

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
September 25, 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 5:30 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; Margaret Carey, Deputy City Clerk; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Barbara Coppage, City Auditor; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Dale Nannenga, Public Safety Chief; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately thirty members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. SPECIAL EVENT UPDATE

City Council received an update from Stacy Swainston, Recreation Supervisor with Parks and Recreation and Kelsey English, Recreation Coordinator with Parks and Recreation regarding scheduled special events. This item was for discussion only.

-Barks and Treats – Oct. 7, 2023	-Family Campout -March 16-17, 2024
-Billy Moore Days – Oct. 19-22, 2023	-Eggstravaganza – March 28-30, 2024
-Creepin' Candy Crawl – Oct. 31, 2023	-KidFest – April 13, 2024
-WinterFest – Dec. 2, 2023	-Avondale Fiesta – May 4, 2024
-Dia De Los Muertos Festival – Oct. 28, 2023	-Memorial Day Event – May 27, 2024
-Golf Championship Open – Nov. 2, 2023	-Blank Canvas Showcase – Aug. 8, 2024
-5K Vet Run – Nov. 11, 2023	-Juneteenth Freedom Day – June 19, 2024
-Tres Rios Nature Festival – Feb. 24-25, 2024-	-Light Up the Sky Celebration – July 4, 2024
Friendship Park – March 16-17, 2024	

3. WERIDE EXPANSION AND UPDATE

City Council received an update regarding the WeRIDE expanded services and success. This item was for discussion only.

Harold Siguenza, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided an overview of WeRIDE services, noting they began in North Avondale in October 2022. The fleet consisted of four minivans, two that are ADA compliant. There are 302 virtual stops that cover 11 ½ square miles and had over 14,000 riders year-to-date with 38% of them being shared rides. The on-time performance is at 98% and customer satisfaction is 4.9 out of 5 stars.

Beginning October 2, 2023, WeRIDE will be expanding to South Avondale. Two minivans and two larger vans will be added along with 249 virtual stops, including community parks covering 10.7 square miles. The expansion will create one large Avondale zone that is no longer separated by north or south. The total coverage will be 22 square miles, 551 virtual stops, and eight vehicles. The hours of operation will remain Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. In recognition of the expansion WeRIDE will be offering free services from October 2, 2023, to November 17, 2023, for the Avondale community.

Customer service is a top priority for WeRIDE and the virtual stops and hours of operation will be recommended for adjustment based on customer feedback. Currently, the feedback received is geared toward the operations and drivers. Mr. Siguenza recognized WeRIDE's partners and noted Surprise and Goodyear also utilize WeRIDE's services.

In response to a question by Mayor Weise, Mr. Siguenza stated the number one lesson learned from North Avondale is to be nimble and able to make changes quickly and shake the perception that public transit does not move quickly.

In response to a question by Council Member Malone, monthly passes are planned to roll out next year and discussion of expanding the hours to evenings and weekends is an ongoing discussion. A rider can provide feedback at the completion of their ride using a star rating and/or comments. Currently a driver rating and previous customer feedback is not visible to someone booking a ride using the app, but staff can have the discussion with RideCo.

Council Member White shared her recent experience with riding WeRIDE. In response to a question, Mr. Siguenza stated with the expansion and increased ridership, the wait time for shared rides will be adjusted accordingly. Valley Metro is very supportive of microtransit services and is working with Avondale to utilize regional and federal funding to purchase and/or replace vehicles in the fleet. WeRIDE is in the process of being trademarked and utilizes a cooperative contract so other cities can utilize the services.

In response to a question by Council Member Conde, Mr. Siguenza clarified additional stops outside of the City of Avondale. He noted it is important to provide stops in locations where residents need to go.

4. INNOVATION TEAM RECOGNITION

City Council recognized John Reddy; Angela Destin; Jonathan Almanza; Marlena Pina; Mathew Hernandez-McCarron; and Adam Shipley as the graduates of the 2022-23 Avondale Innovation Team program. This item was for discussion only.

