

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
December 18, 2023

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 6:02 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, and Max White.

Members Absent (Excused): Council Member Gloria Solorio.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Cherlene Penilla, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Barbara Copping, City Auditor; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director; Craig Jennings, Judge; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Dale Nannenga, Public Safety Chief; Mark Neerings, Assistant Chief Information Officer; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Chris Pierson, City Clerk Specialist; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Ten members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

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 Council Member White, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the October 23, 2023, November 6, 2023, and November 20, 2023 City Council meeting minutes.

b. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Council approved the following appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions as recommended by the City Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions with a modification and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

- Ryan Benson as an Alternate Member to the Planning Commission with a partial term to expire on 12/31/2024.
- Margarita Barron as a Regular Member to the Board of Adjustment with a full term to expire on 12/31/2026.
- Al Nunez as a Regular Member to the Sustainability Commission with a full term to expire on 12/31/2026.
- Daniel Smith-Castillo as an Alternate Member to the Sustainability Commission with a partial term to expire on 12/31/2024.
- Eddie James as an Alternate Member to the Neighborhood and Family Services Commission with a partial term to expire on 12/31/2025.

c. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

City Council (a) appointed Larry White as the Chair of the Planning Commission and Alisha Meginnis as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year; and (b) appointed Carolyn Jones as the Chair of the Board of Adjustment and Kenneth Shoaff as the Vice Chair of the Board of Adjustment for the 2024 calendar year and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. BUDGET TRANSFER FOR POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF DYSART ROAD AND WESTERN AVENUE

City Council approved a budget transfer to create the appropriation of real property in the vicinity of Dysart Road and Western Avenue and authorized Finance and Budget Department staff to execute the necessary documents.

e. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ANNEXATION – TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT- APPLICATION PL-23-0266

City Council approved a request by Sandy Hayden of HILGARTWILSON, LLC, (on behalf of the property owner Tolleson Union High School District No. 214) to begin the annexation process of approximately 54.73 acres of land located at the southeast corner of Alamar Boulevard and Dysart Road (Assessor Parcel Numbers 500-72-001L and 500-72-001C) and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH ARIZONA COMPLETE HEALTH (AZCH)

City Council approved the Financial Assistance Agreement with Arizona Complete Health Arizona, Inc. (AzCH) to receive funds for the operation of the Arizona Complete Health Avondale Resource Center for the next (3) three calendar years and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 1081-1223 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AVONDALE, THE CITY OF BUCKEYE, THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, AND THE MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE SHARED MANAGEMENT AND USE OF THE SOUTHWEST FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

City Council adopted Resolution 1081-1223 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the partnering agencies of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center that permits the management and the shared use of the Center's facilities to provide services to victims of child physical and sexual abuse and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. RESOLUTION 1082-1223 - ACCEPTANCE OF A COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FROM MARICOPA COUNTY

City Council (a) adopted Resolution 1082-1223, authorizing the acceptance of the Grant in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00; (b) approved the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Maricopa County relating to acceptance and administration of the Grant; and (c) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

i. RESOLUTION 1083-1223 - GRANT-IN-AID AGREEMENT WITH TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

City Council a) adopted Resolution 1083-1223, accepting grant funding from the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$36,602.10 and authorize and direct staff to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of the Agreement; b) authorized staff to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution; and c) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

j. THE DISTRICT AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS FINAL PLAT – APPLICATION PL-23-0032

City Council approved a request by Mandy Woods of Norris Design, on behalf of the property owner Rob Rosztoczy of Stotz Farms, Inc., for approval of a Final Plat for a site located at the southwest corner of McDowell Road and Avondale Boulevard (APN 500-01-600) and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The proposed Final Plat splits an approximately 45.47-acre parcel into five (5) lots and dedicates right-of-way along McDowell Road and Avondale Boulevard, an 8-foot-wide public utility easement (PUE) along McDowell Road and Avondale Boulevard, and a public water easement.

