avondale Boulevard and Lower Buckeye Road. The proposed Minor General Plan Amendment, if approved, will amend the General Plan 2030 Land Use Map designations for the property from Medium Density Residential to Business Park.

Jani Wertin, Planner with the Development Services Department, provided an overview of the property. Current zoning designation is Diamond P Ranch PAD and medium density residential (MDR) General Plan designation, that accommodates development for suburban detached single family residential with a density range of 2.5 or four dwellings per acre. The applicant requests a Minor General Plan Amendment (GPA) to Business Park (BP) from MDR and to change the zoning designation from Diamond P Ranch to Hermosa Ranch Technology Campus-South PAD for a data center and related employment uses with underlying Commercial Park (CP) zoning.

The proposal includes a data center, a private substation that would be abutting on the Rudd Substation, and a private battery storage facility. No changes will be made to the prior entitlement that was approved in November 2021 and only acknowledges the continuation of the approval with stipulations to maintain continuity previously approved. The proposed Minor GPA meets the Avondale General Plan 2020 requirements.

The purpose of the rezoning request relates to employment uses such as the data center, private substation, private battery storage, professional offices, public utility facilities, accessory structures, and laboratory uses.

A traffic study has been reviewed and approved by the traffic engineer. There are two full access driveways from Avondale Boulevard with left-turn lanes and a right-turn deceleration lane. The developer will construct Avondale Boulevard to the City's minor arterial straight cross-section along street frontage. Due to a planned shift schedule, peak traffic is likely to reduce any impacts on traffic on Avondale Boulevard. Parking will follow Warehousing Zoning Ordinance requirements. A 10-foot multi use trail will be built within the landscape setback adjacent to Avondale Boulevard. The data center features were presented.

The rezone request meets required findings established by the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed conforms with BP designation and furthers goals of the General Plan and meets PAD requirements. There is adequate public infrastructure and services exist to serve the proposed development. The developer will construct all necessary utility extensions and perimeter roadway improvements. The project is compatible with land use relationships within the proposed development and adjacent properties and development standards are consistent with or exceed the desired character for the area. All required notifications have been completed.

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.

In response to a question from Council Member Nielson, Ms. Wertin, stated solar panels were not part of the review but might be something to consider with the applicant. Mayor Weise asked for Carolyn Oberholtzer with Bergin, Frakes, Smalley & Oberholtzer to follow up with staff as to whether the solar panels will work for the applicant.

Mayor Weise and Council Member Malone commented on the benefits that will come from this project and thanked Ms. Oberholtzer for listening and addressing the Council and community's concerns.

In response to a question from Council Member White, it was confirmed that the water use is equivalent to that of ten houses.

Council Member Nielson moved to adopt Resolution 1011-0123 approving Application PL-22-0163 Hermosa Ranch Technology Campus - South, a request for a Minor Amendment to the General Plan 2030 Land Use Map changing the land use designation on approximately 78 acres from Medium Density Residential to Business Park; Council Member Solorio seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

b. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE 2006-0123 – HERMOSA RANCH TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS – SOUTH REZONING TO PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD) – APPLICATION PL-22-0166

City Council held a public hearing and considered a request to adopt Ordinance 2006-0123, approving a request by Carolyn Oberholtzer with Bergin, Frakes, Smalley and Oberholtzer PLLC to rezone approximately 78 gross acres located one half mile south of the southwest corner of Avondale Boulevard and Lower Buckeye Road and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The proposed rezone, if approved, will change the zoning from Diamond P Ranch Planned Area Development (PAD) to Hermosa Ranch Technology Campus - South Planned Area Development (PAD) to allow a data center and related employment uses.

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

Council Member Malone moved to adopt Ordinance 2006-0123 approving Application PL-22-0166 Hermosa Ranch Technology Campus - South, a request to rezone approximately 78 gross acres from Diamond P Ranch Planned Area Development (PAD) to Hermosa Ranch Technology Campus- South Planned Area Development (PAD), subject to the eight (8) conditions of approval as listed in the staff report; Council Member White seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

c. 2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

City Council will review and provide guidance to staff on the proposed 2023 City of Avondale State Legislative Agenda. This report presents state legislative policy priorities that have been identified by staff as well as the Council. This item was for discussion and feedback only; no Council action was taken.

Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator, provided a recap of the outcome of the 2022 election and the political environment it created. Half of the legislators and House of Representatives are new to public service. There was an ideological shift with members representing their party's public policy philosophy. This situation resulted in calls for bipartisanship and a potential long and contentious session. The legislative session began on January 9th with Governor Hobbs' State of the State speech that laid out an agenda that reflected her party's priorities plus a \$17 billion budget proposal that includes \$1.3 billion in new spending and funding for the priorities in the State of the State speech. The Republican leadership suggested maintaining current spending levels in case there is a recession. Although they are so far apart, literally and ideologically, the budget is a major item the Governor and Legislature must come to an agreement on.

