

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
October 21, 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.

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

Members Present: Mayor Mike Pineda and Councilmembers Tina Conde, Veronica Malone, Jeannette Garcia, Curtis Nielson, Gloria Solorio, and Max White.

*Councilmember Max White attended the meeting virtually.

**The Vice Mayor seat was vacant at the start of this meeting.*

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Albert Bates, Assistant Police Chief; Eric Bay, Public Works Assistant Director; Barbara Copping, City Auditor; Cheryl Covert, Interim Economic Development Services Director; Justin Ernst, Assistant Fire Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Julie Knoll; Deputy City Clerk; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 50 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

The following Finance and Budget Department employees were presented to City Council. This item was for discussion only.

- Shawn Pierce, Grants Coordinator
- Laura Robinson, Procurement Officer

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

City Council recognized the following Avondale students for their character and achievement. This item was for discussion only.

- Marley Marruffo Smith
- Richard Gonzales
- Mia Moreno
- Jacob Benitez Alonzo
- Davien DeSantiago

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Natosha Edmonds addressed the Council regarding concerns with the process used to fill the vacant seat at the last meeting.

4. 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. Councilmembers may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

Mayor Pineda asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Having no requests from Council, motion was made by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember White, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Malone	Aye
Councilmember Nielson	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the September 23, 2024, and October 7, 2024, City Council meeting minutes.

b. QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER

City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for carryover appropriation and approved quarterly budget transfers as summarized in the attached Exhibit A, increased the award authority for the projects and authorized Finance and Budget Department staff to take the steps necessary to execute the transfers.

c. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PLAN UPDATE

City Council modified the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) plan as summarized in the attached Exhibit A and facilitate the modification of the city's

ARPA plan by authorizing Finance and Budget Department staff to take the steps necessary to execute the necessary budget transfers.

d. RESOLUTION 1101-1024 - AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR DUI/IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME

City Council a) adopted Resolution 1101-1024, authorizing a grant provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$25,000, which will support the Police Department's funding of Personnel Services (Overtime), and Employee Related Expenses to enhance DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement Overtime throughout the City of Avondale; b) authorize and direct staff to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of the Agreement and to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution; and c) authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 1102-1024 - AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE OF 100 CLUB OF ARIZONA'S SAFETY ENHANCEMENT STIPEND AWARDS

City Council a) adopted Resolution 1102-1024, authorizing a grant provided by the 100 Club of Arizona in the amount of \$9,000; b) authorized and direct staff to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of the Agreement; and c) authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 1103-1024- AUTHORIZING BANKING & INVESTING AUTHORITY

City Council adopted Resolution 1103-1024, authorizing certain city officials and staff to execute and endorse checks and other items for and on behalf of the City, authorizing certain city staff to authorize certain electronic payments and transfers of funds, authorizing certain city staff to open investment and safekeeping accounts, invest city funds, and execute contracts, agreements or transactions in connection with such investment accounts, and declaring an emergency; and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. ORDINANCE 2030-1024 - AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE AS A TRAILHEAD AND RELATED PARKING AREA

City Council considered a request to adopt Ordinance 2030-1024, authorizing the acquisition of real property for public use as a trailhead and related parking area and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

James Milanese, City Projects Administrator, gave a presentation on Ordinance 2030-1024, the acquisition of approximately 3.36 acres of real property from Maricopa County located south of Buckeye Road and on the west side of the Agua

Fria River. The acquisition of this property to be used as a trailhead aligns with the Transportation Plan adopted in 2022. Mr. Milanese provided an overview of the surrounding area and reviewed the next steps upon approval of the ordinance.

Councilmembers were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions. In response Mr. Milanese noted the County would own the property in the river bottom and maintain it, but that has not been discussed or finalized. Mr. Corbin further explained the process, noting at this time the question is about moving forward with purchasing the property and the rest will come back to Council as a project. Mr. Milanese discussed the current project that would connect the trail across the west side of the River Bottom and down to Festival Fields Park. Councilmembers Malone and Conde expressed the importance of having light and water at the trailhead. Mayor Pineda conveyed the trail system is a long-term project.