Note from the City Clerk: Agenda items 4a and 4b were presented together and voted on separately.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 1084-1223 - ASHLEY FURNITURE – MINOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – APPLICATION PL-21-0140

City Council held a public hearing and considered a request to adopt Resolution 1084-1223, approving a request by Adam Baugh of Withey Morris Baugh PLC, on behalf of the property owner to amend the 2030 General Plan Land Use Map for Ashley Furniture, a proposed office/industrial/retail campus development, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The proposed Minor General Plan Amendment (GPA), if approved, will amend the General Plan 2030 Land Use Map designation from Freeway Commercial, High Intensity Office, and Mixed Use to Business Park.

Michelle Simerdla, Senior Planner with Development Services, provided an overview of the minor general plan amendment and rezoning for Ashley Furniture.

- The site is approximately 65.7 acres located at the northwest corner of 107th Avenue and Rosevelt Street. The property was annexed into the city in 1986 and is currently used for farming. The applicant is requesting to rezone the property from Avondale Gateway PAD to Ashley Furniture PAD. A comprehensive sign plan includes a freeway pylon sign.
- North of I-10 Freeway from west to east consists of C2 vacant land, C3 hospital, two medical facilities zoned PAD and a future commercial site zoned C3 and PAD. East of 107th Avenue are vehicle dealerships and the Avondale Auto mall PAD. South of Rosevelt Street are single family homes zoned Rosevelt Park PAD, vacant land zoned PAD, and multi-family communities zoned The BLVD. To the west is vacant land and Avondale Gateway PAD.
- Proposed uses include a call center, office space, light manufacturing and assembly, retail sales, warehousing, and distribution. The remaining vacant pads will have C3 Freeway Commercial uses.
- The Ashley Furniture component will follow Commerce Park Standard with the following deviations: reducing the rear building setback from 15 feet to 10 feet to accommodate a security building; a zero-foot internal building setback in case the project remains two parcels; and increase permitted parking by 388 spaces similar to

large format warehouses and the number of employees. The vacant pads will comply with C3 Freeway Commercial Standards.

- Current land use designations include High Intensity Office, Mixed Use, and Freeway Commercial. The proposed land use is Business Park to accommodate light manufacturing and corporate commerce uses, and Freeway Commercial to accommodate more intense uses of the freeways.
- An overview of the site plan was provided.
- The developer is required to construct a raised median on 107th Avenue between Dealer Drive and Roosevelt Street and a traffic signal at the intersection of 107th Avenue and Roosevelt Street. There will be two right-in and right-out driveways on 107th Avenue and four right-out and left-in driveways on Roosevelt Street with several deceleration lanes.
- A stipulation is that semi tractor-trailers and heavy trucks must enter the property on Roosevelt Street from 107th Avenue and shall not use Roosevelt Street west of 111th Avenue to enter and exit the property. This will prevent trucks from heading west on Roosevelt Street toward Avondale Boulevard.
- An 80-foot-wide landscaping buffer on Roosevelt Street will screen the truck parking area.
- Both requests result in development that is compatible with and complementary to existing uses in the area, provides an adequate buffer to the residential area south of Roosevelt Street, and will meet Commerce Park standards with requested deviations as well as C3 standards for Freeway Commercial site. This site's proximity to the freeway is ideal for this use.
- The rezoning and GPA meet all required findings and is consistent with many goals in the General Plan and Freeway Corridor Specific Plan, including prioritizing the City's appearance with I-10 Freeway, as well as growing Avondale's economy and employment base.
- A neighborhood meeting was held by Zoom on February 21, 2023, with no attendees. One comment was received on Avondale Connect suggesting the property be used for a grocery store. A public comment was received from a representative of The Village at The BLVD regarding buffering and truck traffic on Roosevelt Street. These concerns were addressed in a meeting with the representative, City staff, and the developer.
- On November 15, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 3-1 to recommend approval.

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 Council Member Conde's questions, Ms. Simerdla stated both buildings will have loading docks on the east and west sides. Mr. Baugh stated the hours of operation have not been defined, but they plan to have two to three shifts. Trucks would not be entering and exiting during the overnight hours.