Torin Sadow, Senior Management Analyst, stated the purpose of the Innovation Team is to empower Avondale employees to foster a culture of innovation that allows our staff members to create a positive, engaging work environment that helps save our internal and external stakeholders time and money.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the Special Meeting; Council Member Nielson 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 6:04 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 6:10 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; Margaret Carey, Deputy City Clerk; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Barbara Coppage, City Auditor; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Dale Nannenga, Public Safety Chief; Jodie Novak,

Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately thirty members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The City Clerk read the following public comments into the record:

- Jose Castro: "I believe it would be in the best interest of all families residing in the Holly Acres area/River Bottom to set a curfew time to enter the river bottom. (7:00 am to 7:00 pm.) in order to enjoy our beautiful river. The young people entering the area are driving thru from 7:00 pm to 3 or 4 am., not a safe time to drive during these hours. The people are driving so fast and are not following the traffic signs, the stop sign on El Mirage Rd and Southern is knocked down every weekend. I would also like to address the business on the East side of El Mirage Rd. there is a dust problem, noise problem and the start time of work is not in the best interest of the neighborhood...too much noise. Much police presence is needed in the area, not just for a few minutes, supervision needs to be addressed asap before there are more accidents in the area. To many careless drivers during the evening late night hours.
- Juleim Pelayo: "Today, I want to draw your attention to a critical issue that our city council must address: the presence of gunshots in our neighborhoods, which underscores the need for immediate action, including implementing barriers to restrict outsiders from accessing our river bottom areas. Gunshots in our neighborhoods are not just a noise problem; they are a significant threat to our safety and the overall well-being of our community. Each gunshot fired represents the potential for violence, be it a domestic dispute escalating into something more serious, a random act of aggression, or a tragic accident involving firearms. The consequences can be life-altering, affecting not only the victims but our entire neighborhood. Furthermore, the constant sound of gunshots creates a climate of fear and anxiety in our daily lives, robbing us of the peace and security we should enjoy within our community. This fear is compounded by the very real possibility of outsiders accessing our river bottom areas, where illegal activities and gun violence often occur. The solution to this multifaceted problem lies in the actions of our city council. We must urge them to take a proactive stance. First and foremost, we need to advocate for the implementation of physical barriers to restrict outsider access to our river bottom areas. By doing so, we can curtail illegal activities, including gun violence, which often thrive in these secluded locations. Additionally, our city council should prioritize community safety by investing in law enforcement resources, ensuring they have the tools and personnel necessary to address the issue effectively. It's crucial to promote responsible gun ownership and to work collaboratively with our local police force to enhance neighborhood security. In conclusion, gunshots in our neighborhoods are a pressing issue that our city council

must address. To combat this problem effectively, we must advocate for physical barriers to restrict outsider access to the river bottom areas and work collaboratively with law enforcement to ensure community safety. By addressing the root causes of gun violence and promoting responsible gun ownership, we can create a safer, more vibrant community. Our safety and the well-being of our neighborhoods depend on the decisive actions of our city council. Thank you."

- Diane DiCarlo: "Good evening, this request is a plea to expand the police coverage to the new Alamar Residential Area sooner than later (Broadway/Avondale Blvd, Broadway/El Mirage area). Unfortunately, during the early morning 9/25 there was a shooting which happened in the Alamar residential area. The police are still out there as I write this. As well, there are also people speeding down Broadway by the school and back and forth on Avondale Blvd. They are running the lights consistently. All of these things have been problems since the expansion of the area. It's pretty much a free for all out here in this area. I drive through areas like Rancho Santa Fe, or communities in Goodyear and Litchfield park area and I feel more safe there than in this new development. Something needs to be done before we turn into the next Maryvale. A new tax base for Avondale could lose property values if the community does not step up to do something to ensure the safety of the population in this area.
- Mary Anne Reed: "I live in Holly Acres. I'm actually by the levee before the river bottom, and then there is the river. The shooting in the river bottom has led to bullets hitting structures in my yard. We have been sitting outside and have had bullets whiz by. I am hoping that some action, such as a permanent barricade, can be done and more patrols down there to stop all of the shooting. Thank you for your time."

The following individuals addressed the City Council.

