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Mike Pineda, Council Member

Administration

Charles A. Montoya, City Manager

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City Council Chambers

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Avondale, AZ 85323

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

WORK SESSION
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

1. **ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK**

2. **FISCAL YEAR 2020 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**
City Council received an overview of the Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Budget as part of the formal adoption process.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
April 29, 2019

A **Work Session** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Vice Mayor Pat Dennis and Councilmembers Tina Conde, Bryan Kilgore, Veronica Malone, and Curtis Nielson.

Members Absent: Mayor Kenn Weise and Councilmember Mike Pineda.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Charles Montoya, City Manager; Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager; Michael Wawro, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director; Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Dan Davis, Economic Development Services Director; Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director; Craig Jennings, Judge; Kirk Haines, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Dale Nannenga, Police Chief; Cherlene Penilla, Human Resources Director; Larry Rooney, Assistant Fire Chief; Abril Ruiz-Ortega, Court Administrator; Tracy Stevens, Development & Engineering Services Director; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; and Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director.

Audience: Members of the public were not present.

1 ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

Note: Councilmember Mike Pineda arrived to the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2020 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Department directors provided City Council with an overview of the Fiscal Year 2020 recommended departmental budgets as part of the formal adoption process.

Development and Engineering Services

Tracy Stevens, Development & Engineering Services Director, provided the following highlights for the Development and Engineering Services portion of the operating budget supplemental information:

- Transit operations (zoom and paratransit) have had some increase in costs through Valley Metro for services which resulted in a supplemental request to cover increases in contract charges.

- CIP Construction Manager (Rick Carr) is on staff now and assisting with the resource center and the police and evidence room projects and will possibly have one additional position in the next year.
- Annexation services which the Development and Engineering Services department recently took over from the City Clerk's Office and are averaging three to five per year which may increase as development moves into southern part of the city.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked if the requested amount of money was included in the budget before and Ms. Stevens stated there was not a specific budgeted amount as the city was charging $4,000 in the fees schedule, but after reviewing that cost and the city is incurring quite a bit more. She added that the cost will be increased to $6,000 or $7,000 in the fees this year. Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director, explained staff will look at the cost throughout the next fiscal year to determine effective cost recovery and will make a future recommendation to City Council for the fee.

Ms. Steven continued presenting the budget supplements:

- Development & Engineering Services Assistant Director to assist her and the rest of the department as staff has been increased in the past year and is continuing to grow. The department has many projects on the horizon for both capital and private development side. The new position will focus on the capital side but also assist with some of the private developments that are planned, especially in the southern area. The position will help kick-off the General Plan Amendment which will be next spring, which is a two-year process.
- Permit and applications system contract maintenance; she was unsure if that was in the Development and Engineering Services budget or it has been transferred to IT, since IT will be handling contracts for software type things. This system is specifically for the Accela contract.
- Zonar GPS contract increase which had a small increase for service that had to be captured in the budget.

Council Member Nielson asked about the street lights and light replacement program, noting that he thought the intent of the LED light program was to reduce the cost of replacement, but it appeared that this item was at $83 thousand in 2018 which is going up by $5,000 to $7,000, questioning if it will continue to increase. Ms. Stevens agreed to check on that. Tom Peterson, Traffic Engineer, explained the amount was for replacement of fixtures and poles, not for the LED lights themselves. Vice Mayor Dennis posed a follow-up question, stating at the last budget presentation, there was an item for a large project to replace poles within the Garden Lakes community and asked if this item is related to that project. Mr. Peterson explained the items are for the continuing replacement of poles.

Council Member Malone asked if this item includes poles within the historic Avondale, Cashion, and Las Ligas areas, as the poles within those areas are farther out. Ms. Stevens stated that the historic Avondale improvement project includes new street lights which will begin this fall. Ms. Stevens stated she would verify the budgeted amount and get back to Council. Ms. Stevens clarified the areas mentioned by Council Member Malone will be receiving new street light poles.