Councilmember Nielson adopt Ordinance 2030-1024, authorizing the acquisition of real property for public use as a trailhead and related public parking area, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Councilmember Solorio seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Malone	Aye
Councilmember Nielson	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

b. SELECTION OF NEW VICE MAYOR

City Council accepted nominations and designated one of its members as Vice Mayor for a partial term (until the next full-term selection in January 2025).

Mayor Pineda moved to appoint Councilmember Nielson as Vice Mayor until January 6, 2025; Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Malone	Aye
Councilmember Nielson	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember Malone moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting into Executive Session 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 claim of Daeng Phongsavath; Councilmember Conde seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Malone	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


Mike Pineda (Nov 20, 2024 08:24 MST)

Mike Pineda, 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 21st day of October 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

November 18, 2024

Date Approved by City Council

Exhibit A: Quarterly Budget Transfer Schedule - October 21, 2024

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Close-Outs

Transfer	From Account	From Account Description	To Account	To Account Description	Amount	Notes
(a)	51140900-80000-T0200	Old Town Phase III (T0200) - Water Capital	35040901-80000-T0200	Old Town Phase III (T0200) - 2019 PRO Bond	72,857.63	
	51140901-86000-T0200	Old Town Phase III (T0200) - Water Capital	35040901-86000-T0200	Old Town Phase III (T0200) - 2019 PRO Bond	29,032.31	
(b)	12016910-84000-A0169	Computer and Equipment Asset Replacement (A0169) - General Fund	38916910-84000-A0169	Computer and Equipment Asset Replacement (A0169) - Equipment Replacement Fund	40,800	

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Operating Budget Adjustments

Transfer	From Account	From Account Description	To Account	To Account Description	Amount	Notes
(c)	10190000-99000	General Fund Contingency	10111000-61800	City Administrative Office	47,000	Avondale Strategic Plan Update
(d)	10110101 -69000	Mayor Discretionary	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	1,900	
(d)	10110201 -69000	City Council 1 Discretionary	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	5,400	
(d)	10110301 -69000	City Council 2 Discretionary	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	5,400	
(d)	10110401 -69000	City Council 3 Discretionary	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	4,400	
(d)	10110501 -69000	City Council 4 Discretionary	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	2,600	
(d)	10110601 -69000	City Council 5 Discretionary	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	1,100	
(d)	10110701 -69000	City Council 6 Discretionary	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	2,200	
(d)	10116001 -73020	Technology Services	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	100	
(d)	10130530 -79000	Detention	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	2,000	
(d)	10134140 -70050	Low Acuity Unit	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	3,600	
(d)	10134140 -83900	Low Acuity Unit	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	28,800	
(d)	10134210 -79000	Fire Prevention	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	3,400	

(d)	10155160 -70020	Community Center	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	17,300	
(d)	10155200 -85000	Grounds Maintenance	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	49,700	
(d)	11070500 -85000	Fleet Service	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	260,800	
(d)	20416001 -84100	Technology Services	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	70,000	
(d)	20430100 -79000	Patrol	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	300	
(d)	50170120 -61800	Water Resources	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	67,600	
(d)	50170130 -61800	Water Quality	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Special Revenue Appropriation	15,700	

Capital Improvement Project Adjustments

Transfer	From Account	From Account Description	To Account	To Account Description	Amount	Notes
(e)	10190000-99000	General Fund Contingency	38870910-85000-A0433	Totalled Vehcile Replacement (A0433)	70,000	
(f)	28090000-69000	Unanticipated Revenues	57270910-85000-A0359	Vehicle Replacement FY2025 (A0359)	1,548,000	
(g)	10190000-99000	General Fund Contingency	11030900-82000-S0434	Agua Fria River Bottom Controls (S0434)	500,000	
(h)	10190000-99000	General Fund Contingency	11034900-82000-S0104	Fire Station 171 Replacement (S0104)	525,000	
(i)	10190000-99000	General Fund Contingency	11055900-86000-P0332	Dog Park Enhancements (P0332)	450,000	