In response to Council Member White's questions, Ms. Simerdla explained the 10-foot setback is for a security building and clarified there is an approximate 312-foot setback on the west and 100-foot setback from Roosevelt Street. The stipulation noted in the staff

report that trucks must enter the property from 107th Avenue and not enter the property on Rosevelt Street from 111th Avenue was clarified. Mr. Corbin explained that state legislatures have advised cities and towns they cannot prohibit truck traffic on public rights-of-way. They can prevent and enforce trucks from parking in that area. There are no additional plans for industrial work in that area. Although Ashley Furniture will bring 900 jobs, an increase in traffic is not anticipated, but should it become an issue it can be addressed through alternative mechanisms.

In response to Council Member Nielsen's question, it was explained that detention basins detain water and retention basins let water out slowly.

Vice Mayor Pineda moved to adopt Resolution 1084-1223, approval of Application PL-21-0140 a request for a Minor Amendment to the General Plan 2030 Land Use Map, changing the Land Use designation of the subject property from Freeway Commercial, High Intensity Office, and Mixed Use to Business Park; Council Member Nielson seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5 to 1.

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

b. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE 2073-1223 - ASHLEY FURNITURE – REZONING – APPLICATION PL-21-0141

City Council held a public hearing and considered a request to adopt Ordinance 2073-1223, approving a request by Adam Baugh of Withey Morris Baugh PLC, on behalf of the property owner to rezone approximately 75.7 gross acres of land located at the northwest corner of Roosevelt Street and 107th Avenue from the Avondale Gateway Center Planned Area Development (PAD) to the Ashley Furniture PAD, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The proposed PAD will allow for office/industrial/retail campus development. There is an accompanying request to change the General Plan land use designation from High Intensity Office, Mixed Use, and Freeway Commercial to Business Park.

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.

Council Member Pineda moved to adopt Ordinance 2073-1223, approval of Application PL-22-0141 Ashley Furniture, a request to rezone approximately 75.7 gross acres of land located at the northwest corner of Roosevelt Street and 107th Avenue from Avondale Gateway Center Planned Area Development (PAD) to Ashley Furniture PAD, subject to eight (8) conditions as listed below; Council Member Malone seconded the motion.

1. Development shall generally conform to the Ashley Furniture Planned Area Development (PAD) Narrative date stamped 11/7/23 (Exhibit D), except as modified by these conditions.
2. Approval and recordation of a Final Plat/Minor Land Division, creating commercial pads adjacent to 107th Avenue in accordance with the PAD, and dedicating all rights-of-way and easements needed to accommodate development of the site shall be required prior to issuance of any permits for the project.
3. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Ashley Furniture project, the developer shall complete the installation of a “trumpet style” traffic signal at the intersection of Roosevelt Street and 107th Avenue.
4. The City shall reimburse the Developer for 75 percent of the design, engineering, and construction costs associated with the traffic signal at the intersection of Roosevelt Street and 107th Avenue. Developer shall submit a full summary of costs for the traffic signal along with supporting documentation including but not limited to material and equipment invoices, labor costs, and subcontractor pay applications. Reimbursement shall occur within 60 days after final inspection and acceptance of traffic signal review and acceptance of the cost summary by the City of Avondale.
5. The following street improvements shall be completed by the Developer in the first phase of the project, prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion for the project:
 - a. The remaining arterial half-street improvements shall be constructed along the full length of the subject parcel on 107th Avenue, including the construction of a raised median with landscaping between Dealer Drive and Roosevelt Street. The median shall be designed to eliminate left-out movements at Dealer Drive and the project’s main entrance on 107th Avenue. The City shall coordinate with private ownership to re-stripe Dealer Drive so the left turn lane is removed.
 - b. Roosevelt Street shall be built to the City of Avondale Detail A1102 - Minor Collector. The developer shall construct the north half-street improvements from 107th Avenue to 111th Avenue.
 - c. The developer shall provide one (1) travel lane a minimum of 12-feet-wide in each direction between Roosevelt Parkway and 111th Avenue with appropriate shift/merge taper lengths. If additional right-of-way is needed to meet aforementioned roadway pavement requirements, City will assist in south half-street right-of-way acquisition along the Avondale (2010) Holdings’ parcel. Said right-of-way acquisition shall not delay issuance of certificate of occupancy or completion.
 - d. The final driveway locations shall meet the requirements in the City’s General Engineering Requirements Manual.