Council Member Malone mentioned that under engineering project management software it showed 30 licenses. She asked if the CIP projects would be visible to management, City Council and the public and inquired on licensing to access the dashboards within the software.

Ms. Steven stated that the cost will be shared with Public Works, with enough licenses for staff within both departments, as well as extra licenses for others within the city who need access to the system, such as City Management. She believed 30 licenses would be plenty. In response to an additional question by Council Member Malone, Ms. Stevens explained the system would not initially be open to the public, but staff are working on that aspect with a plan to eventually roll out to the public, hopefully by the fall.

Vice Mayor Dennis stated since transit is now under Development and Engineering Services Department, she asked for an update on putting shelters in the bus routes now that Zoom is out there. Ms. Stevens explained the bus shelters would come as development occurs and as staff identifies the stops. She added that there are locations that might not have a shelter yet. Vice Mayor Dennis wondered how permanent the current stops are since the Zoom is currently within developed areas, and if staff are going to look to the future to address stops within the neighborhoods. Kristen Taylor, Management Assistant, stated Valley Metro conducted a study of all of the bus stops within the city so the city has a report that shows what is at each bus stop. She stated there is about $400,000 in federal funding within the CIP that can be used to upgrade shelters and the plan is to start working on a priority listing of the bus shelters. Council Member Nielson asked if there was a list of what needs to be done, or if it is what staff identifies. Ms. Taylor explained there is a list of the bus stops that need upgrades, which would make all the bus stops ADA compliant as well as add shelters or trees. Ms. Taylor explained there are several shelters that are placed by OutFront Media which they maintain. Lastly, Ms. Taylor stated every bus stop shelter requires a contract for the shelter to be maintained.

<u>Fire and Medical</u>

Assistant Fire Chief Rooney reviewed the Fire Department supplementals to the FY2020 budget, beginning with the new hire related costs. Council Member Malone asked whether new hires would include the cost of fire academy training. Chief Rooney answered in the affirmative, explaining this would cover all costs from hiring new staff.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked why the Fire Department rather than HR, was providing management on this, and Chief Rooney explained the Fire Department works with HR to get physicals and other items, but the money comes from the Fire Department budget. Ms. Duncan clarified that this is fairly common to have these types of items in the Fire Department budget as the contracts are typically managed by the Fire Department in connection with the Human Resources Department.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked if any members of Council had questions on the vehicle maintenance item. Council Member Pineda asked about training staff within other departments to complete the vehicle maintenance to avoid going outside for the services. Chief Rooney explained some cities have utilized people within the department that are emergency vehicle technicians, but he is not aware of anyone in the city who has that higher level of training. Mr. Montoya explained an employee is required to have a certain level of rating as a mechanic to work on a fire truck which could impact the insurance on the vehicle if the mechanic is not rated properly. He explained until the city grows, that service would be outsourced. Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on the trigger that would cause an in-house mechanic. Mr. Montoya stated until the city has a fleet of at least 20 to 30 vehicles it would not be cost effective to hire within.

Chief Rooney listed the following additional supplements:

- Incident Data Records Systems and Fire Investigation Module.
- Dispatch fees that Phoenix is anticipating raising to the City of Avondale.
- Emergency access key system which is a digital key system for commercial buildings within the city. Chief Rooney explained keys are currently in the emergency vehicles which does not work well, as keys get lost and are not being maintained. The new system will help accountability to identify who had the key last.

Council Member Kilgore asked what the cost to the city was for the keys. Chief Rooney explained he is unaware of the cost of the keys and clarified this item is a digital program that monitors and tracks the keys. Council Member Kilgore explained he also saw that the item adds Wi-Fi to each of the stations as well as the features Chief Rooney stated. He also asked if the Police Department would have access to the keys, or if they call the Fire Department to gain access. Chief Rooney explained the Police Department also has access to the lock box. Dale Nannenga, Police Chief, explained the Police Department does not have a lock box program in the same manner as the Fire Department, but they are looking at their own program. They are looking for grant funding to have access to schools only, explaining for the very reasons Chief Rooney mentioned, if you lose a key, it is incredibly expensive to replace all the lock boxes around the city. Council Member Kilgore inquired on the costs, to which Chief Nannenga responded around $800 per key and box that goes with it.