- Alex Giron stated she lives in Holly Acres community at El Mirage Rd and 122nd Avenue and the gunshots are disturbing and very aggressive at all hours of the day and night. It is scary because you do not know how close they are, and they sound like automatic weapons. Hopefully something can be done to regulate who goes down there, the berm they tried to create is not effective. When police do respond to calls it appears there are no consequences, which means there is no fear or hesitancy to do it again.
- Mary Abrigo stated she has lived in Holly Acres since 1977 on El Mirage Road at the entrance to the river bottom. It has been a peaceful neighborhood with approximately fifty homes. PIR has been very respectful with their events. Unfortunately, in the last couple of months, the parties and shootings have been unbearable and are affecting residents. Three weekends ago, shots were fired 45 feet from the front of her house and her grandson's bedroom. Something must be done; it is getting to the point where residents are in fear of what is going to happen. We are pleading for something to be done before tragedy happens.

- Cloves Campbell, former State Representative in Arizona, Publisher of Arizona Informant Newspaper, and Executive Director of the Arizona Commission of African American Affairs. Stated concern of a young man who was accosted, shot, and killed by an Avondale police officer. Noting he has the utmost respect for law enforcement and 99% of officers are great individuals, but there is always someone who is not. He asked the City of Avondale to investigate this issue, understand what is going on, and address it correctly. When law enforcement is not doing the right thing, it needs to be addressed and this is one of those issues that needs to be addressed.
- Larnell Farmer, West Valley NAACP 1st President, addressed Council regarding the shooting of a 17-year-old on February 21, 2023, by an Avondale police officer. The officer had time between the incident and his interview to line up his story with the body camera footage, noting he was in fear of his safety. There has been ample time for the Avondale Police Department to have some resolution to what happened. The Peoria Police Department concluded their investigation and has turned everything over to the County Attorney's Office. Although there are many questions, the pressing one is determining the status of the officer involved in the shooting, inquiring if he is still on administrative leave and if so, why, because he should be fired.
- Bishop Anthony Holt, West Valley NAACP President, addressed Council, noting situations like the shooting of a 17-year-old become extremely concerning to parents and the community. They are asking for this situation to be looked at carefully to determine if the officer's actions were justified. We don't want tragedy in our communities, I hear the gunshots other residents have discussed this evening. We know violence happens but does shoplifting cost a life? Let's find out what really happened and execute justice. This officer should not have a badge, be patrolling our streets, or protecting and serving Avondale. It is my understanding; Peoria Police Department has completed their investigation and there is an ongoing administrative investigation within the Avondale Police Department. We do not want trouble or drama; we do want peace and quiet and justice for this family and the community.

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. Having no requests from Council, motion was made by Vice Mayor Pineda, seconded by Council Member Nielson, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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 1058-0923 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT- LEGACY AVONDALE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PHASE 3 AND AVONDALE INFILL HOUSING PROGRAM

City Council adopted Resolution 1058-0923, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maricopa County Human Services Department (MCHSD) for a grant in the amount of \$2,750,000 to support the development of affordable housing in Avondale and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

b. RESOLUTION 1059-0923 - AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, CHAPTER 6 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

City Council adopted Resolution 1059-0923, amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Chapter Policy 6, Employee Benefits to add language concerning the Public Safety Homeowner Incentive Program and to revise the Administrative Leave language (Section P) and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. RESOLUTION 1060-0923 - AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, CHAPTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

City Council adopted Resolution 1060-0923, amending the current definition for Administrative Leave to align with proposed revisions to Avondale Chapter Policy 6, Employee Benefits and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. ORDINANCE 2056-0923 – ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD AND WEST OF EL MIRAGE ROAD

City Council adopted Ordinance 2056-0923 authorizing the acquisition by purchase, dedication, or condemnation, of real property for public use located north of Indian School Road and west of El Mirage Road, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. ORDINANCE 2057-0923 – ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD AND EAST OF 127TH AVENUE

City Council adopted Ordinance 2057-0923 authorizing the acquisition, by purchase, dedication, or condemnation, of real property for public use located north of Indian School Road and east of 127th Avenue and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. ORDINANCE 2058-0923 - SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENT (AMERICAN SPORTS CENTERS AVONDALE FACILITY)

City Council adopted Ordinance 2058-0923 approving the Second Amendment to the Lease, Maintenance and Operations Agreement (American Sports Centers Avondale Facility) outlining the terms so the Facility may be used to accommodate emergency shelter and family assistance/reunification operations if a disaster or calamity occurs within the City or immediately surrounding area and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. HARVEST HOC OF AVONDALE – MINOR LAND DIVISION – APPLICATION PL-23-0016

City Council a) approved Application PL-23-0016, submitted by Kimberly Schroeder, KAEKO, on behalf of the property owner 3828 Avondale LLC, for approval of a Minor Land Division that dedicates seventeen (17) feet of right-of-way and an eight (8) foot Public Utility Easement (PUE) along Vermeersch Road; and b) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The approximately 2.44 net-acre site is located approximately 655 feet south of the southwest corner of Illini Street and Vermeersch Road.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

City Council received an update from Capital Edge regarding Avondale's legislative priorities, as well as an update on recently proposed federal policies. This item was for information and discussion only.

Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator, introduced Chris Giglio with Capital Edge. Mr. Giglio presented an update on what is happening with the Federal Government in Washington, D.C. This is the 118th Congress that has a majority of Republicans in the House and a majority of Democrats in the Senate and they are unable to come together to work on legislation. The Senate is focused on Judicial and Biden Administration nominations, while the House is focused on legislation that is in line with Republican priorities.

Regarding the FY 24 budget, the House and Senate are not close on their spending priorities; however, each has a committee that approved FY 24 budget. Over 60% of the budget is for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, 20% is for defense, and 15% is for nondefense discretionary spending that includes programs the City is interested in.

Earlier this year Congress asked for deficit reduction measures, including an agreement on overall spending caps for FY 24 and 25; however, there is misunderstanding whether the spending cap is the ceiling or floor. Mr. McCarthy, Speaker of the House, made promises for additional deficit reduction and policy demands. Mr. McCarthy is being held to his promises and it seems imminent the Government will shut down on October 1st without an approved budget. The chances of agreeing on the Continuing Resolution are also proving to be difficult. There is no path to break the impasse.

Congress also addresses other Federal priorities that could have tangential impacts on the City, such as the National Defense Authorization Act, reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration Program, and the Farm Bill/Federal Nutrition Bill Program. The House has been working on a series of bills that include preemption of local regulation over telecommunications.

While Congress disagrees on the budget and other things, the White House has been focusing on the 5-year 2021 Infrastructure Bill. This funding along with EPA money is provided at the state level, such as broadband and cybersecurity money. Some rules require funding to be distributed to local government. This administration is concerned with equity, climate change, and the Department of Transportation / Safety. City staff have done a great job competing for programs that will work best for the City.

Mayor Weise stated upon his return to Washington D.C. he would like to meet and create a plan on how to push forward regarding nonattainment of the ozone issue and what can be done in the meantime.

Council Member White inquired if the impasse creates the risk of the county going into credit rating review. Mr. Giglio stated it is being talked about in Washington, but he will leave an answer to the experts.

b. RESOLUTION 1061-0923 DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD AND ORDINANCE 2059-0923 - AVONDALE CITY CODE AMENDMENT, CHAPTER 11; RELATING TO COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT, PENALTY FEES, SOLID WASTE ACCESS STANDARDS, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

City Council considered a request to adopt Resolution 1061-0923, declaring as a Public Record and Ordinance 2059-0923, amending Avondale City Code Chapter 11, Solid Waste Code relating to commercial solid waste permit, penalty fees, solid waste access standards, and other administrative changes and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Harold Siguenza, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided an overview of changes to the Solid Waste / Sanitation Code. The last updates to the code occurred in 2004, since then the City has experienced tremendous growth and the solid waste industry has changed. Based on a recent operational study, the Solid Waste Division made changes to its operations to include customer service and efficient service. Changes within the code will ensure they provide customers the right services and keep costs down by being as efficient as possible with all services provided.

- Unacceptable Items
 - Language related to automotive parts was amended to be more defined to include any gas-powered motorized items that are not accepted.
 - Livestock foul waste was added to this category, due to the health and safety of the community.
- Acceptable Items