6. Developer acknowledges that Roosevelt Street serves as a residential collector west of 111th Avenue. Developer shall inform its delivery vendors, customers, and contractors that semi tractor-trailers and heavy trucks should enter its property on Roosevelt Street from 107th Avenue and shall not use Roosevelt Street west of 111th Avenue to enter and exit its property.
7. Signage shall conform to the Ashley Furniture Comprehensive Sign Plan (CSP) and Narrative date stamped September 24, 2023 (Exhibit F). The CSP includes approval of a Freeway Pylon Sign Exception to allow an electronic message display consistent with the Avondale Zoning Ordinance criteria.
8. Extinguishment of groundwater rights and pledging of those rights to the City's assured water supply account shall be required prior to issuance of any permits for this project.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	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

None

6. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

City staff presented an update on the City's financials and sought the Council's feedback on the FY2025 budget. This item was for discussion and feedback only.

Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director, presented the following:

- An overview of FY2023 revenues and expenditures, highlighting the revenues and expenditures, and noting the ending General Fund balance was \$120 million. The largest contributor to the General Fund revenue was contracting sales tax revenue that cannot be counted on and must go into one-time spending accounts.
- FY 2024 overview looking at actuals through November 2023 and comparing them to FY 2023 actuals through November 2022.

In response to Council Member questions, the water revenue was discussed, noting it is lower than budgeted strictly due to a new forecasting system, but is balancing out as the forecasting model is being adjusted going forward. There will be a water presentation at the February meeting that will answer many of the water usage questions.

- Sales Tax Revenue:

- The largest revenue source is sales tax, which is trending above budget and last year, but property sales tax, which was not included in the original adopted budget, contributes \$2.9 million to the \$4.1 million in revenues.
- Contracting sales tax continues to hold strong, which is one-time revenue, while retail has decreased. This will continue to be monitored for potential adjustment to ongoing expenditures.
- A look at the five-year history shows the intended down trending budget but the strong contracting sales tax is driving the variance for a positive budget.
- State shared revenue is trending to be higher than FY 2023
- Single family permits is straightlined with approximately 50 permits per month.

In response to Mayor Weise's statement, Mr. Corbin explained the 0.4 increase in revenue over FY 23 is considered flat because in prior years it has been 4-8%. The City must be careful with reoccurring expenses.

In response to Council Member Nielsen's question, Mr. Corbin explained the rental tax will end as of January 1, 2025, and the City will lose \$2 million in revenue for FY 2025 and \$4 million in FY 2026.

- Operating Expenses:
 - Expenditures are up compared to last year, but down compared to the budget
 - Assumptions in FY 2024 5-Year Forecast:
 - 5% pay increases for staff
 - Compensation increases for sworn staff
 - Updated revenue forecast
 - Take-home vehicle program
 - Projected capital increases
- General Fund Forecast:
 - This is the first time ongoing revenue will be less than expenses, with a deficit projected in FY 2026 and 2027. Ongoing expenditures and revenue are projected to come back with increased revenues in FY 2028 and 2029. Conservative budget decisions will need to be made.
 - One-time revenue will always show a peak that reflects ongoing capital projects that have been appropriated for. It is anticipated the CIP projects will exceed the one-time funds and the fund balance will drop to an all-time low in FY 2029. Hard decisions will need to be made during the FY 2025 budget cycle for ongoing and one-time expenses.
- FY 2025 Overview:
 - The biggest decision to be made to meet the financial policies for a balanced total budget is whether to use one-time funds to fill the FY 2026 – 27 two-year gap or begin investigating other investments in the upcoming fiscal year.

- CIP projects will be looked at to determine if there is a way to spend appropriated funds, eliminate the yearly peak, and better manage cash flow.
- Employee compensation increases every year and is ongoing to address retention.
- Develop long-term financial plans for future projects
 - Determine priorities, financing options, and generating more revenue
- Other considerations were reviewed, including pensions, inflationary increases, economic downturns, developmental revenue, and legislation.

Another budget discussion will be held at the March meeting; the City Manager's recommended budget will be presented in April; the tentative budget will be presented for adoption in May, and the final budget will be presented for adoption in June.