Council Member Kilgore asked if the new program would help prevent the mentioned issues. Chief Rooney answered yes, absolutely. Council Member Kilgore inquired on the number of keys that have been lost so far this year. Chief Rooney answered apologetically, he did not have that information, but reiterated the program will raise the accountability for the department.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired if commercial facilities will be required to get a new box to make the Wi-Fi available or do any upgrades to make the new system work. Chief Rooney explained, facilities would not have to be upgraded to make this new key system work and he explained every commercial facility within the city are required to have the system.

Vice Mayor Dennis stated that although they are required, does every commercial facility have the required system. Chief Rooney explained that the new system will help with the accountability on the city's end and every commercial facility is required to have a key box. Vice Mayor Dennis clarified that she wants to ensure both sides are communicating. Chief Rooney agreed to provide that information.

Council Member Nielson asked about the jump in the funding for the Wildland Fire Deployment Fund, noting an increase of about $120,000. Ms. Duncan stated that the fund simply gives expenditure authority for the reimbursement from the State Forester for participation on wildland fires, so the funds would only be spent if there was a corresponding reimbursement and the authority to deploy. She explained the amount was selected based off other historical trends and looking to give sufficient expenditure authority. Council Member Nielson asked for clarification on the amounts within previous years. Ms. Duncan explained the previous year amounts were for actual deployments in the reimbursement. The amount that was selected for the expenditure authority for fiscal year 2020 was an amount that was selected between the Fire Department and Finance and Budget Department. Council Member Nielson asked if the reimbursements are included within the budget documents; Ms. Duncan explained that information would be included within the revenue side, noting this is a fully reimbursable program. Staff are setting it up as a separate distinctive fund which does not include any general fund monies allocated to it. Vice Mayor Dennis inquired if this fund also includes the position that would be covering the personnel who are deployed. Ms. Duncan clarified that this fund includes the personnel salary for those are deployed, the half-time backfill personnel, and vehicle costs.

Chief Rooney listed the following additional supplements:

- Part-time Communication Personnel for the EOC
- Enhanced Ballistic Protection
- Protective Clothing
- Crisis Intervention Program
- Annual Physicals
- Support Service Technician

Councilman Nielson stated that he was not aware that the Fire Department had bulletproof vests front and back. Chief Rooney explained this item is for calls related to shootings or stabbings which would help protect the fire fighters by enhancing the inner plates of the existing vests.

Vice Mayor Dennis stated that she understood the Crisis Intervention Program is well-received by staff, and she wondered if there was a way to cover the cost with insurance. Mr. Montoya stated that the Police Department had the same type of contract and due to the type of incidents, the services were not reimbursable through regular health insurance, although there is a program through the city to access additional special care.

Council Member Malone asked about the ISM Race Fire Overtime, and how that figure would be projected for fiscal year 2020 for the additional NASCAR race. Mr. Montoya stated that specific line item would change but the new figure is not yet known. He added that he has asked Chief Nannenga and Dan Davis, Economic Development Services Department Director, to work with ISM to work on a contract, determining if the City of Phoenix would provide those services. He added that at this point, staff felt safe to manage the two races next year but until there was a contract, the amount was not known.

Council Member Malone said she had previously asked for data from the City Manager on call volumes and asked for the reasoning behind why the call time for Ladder 174 was at 6.86. Chief Rooney explained the ladder truck is a very large heavy piece of equipment that takes longer to get through the city and started up and going, which takes longer than the engine. Council Member Malone asked if there was an additional fire truck at that station. Chief Rooney explained that company covered both the engine and ladder company. Council Member Malone asked if the increase in traffic in the city has lengthened response time and asked for a projection. Chief Rooney stated that the traffic and busy times are just one of many factors causing longer response times. He added being in the Automatic Aid System and dispatching the closest unit and other factors makes a difference in response time. Council Member Malone noted that the calls had increased by 600 from 2017 to 2018 and asked if calls were going to Goodyear or staying in Avondale. Chief Rooney explained Goodyear had shut down a station due to station problems and health reasons, it has increased the call load to the Avondale station.