Notable items include:

- \$250 million deposit into the rainy-day fund
- \$150 million to the housing trust fund for utility and rental assistance
- \$275 million increase for schools
- General salary increases for State employees
- Increases to help departments recruit and retain staff

- Elimination of taxes on feminine hygiene products and diapers
- New State Child Tax credit
- Roll backs of many republican priorities including disbanding the Border Strike Force
- Elimination of the school voucher program and results-based funding for schools

Within the first two weeks of the session 750 bills were filed. Using the policy principles that were affirmed last year, support will be given to those that align with the City's priorities and defeat those that are detrimental.

Current bills that are challenging include:

- HB2003 seeks to lower the current corporate income tax rates annually beginning FY 2026 until it reaches 2.5%. The Avondale impact would be a loss of \$624,000 in FY 26 and reaching \$1.9 million by FY 29. This bill passed the House Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees and is scheduled to be heard by the Rules Committee today.
- HB2061 will prohibit municipalities from levying taxes on the sale of food purchased for home consumption. The impact on Avondale would be a \$6 million reduction in revenue.
- HB2067 will prohibit municipalities from levying a residential rental tax. The impact on Avondale would be \$4 million reduction in revenue. This bill was recently assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.
- SB1122 was filed on Thursday that asks to allow the county to place an extension of Proposition 400 on the ballot. This is a counter proposal to the bill vetoed by Governor Ducey. There are many challenges with this bill, including blocking the implementation of the 20-year regional plan development (MAG). Removes planning and financial control over Regional Transportation money from MAG. Severely curtails spending on multi motor transportation on highways and arterial ways. Takes away the ability for Arizona to secure federal funding for transportation projects.

Mayor Weise spoke of the work being done by MAG behind the scenes with legislators on both sides to educate and gain an understanding of where each party stands. A major objection is the use of sales tax funds for the Light Rail, which is required in Proposition 400. He encouraged Council Members to reach out to legislators and getting citizens involved to defeat these bills, as they will have a huge impact on smaller cities.

Council Member White stated SB1122 creates a concern for the future and lessening the fuel usage, people need to look at ways to be more efficient, and encourage the use of public transportation. Mayor Weise noted 67% of the people using public transportation have no other option.

Council Member Solorio stated the Light Rail is a key piece of public transportation. The Governor is facing many challenges and the City needs to advocate for itself to better the process.

Council Member Nielson asked for brief updates on new bills, where current ones stand, and maintain a list of those Council supports versus those they do not. Mayor Weise stated the argument being used to not fund the transit is that only 1.3% of the population use it. In comparison only a small percentage of the population use libraries, parks, etc., but they are still funded because it is a quality of life. Not everything is supposed to generate income as there are some things that are done to support fellow citizens to make their lives easier. Mr. Corbin stated they will provide general biweekly updates to Council but asks not to be overly zealous until further direction is received from Ms. Barker Alvarez.

Mayor Weise stated part of the communication with legislators is not only asking for help but thanking them for it.

Vice Mayor Pineda stated relationships need to be fostered with the new leadership to determine where they are on items and how much they are willing to fight. It behooves Council and themselves as individuals to communicate and build relationships with the legislators and representatives.

d. AVONDALE'S SOLID WASTE PROGRAM UPDATE

City Council will receive an update from Public Work's staff on the status of Avondale's Solid Waste program and proposed changes based on the recently completed Solid Waste Operations Study. This item was for discussion only.

Harold Siguenza, Public Works Deputy Director, and Simon Lara, Solid Waste Manager, presented an overview of the present status and proposed changes within Solid Waste.

Current Status:

- Work 8 hours per day, 5 days per week
- Routes are not balanced
- Unable to complete the routes within the 8-hour day
- Overtime is due to unbalanced routes and staffing shortages
- Residents violate the sanitation code

Proposed Changes:

- Work 10 hours per day, 4 days per week on a rotating schedule
- Rebalance the routes using an east to west layout
- Centralize zones and redistribute house counts, including future growth
- Drivers will work holidays except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's
- Add one mechanic to the services fleet
- Update the City of Avondale Code Chapter 11, Sanitation Code
- Provide outreach, education, and enforcement
- Move street sweeping from the Streets Division to Solid Waste

Mr. Siguenza stated they are seeing increased costs in various areas of operations, such as increased diesel fuel, parts, personnel services, and containers. Many of these are out of their control due to inflationary costs and they are doing their best to provide efficient

service. Two years ago, Council approved the first rate increase in over a decade in solid waste services, which allowed for a \$2.00 increase for the first two years and \$1.00 increase each year thereafter. If the City maintains the current routes and operations they will eventually be in a financial hole. A consultant was retained to help understand operations and find levels of efficiencies while staying financially sound.

Mr. Laro provided an overview of the study that was conducted between August and November by NewGen Strategies & Solutions that identified operational improvements, efficiencies, and alternative scenarios.

