

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
February 05, 2024

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 5:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Pineda led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

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

Note: Council Member Tina Conde attended the meeting by telephone.

Members Absent (Excused): Mayor Kenn Weise.

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 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; Kimberly Moon, Engineering 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 twenty members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Reed, Accounting Specialist with the Finance and Budget Department, was introduced to City Council. This item was for discussion only.

b. PROCLAMATION — ENGINEERS WEEK

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing February 18 through February 24, 2024, as Engineers Week. This item was for discussion only.

c. PROCLAMATION — GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS DAY

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing February 24, 2024, as Government Communicators Day. This item was for discussion only.

d. CITY MANAGER'S EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

City Council recognized the following employees who were awarded the 2023 City Manager's Excellence Awards. This item was for discussion only.

- Janet Dayer, Human Resources
- Steven Miller, Information Technology Department
- Rick Carr, Engineering
- Liana Bell, Human Resources
- MacKenzie Henderson, Marketing & Public Relations
- Gabby Bobinsky, Office of Public Safety
- Public Works Streets Maintenance Division
- Facilities Department
- Arrianna Ramirez, Development Services
- Andy Mesquita, Human Resources

e. RECOGNITION FOR DEPUTY CHIEF AARON GLASS

City Council recognized Deputy Chief Glass for his service in providing life-saving medical assistance to a resident in the City of Goodyear while off duty. This item was for discussion only.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 6 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

a. AMEND AWARD AUTHORITY FOR NEW ARMORED VEHICLE

City Council authorized the purchase of an armored vehicle utilizing funds from the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), amended the awarding authority necessary to facilitate the purchase, and authorized the Mayor

or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

b. WIRED TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH ZOOM TECH ARIZONA LIMITED

City Council approved a Wired Telecommunications License and Right-of-Way Use Agreement with Zoom Tech Arizona Limited to allow the placement of fiber telecommunication infrastructure in City right-of-way and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. RESOLUTION 1015-0224 AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, CHAPTER 7, DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY

City Council adopted Resolution 1015-0224, amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures, Chapter 7, Drug & Alcohol Policy to add additional job titles that may be subject to unannounced random screening for illegal drug use and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 1016-0224 — ADOPTING THE CITY OF AVONDALE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ACCESS AUDIT AND TRANSITION PLAN

City Council adopted Resolution 1016-0224, adopting the City of Avondale Parks and Recreation Department Americans with Disabilities Act Access Audit and Transition Plan and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 1017-0224 — AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE NEW RIVER AND AGUA FRIA UNDERGROUND STORAGE PROJECT

City Council adopted Resolution 1017-0224, approving Amendment No. 2 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association for the New River and Agua Fria Underground Storage Project and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE 2002-0224 - TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 214 – APPLICATION PL-23-0266

Michelle Simerdla, Senior Planner, presented the request by Sandy Hayden of HILGARTWILSON, LLC, on behalf of the property owners Tolleson Union High School District No. 214, to annex approximately 54.7 acres of land located at the southeast corner of Alamar Boulevard and Dysart Road (Assessor Parcel Numbers 500-72-001L and 500-72-001C). An overview of the surrounding zoning districts and land uses was provided to the Council. Tolleson Union High School District #214 is the only owner of the property, no adjacent right-of-way is included,

and the request is already annexed into the City. The site is zoned Rural 43 by the County and will be assigned City-equivalent zoning of RR-43 upon annexation. No rezoning is requested, and the proposed use is a public high school, which is permitted in the RR-43 Rural district. No plans have been reviewed at this time, but the proposal does meet the State requirement for annexation. The annexation petition has been signed and all required notifications have been completed.

This is the second public hearing and staff recommends that the ordinance be adopted, annexing approximately 54.7 acres generally located at the southeast corner of Alamar Boulevard and Dysart Road.

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

Council Member White moved to adopt Ordinance 2002-0224, annexing approximately 54.7 acres located at the southeast corner of Alamar Boulevard and Dysart Road; Council Member Nielson 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 Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye

b. UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2024

Bryan Hughes, Director of the Parks and Recreation department, provided background information, noting the last Parks and Recreation Plan was approved and adopted in 2017. Since then, many of the goals have been achieved and a lot has changed. The Donnie Hale Park was revitalized, The Mountain View Community Center was renovated, the Festival of Fields and Alamar Park were expanded, and the new Aquatic Center was constructed. Now is the perfect time to prepare for the next ten years. The City has engaged with BerryDunn Consulting and conducted a lot of work behind the scenes over the last couple of months.

Jason Genck, Project Manager, along with James Mickle, Senior Consultant with BerryDunn, introduced themselves and provided background information. Mr. Genck provided an overview of the BerryDunn firm, including their mission to create an action-oriented and outcome-based future by looking at priorities together through a flexible and living document. The project will include project planning, engagement, analysis, visioning, draft/final plan development, and implementation. The BerryDunn firm is highly regarded for multifaceted engagement efforts such as inclusivity of community and staff and aligning their

priorities into the project planning phase. Some of the tools used for engagement purposes include one-on-one meetings, online engagement portal called Social Pinpoint, surveys, and internal organizational assessments.

Data analysis collected includes demographics and diversity assessments, Placer.ai to capture mobile data, mapping equity for levels of service, and gap analysis. Once the data has been collected and analyzed, visioning workshops are held to develop draft and final plans on what staff and the community wants for Avondale. The proposed timeline would be to start work in November/December 2024 and have the implementation of final plans in June/July 2025.

Council Member Conde stated she would like to share some community input she has received when the time comes and suggested including the Youth Commission during the engagement phase.

In response to questions from Council Member Nielson, Mr. Genck explained their approach to seeking community input and engaging various groups in both the engagement and visioning phases. This process generally includes the BerryDunn staff going to where community members are. A further explanation was provided for what and how Placer.ai data would be collected and used.

Council Member Malone provided information on the 2016–2017 community engagement process for developing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and suggested attending community events that are held in the parks.

Council Member White suggested attending the upcoming Tres Rios Festival and Poppin' in the Park events, noting councilmembers will be present and can be advocates. She also noted that the methods for engaging with the community should be as diverse as the people within the community because it is multi-generational, and they interact and provide information differently.

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

Council Member White acknowledged Black History Month, stating she is a proud ancestor of not only black immigrants but black slaves here in America. She finds it important to acknowledge the history and contributions of those who have come before and the contributions of many who are of African and African American decent in the City of Avondale who come to work every day to make it a great place. Council Member White is proud to represent the 10% of the City of Avondale that is the African and African American community and to sit on City Council. She is very grateful to be celebrating Black History Month.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Council Member Solorio 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 Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Kenn Weise (Mar 4, 2024 18:27 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 5th day of February 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.


Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

March 4, 2024
Date Approved by City Council