Vice Mayor Dennis stated that at another time, it would be good to look at the calls for service for each station to identify what the increase is, noting within the CIP budget there are future plans to redo station 171 and possibly relocating it. She stated there should be a discussion to discuss the increases and needs within the southern part of the city, ensuring that the needs of the citizens are being met.

Mr. Montoya agreed with Vice Mayor Dennis, explaining they will take into consideration the increase in growth from housing that has been approved, which will change it significantly, also with the City of Goodyear's change in plans. Staff will return to Council with a more robust study with answers at some point in the future. In response to Council Member Malone, Mr. Montoya stated staff would return possibly by June or July, after the new Fire Chief is hired.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Haines stated that there are supplementals for items such as increased staffing and contractual cost increases, so the supplementals carry some of those particular items, as well as sustaining existing infrastructure. One item does not fit into these categories which is a pilot work program. There are twelve total supplementals with those three main themes throughout.

Council Member Nielson asked if the $415,000 Festival Fields Park expansion was part of that $17.3 million cost, or in addition to it. Mr. Haines stated that the $415,000 is additional capital to expand Festival Fields, with 20 acres out there, and expanding it to be about 50 acres total. He added the supplemental will take care of the infrastructure costs, water, electrical, and staff needs to address the growth of the park. Ms. Duncan clarified that the amounts within the supplements are for the increased operating costs.

Council Member Nielson inquired on the Goosebump supplemental of $100,000. Mr. Haines stated that is a contracted management company who assists with large scale special events and festivals. The requested amount is for the special events programming costs. Council Member Nielson inquired on special event light towers. Mr. Haines added that there is security area lighting which several of the light towers are beginning to fail so those will be replaced for security reasons.

Council Member Nielson inquired on the fire house maintenance supplement. Mr. Haines explained maintenance at the fire stations is just one of the many tasks that the facilities staff are responsible for to include electrical, lighting, heating, and garage door repairs.

Council Member Nielson asked if there is any plan to put solar panels on the Care1st Building. Ms. Montes stated that there is not a current plan to add solar panels, and Council Member Nielson said that might be a good future plan.

Council Member Pineda stated that citizens have asked him about the pump track. Mr. Haines explained that the pump track is an asphalt surface over mounded earth. It will sustain over time with ongoing maintenance to ensure safe operation.

Council Member Pineda mentioned holiday lighting along Western Avenue and asked if there were any room in the budget to facilitate lighting in the western portion of the city in the same manner as on Avondale Boulevard. Mr. Haines explained that staff are currently in an installation phase of an up-lighting program to add LED lighting on select trees along Western Avenue. He noted that there are a lot of twinkle lights on Avondale, but it is difficult to sustain that level over time as lights are getting unplugged and removed; it is not cost-effective. He added the $25,000 investment was installed and would give a level of quality as opposed to the white lights that were operating less than 25% of the time. The lights should be up and running this weekend, and merchant feedback would be sought and reported to Council.

Vice Mayor Dennis confirmed that this was a permanent installation and Mr. Haines stated that it would be a permanent installation on a select number of trees. Vice Mayor Dennis noted that the amount of lit up trees could be increased later, and Mr. Haines agreed. Vice Mayor Dennis asked if the light colors could be changed out to seasonal colors at holidays, and Mr. Haines said that was already built in.

Council Member Conde asked if the $70,000 supplemental for Culture Pop was just Avondale’s portion, and Mr. Haines stated that it was the shared cost between City of Avondale and City of Goodyear.