Mr. Siguenza stated additional goals are to continue educating students and providing recycling services for the school districts and community college. They would like to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the schools for cost recovery services and educate multifamily developments on recycling at their location.

Next steps include:

- Present code changes for approval
- Use routing software to ensure routes are balanced and allow for the work to be conducted within the 10-hour workday
- Continue to do outreach and education
- Implement the service changes as of April 2023
- Request budget approval on February 6th for a rear loader as there is an 18-month lag time on these trucks
- Propose new rates for approval on March 20th

Mayor Weise spoke of his observations during his ride-along with solid waste. He asked for the percentage of houses that have weekly regular trash and recycling and if there is a need to pick up from every house every week. Mr. Siguenza stated the State Statute requires municipalities to provide trash services twice a week. When recycling came about, Maricopa County asked for a variance and count recycling as the second weekly pick up, which was accepted.

Council Member Solorio inquired how they will communicate with residents who don't receive paper utility bills. She stated in her opinion citizens would be okay with the price increase. Mr. Siguenza stated they will be working closely with the marketing team to determine how best to conduct outreach. When recycling first started in the 2000's it was a free service to all residents and businesses. Over the years the City scaled back specifically to businesses and now the only free service is provided to the school districts and community college.

Mr. Corbin stated recommended changes to the schools has to do with State Statutes and the city's ability to provide commercial services and there are many issues that need to be fixed. Although it was previously mentioned the solid waste price would increase by \$1, upon further review by the finance team it will be more than that. A presentation will be made in March while discussing the budget.

Council Member White stated concerns related to staffing: Is the current staff level enough and do they receive holiday pay? Mr. Siguenza stated additional staffing is not required and with the rebalancing of the routes and extending the work day they will gain efficiency. They plan to have four teams of five employees working each day. This eliminates overtime and allows one schedule group to have a day off during the week and the occasion for a four-day weekend. Mr. Corbin stated this schedule will create sustainable jobs and stability for the employees. Employees who work on the Saturday after the three holidays will receive holiday pay and pay for working on Saturday. This schedule was based on feedback from the employees on what they would prefer.

Council Member White inquired who determines what will be advertised on the side of the loaders. Mr. Siguenza stated he works in conjunction with Ms. Simeri.

Council Member Nielson suggested reinstating a flyer attached to the trash bin to educate residents on recycling. He also stated his appreciation for the inclusion of the staff in making decisions that affect their future; they are buying into it. Mr. Corbin stated they are working with the marketing team on how to reeducate the communities on what is acceptable, recognize those that are doing great, and remind those that need a little help.

Council Member Conde expressed concern for making sure staff are being monitored for stress and asked for reports on how the employees are doing with the changed routine. Mr. Siguenza stated there is a national shortage of CDL drivers; however, as of today the solid waste department has one opening. They want employees to buy in and think about their well-being. Staff feels the new schedule will reduce stress and provide a better quality of life. Mr. Corbin clarified the plan only requires a new mechanic.

Council Member Malone commented on the 80% participation from staff in responding to the survey. What is the City doing to encourage staff members to obtain a CDL? The study recommends 16 dedicated drivers; they will need to hire new staff. Mr. Siguenza stated the requirements to obtain a CDL have changed, including an increased cost and number of training hours. They plan to work closely with HR to assist staff with obtaining a CDL. Currently, there are 24 FTE, and they can meet the recommended staffing level.

Council Member Malone inquired how the department handles calls to pick up a pile of trash left behind in a different area of town. Mr. Siguenza stated request to pick up trash outside of the zone for that day will be scheduled the caller for pick up on another day, which is part of being more efficient in operations. It will also depend on what they are trying to dispose of and if it fits within the guidelines, as they may also be referred to a private hauler. Mr. Corbin stated these situations could also be a code enforcement issue. Mayor Weise stated there has to be a cost recovery and the Council will need to decide how to enforce and costs associated with it. Mr. Corbin advised that is part of the plan and it will be a significant change and impact on some. His hope is to become more effective, efficient, and quick with removing trash.

Council Member Malone inquired when the code enforcement inspectors go out and how they are communicating with the homeowner. Mr. Siguenza stated the inspectors go out the day prior to picking up and they contact the homeowner to educate them on why their

trash is not being picked up. If a resident is not home, code enforcement will come back to make contact with the homeowner, because education is the key to making sure they stay within the limits for bulk trash.

Vice Mayor Pineda reiterated the concerns for not stretching the workforce too thin and their mental health. He appreciated the consultant taking these matters into consideration. He is looking forward to discussions related to enforcement, recovery costs, and most importantly education.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting and hold an executive session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4), for the discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body for legal advice and in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position in pending litigation in Montoya v. City of Avondale, et al.; Council Member Solorio seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Kenn Weise (Feb 28, 2023 07:07 MST)

Kenn Weise, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 23rd day of January 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.


Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk

February 27, 2023

Date Approved by City Council