Mayor Weise commented on the state income tax that has been decreased to a flat tax and the \$900 million state deficit. It is anticipated that cities revenue from HURF and food tax will be impacted to address the state deficit. Mr. Corbin noted if the food tax is impacted it could cut another \$10 million in recurring revenue for FY 2026 & 27.

Mayor Weise discussed the economic development and increased revenue SR30 would bring but not until FY 2029/30 and the need to find revenue sources before then, especially as the City of Avondale moves closer to being built out.

Council Members commented on the need to be conservative, limit use, and decrease one-time spending, particularly upon completion of the Aquatic Center.

Robert Baer, Budget Manager, provided an overview of economic data for Arizona and how it relates to the City of Avondale.

- All major revenue sources in the city are dependent on the overall health of the economy. Currently the state is facing a budget shortfall because of implementing additional programs and a flat tax, which is affecting revenues collected by the state.
- There is a 1.5% personal income growth, which is positive, but less than the five to ten year average.
- Unemployment remains steady at 4%.
- Inflation is lower than it has been in several years and the targeted inflation rate is 2%.
- Single family home permits slowed down, but are picking up in the metropolitan areas.
- 30-year mortgage interest rates are the highest they have been in decades.
- Median home prices remain high and higher than the national average.
- Hotel room sales in Ariona is the highest it has been.

James Milanese, City Projects Administrator, presented the following:

- Overview of completed CIP projects
- Overview of current CIP projects
- Overview of upcoming CIP projects
- Proposed January budget transfer requests
- Overview of \$190 million CIP funds and the \$18 million spent as of December 12, 2023.

- Smoothing out CIP projects
 - The goal and commitment are to not carry large sums of money over year to year to make it easier to program out and know how much money will be spent in future years
- Overview of priorities
- Overview of FY 2025 projects
 - Be prepared with designs and supplies so projects can start on schedule
- Overview of FY 2025 anticipated adjustments
- Overview of FY 2025 new asks

In response to Council Member questions, it was noted the fire training tower is a top priority and a current estimate is \$2.5 million to tear down the deteriorating building and construct a new one. A mobile fire tactics simulator and paramedic simulation lab are being purchased and will become part of the training process. The process for encumbering funds for design, engineering, and construction were reviewed. There is a proposal for a needs assessment for space. The court expansion would create a traditional jury room with bathroom access and include audio/visual equipment to be used for training when not utilized by the jury.

Ron Corbin, City Manager, presented the following:

- Ongoing City Budget Priorities
 1. Personnel
 - Be competitive and introduce programs to attract and retain staff
 - Do better with what we are currently doing
 - Discuss the need for any position not filled
 - Funding programs to ensure meeting the demands of our customers and IT
 2. Maintaining Current Programs
 - Positions funded by ARPA are moving into General Fund
 - \$300,000 previously funded in other ways to address homelessness will be moved into the General Fund
 - Increased cost with tipping fees associated with recycling
 3. New or Expanding Programs
 - WeRide Transportation expansion of hours/locations
 - Summer youth camp
 - Seeking funding for trails
- One-Time City Budget Priorities
 1. Continue / finish projects
 2. Replacement programs
 - Fire apparatus is a \$4.2 million ask
 - New payroll and plan/permit systems is a \$1.5 million ask
 3. Infrastructure
 - \$2.1 million to improve intersections
 - \$250,000 for sidewalk improvements
 - \$25 million inflation increase for Public Works

4. New Requests

A space needs assessment will be conducted

Discussed options related to restoring the Base and Meridian Wildlife Area

The beginnings of a balanced budget along with benefits and HR matters will be presented in March.

Council Members discussed their priorities with infrastructure, public safety, and personnel being at the top. Including focusing on aligning the priorities with the strategic plan and being prepared to handle added strain on the system. Use an inside out approach by looking inside this organization and determining through leadership where money needs to be spent. Mr. Corbin noted they are investing in current infrastructure, buildings, uses, et cetera, and have been prioritizing those needs.

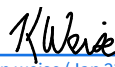
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


[kenn weise \(Jan 22, 2024 18:30 MST\)](#)

Kenn Weise, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 18th day of December 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

January 22, 2024

Date Approved by City Council