Council Member Conde asked about the transit shade canopies replacement costs and wondered how long they normally last and were they being replaced due to weather. She also wondered if something more durable should be considered, perhaps solar canopies. Mr. Haines stated that was a management issue at this point in time, and the reason they were being replaced was from severe storms that damaged them, while others were starting to age. Normally, a shade canopy lasts five to seven years and added that staff will look at this and see if there is a more economical approach.

Council Member Kilgore inquired on an increase in the training line item and asked how often staff is sent to training. Ms. Duncan stated that actuals from fiscal year 2018 were $3,500, but the budgeted amount remained at $4,000 which was not an actual increase in budget. Mr. Haines stated that there are annual trainings and occasionally national conferences which require travel costs, so training varies from person to person under their individual professional development goals which are reviewed each year. Council Member Kilgore stated he was glad training is encouraged and recognized that the funds were not fully utilized. Mr. Haines explained the department is now fully staffed and they do intend on utilizing the full budget, unlike the past years due to vacancies within the department.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked about the Reserves/Sales Tax and wondered what would be built for that, and if it would be brought back to Council before a finalized budget. She said her concern was when the final discussion would be held in order to determine what kind of reserves would be available (in the existing budget or incorporated into the sales tax calculations). Ms. Duncan stated that a number of replacements were included in this year's general fund budget, including canopies over the Park & Ride, the maintenance on firehouse doors, as well as other areas. Finance staff plans to work with Mr. Haines for the rest of the fiscal year to develop a schedule and return to Council on an annual basis for asset replacement.

Vice Mayor Dennis said she also wanted to know what was going to be paid by a future sales tax increase. Ms. Duncan stated that staff will recommend specific infrastructure for both new construction and asset replacement items. She noted that she will be working with every department on asset replacements and will incorporate that information into a five-year forecast to better determine obligations for the next coming year and future years. Mr. Haines clarified that staff anticipates coming back to Council in August to present the draft ballot language.

Council Member Malone asked about the city hall space planning item and the need for a space needs analysis. Mr. Haines explained the city is reaching capacity with respect to square footage at City Hall. He stated that this request is to hire a consultant team to look at all department needs. Some departments are in split spaces which an objective would be to bring those departments together and help identify opportunities to expand, shrink, or adjust departments. Vice Mayor Dennis asked if that would include looking at possible additional buildings, and Mr. Haines stated it would.

Neighborhood and Family Services

Ms. Duncan noted the first supplemental request is for primary an accounting change, accounting for positions that had not historically been recorded.

Mr. Lopez stated that a variety of supplementals encompassed several things, including an Assistant Director for the department, equipment needs within the libraries, Homeless Outreach Services and AmeriCorps Program.

Council Member Malone asked if staff would return to Council to clarify how the one-time funds of $50,000 for the Small Grants for Educators would be used. Mr. Lopez stated that in February, Council had provided input and staff had incorporated that information into a new proposal that will be brought forward at a future date for Council. Mr. Lopez added that staff are piloting the program with one-time funding to evaluate the program.

Upon Council Member Malone's question, Mr. Lopez noted that staff will be continuing the work with Phoenix Rescue Mission and carry the service forward in the new fiscal year and beyond.

Council Member Malone asked if the contract with Dr. Sheila Ferris was included in the supplement. Mr. Lopez stated it was not, but a request for contingency funding would be coming forward for the current fiscal year on May 6th.

Council Member Conde inquired on the city creating a non-profit as there were talks of doing so in 2016 while she was on the Neighborhood and Family Services Commission. Mr. Lopez stated that libraries are now incorporated into the department, with the Friends of Libraries non-profit organization. He stated staff would like to review the mission and bylaws to expand their scope to incorporate needs that were brought forward. He added that the vision was to support the health and human services needs for the entire city.

Council Member Conde inquired on the services of the Phoenix Rescue Mission with respect to homeless outreach services. Mr. Lopez stated they provided services two times per week for a total of 20 hours per week. With the supplemental request, there would be an agreement in place with the Phoenix Rescue Mission, which would allow the agency to expand their capacity by one full-time staff member, providing a full-time presence.