- Added small amounts of construction and demolition materials, including small amounts of drywall that must be bagged.
- Recycling:
 - Unlike trash, recycling cannot be bagged.
- Acceptable Bulk Items
 - The language for large household appliances was changed to “white goods”, but cannot contain refrigerant
 - Added small home fixtures
 - Material cannot exceed 3 cubic yards, exclusive of large household appliances
 - Any items that can be recycled will not be accepted in bulk
- Access Standard
 - Any future developments that meet the standards will be able to receive services to their community. The standards will create a street design criterion to safely accommodate the equipment and placement of containers and bulk items on the street in front of the producer's property. If the standards are not met the community will be referred to private commercial haulers.
- Commercial Hauling
 - The City will no longer permit private commercial hauler vehicles but will require them to maintain and operate in a clean manner.
- Education, Enforcement, and Fees
 - The code will provide clear guidance to residents related to any changes made and why they were made.
 - Education will continue using the City's website, social media, and city events.
 - If a violation is not attended to appropriately after education and outreach, a fee will be assessed to the resident's utility bill. The establishment of the fee will be presented to Council later.

In response to a question by Mayor Weise, Mr. Siguenza stated a small percentage of people abuse the system, but with assessment of fees and education hopefully that behavior can be curbed.

In response to a question by Council Member Malone, there are currently two inspectors, one focuses on household trash and recyclables and the other focuses on bulk trash. Typically, the inspector goes out ahead of the crew to look at piles and determine if there are any violations. Over the last two months, a total of 300 violations were issued by the inspectors. In response to a question by Council Member Malone regarding residents moving out of their homes, the Solid Waste Department consistently works to provide clear instructions to the community and property owners to address issues. The department works closely with Code Enforcement to address health and safety concerns.

In response to a question by Council Member White, automotive waste cannot be discarded within a household trashcan. Painting of curbs to designate no-parking areas is not within the Solid Waste code but may be within another section of the City Code. Council Member White inquired on the process that Public Works follows when a car is parked too close to a trashcan. Mr. Siguenza stated staff will skip the can to prevent damage; however, the inspector will do outreach with the homeowner. Council Member

White expressed concern with vehicles parking in front of trash cans that have been put out for pickup, so the homeowner has to wait another week for trash pickup. When there is an overflow situation, residents are encouraged to obtain a second garbage can from the Utilities Department. Lastly, automotive waste can be disposed of at local auto part stores.

In response to a question by Council Member Nielson, Mr. Siguenza stated bulk waste can be up to two sidewalk panels in length and tree stumps and limbs can be up to four feet in length. Council Member Nielson suggested using aVOICE to provide education to the public, such as the amount of bulk trash that can be put out for pick up.

In response to a question by Council Member Solorio, any scraping or damage to sidewalks will be repaired by the Public Works Department; however, continuous training is provided to the equipment operators to improve their skills and reduce damage.

Mayor Weise concurred with Council Member White regarding vehicles parting near trash cans.

Council Member Malone moved to adopt Resolution 1061-0923, declaring as a Public Record and Ordinance 2059-0923, amending Avondale City Code Chapter 11, Solid Waste Code relating to commercial solid waste permit, penalty fees, solid waste access standards, and other administrative changes and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents; 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

5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM THE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member White stated she attended the Omega Psi Phi and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority fundraiser on September 9, 2023. On September 11, 2023, she participated in Senator Hatathlie's forum on addressing sober living homes. Last week she met the Lieutenant Governor of the Gila River Indian Nation. She sat in a Valley Metro Board of Directors retreat and shared the need for Valley Metro to connect the outer loop to Avondale.

Council Member Solorio noted she spent three days last week in Dallas working with the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, working towards certification for emergency preparedness and emergency response and management.

Council Member Malone states she viewed the subdivision at the Sheriff's Department and has some great ideas to share with council for the detention center.

Mayor Weise congratulated the Agua Fria High School football team on winning the River Rock against Tolleson. A proclamation will be presented to them in the near future.

Vice Mayor Pineda stated he attended the Raceway Elks Lodge 2052 on September 23, 2023, where Fire Captain Cassie Kalayasilpin and Police Officer Jennifer Salomon were honored.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting into Executive Session pursuant to Pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4), discussion with the City Attorney or attorneys for the City for legal advice concerning contemplated or pending litigation and to instruct the City Attorney and attorneys for the City on such litigation for the claims and matter of: (i) Roberto Carranza-Vargas, (ii) Keitha Tucker, (iii) Charles Montoya v. City of Avondale, et.al.; 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 7:32 p.m.


Kenn Weise (Nov 7, 2023 08:53 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 25th day of September 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.


Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk

November 6, 2023
Date Approved by City Council