Council Member Conde asked what materials would be included in the $75,000 supplemental to the library materials budget. Mr. Lopez stated that would include a variety of materials, including digital and physical items. Council Member Nielson noted the additional items such as soccer balls and blood pressure devises that are now available in the library. In response to the comments by Council Member Nielson, Mr. Lopez stated that is the beyond books collection.

Council Member Nielson asked if the funding of the Substantial Home Repair program construction would roll over if not fully used. Mr. Lopez stated that the request was to provide budgeting authority for unexpected revenue received through HOME funds for substantial home repairs, including code violations, roof repairs, and plumbing for low income households.

Council Member Nielson inquired on graffiti in Avondale. Mr. Lopez stated Avondale has been very effective in implementing the contract with Graffiti Protective Coating, which has been in place eight years. Staff has seen a dramatic decrease in graffiti and the Code Enforcement team does a great job in administering the program.

Council Member Nielson stated the city's sustainability plan reduces the carbon footprint and he requested staff look at alternates for electricity for the Care1st Facility and Senior Center building. Mr. Lopez said that staff would definitely be working with the City Manager and architects to see if that is feasible for this particular project.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on the budgeted amount for the Contributions Assistance Program. Mr. Lopez stated the allocated amount is $100,000 for that program. Vice Mayor Dennis encouraged Council to approve 10% more to help cover administrative costs.

Council Member Malone stated she would approve adding 10%.

Ms. Montes stated staff can add an additional $10,000 to be used for administrative costs.

Council Member Kilgore asked for clarification on if the city was paying for the admin costs. Vice Mayor Dennis clarified, if the agency requests admin costs as part of their proposal, they can then assign a minimum of 10% of their costs to be applied to administrative costs. She explained, in her experience, when applying for grants, there is typically a percentage that can be applied towards administrative costs.

Council Member Kilgore stated this was the first time he has heard about this. Vice Mayor Dennis explained the non-profits are not allowed to request administrative costs be covered under the currently format and this would allow for that change.

Mr. Lopez explained the way the program is currently set up; the city does not allow for organizations to utilize funding to support their administrative costs. He stated this has been a question to come up throughout the years and chose to eliminate that to maximize the impact of their dollars, especially during the recession. He believes there is a need for it and acknowledged how some of the small non-profits struggle with fulfilling the program without being allowed to use a portion of the dollars for administrative costs.

Council Member Kilgore inquired if other cities follow this type of practice. Mr. Lopez explained it is typical within grant funding to allow 10% for administrative costs.

Council Member Malone suggested trying it for one year, and Ms. Montes stated that would be no problem to make that modification within the budget. She added that a motion is not needed as it is part of the budget.

Note: Council took a recess at 7:15 PM and reconvened at 7:23 PM.

Public Works

Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director, stated that most requests were based on growth and inflationary costs in operations. She added that one full-time employee was requested for a Recycling Coordinator Inspector as a result of the changes within the recycling industry.

Council Member Nielson asked about the date of the Household Hazardous Waste event. Ms. Blackmore stated two events are held each year, in April and November.

Fire and Medical

Vice Mayor Dennis asked why the Lucas Cardiac Chest Compression System for $88,400 was not in the Fire Department's supplemental based on the medical need. She requested it be added back into the budget and asked Chief Rooney to provide information on what the system is. Chief Rooney explained the system would allow paramedics seated and strapped into the ambulance during transport allowing the system to do the compressions, providing a safer trip to the hospital. The survival rate using the compression system is improved and the systems would be used in conjunction with the ambulance company.

Council Member Malone inquired if software would be needed. Chief Rooney stated he was not aware of any additional software that would be needed.

By consensus, Council decided to add the Lucas Cardiac Chest Compression System into the budget for $88,400.

Capital Improvement Plan

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on a signal at 137th Avenue and Thomas Road that was shown in last year's budget but did not see it in the future budget. Ms. Stevens explained that traffic signal was studied by the Traffic Division but did not meet warrants at that time, so it is not within the CIP. Vice Mayor Dennis voiced concerns with the signal not being added with the build of the high school. She suggested it be put back into the budget which Council Member Malone agreed, stating she would like to see it put back into the CIP for the 2020 fiscal year. Ms. Stevens stated that the light would be added back into the CIP.

Council Member Nielson suggested that the traffic light at Maricopa Street and Avondale Boulevard be placed back in as it had been introduced three years prior at a cost of $435 thousand, and at $698 thousand three years later. He said the cost of the study was also $500 thousand. Ms. Stevens stated that light would come forward for award of contract in June, and staff is hoping to have it installed by September.

Vice Mayor Dennis said she was under the impression the aforementioned street light was included in the budget and the funding should be shifted back. Ms. Duncan stated that funding had shifted in the budget, but staff would bring additional information to Council to outline what shifts out for the next fiscal year.

Council Member Nielson asked about the $250 thousand for the Fiber Backbone Program. Ms. Stevens explained that the Fiber Backbone Program which is to interconnect and communicate all traffic signals and all new projects would include the fiber. She stated that staff are working with West Point High School at this time to include fiber in that project as well as any new projects.

Council Member Nielson asked for clarification on the Thomas Road Bridge. Ms. Stevens explained staff will begin with a study in the next fiscal year.

Council member Nielson asked about the Property and Evidence Room timeline. Ms. Stevens stated a preliminary sketch would come to Council in May, with construction next year.

Council Member Nielson inquired on the proposed water and sewer projects and asked if all the projects would be completed within the year. Ms. Duncan explained funding is made available in the year it was encumbered and carried forward continuously until the project is completed. Ms. Blackmore stated that some projects would be carried over or finished at the beginning of the fiscal year, some would be managed by operating staff rather than by the engineers. She explained the projects listed in the budget are the ones that staff believes they can manage properly.

Council Member Malone inquired on the $102 thousand towards the Safe Routes to School program and if the city is working with the school districts. Ms. Stevens explained staff work directly with MAG, who contract with a specific consultant for the studies. She noted on the following 2019 studies: Eliseo C. Felix, Rio Vista, and Avondale Middle School which are either being conducted now or complete, which staff will look at the recommendations to guide staff in the best projects to ensure safe routes to school. Ms. Stevens added that traffic signal at Littleton Elementary School is a result of this project which has been added in the CIP for next year. Council Member Malone inquired if Mr. Montoya brought forward the issues with the crosswalk at Wyman south of Quentin. Ms. Montes stated she does not have the related information but will provide an update on that and staff plan to proceed with the issue.

Council Member Malone asked about the funding of the Safe Routes to School program. Ms. Stevens explained funding is received every year and five schools are expected to be completed in the upcoming year.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired if Quentin had completed the program in the past. Ms. Stevens explained she believed so, but she will follow-up with the issue brought forward by Council Member Malone.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on the $175 thousand for the sports area field lighting and asked if staff determined the location for the lighting. Mr. Haines stated that the area for the sports lighting had not yet been established but preliminary discussions were held last year with Agua Fria High School to which they had an interest.

Vice Mayor Dennis asked about the Goodyear Farms Cemetery and the 2020 carryover of $100,000 from the $250,000 allocation. Mr. Haines stated that it is still a work in progress and are under contract to include irrigation, automated gate, electrical service, and ornamental art piece. They encountered some delays with the site survey and waiting for APS to install power to the site. If the projects are not completed within the current fiscal year, the funding will be there through the mentioned carryover. He noted there should be a preliminary survey in about two months so the electrical can be completed.

Ms. Montes stated that the tentative budget adoption, with Council's changes incorporated, would be presented next Monday.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember Kilgore moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Nielson seconded the motion.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Kenn Weise, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 29th day of April 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.

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Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk