

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
November 04, 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; Vice Mayor Curtis Nielson; Councilmembers Tina Conde, Jeannette Garcia, Veronica Malone, Gloria Solorio, and Max White.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Katie Gregory, Assistant City Manager; Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Barbara Coppage, City Auditor; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Jen Stein, Interim Economic Development Services Director; Stacy Swainston, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 75 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

The following employees were presented to City Council. This item was for discussion only.

Economic Development

- Jennifer Stein, Economic Development Director

Public Works

- Bernadette Gortarez, Administrative Specialist
- Jarod Carrol, Senior Water Reclamation Operator

b. CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

City Council recognized the participants of the 2024 Citizen Police Academy. This item was for discussion only.

c. PROCLAMATION – PHOENIX RACEWAY & NASCAR CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

City Council presented a proclamation celebrating the 60th anniversary of Phoenix Raceway; acknowledging the contributions of Phoenix Raceway/NASCAR to Avondale and the region; and proclaiming Nov. 8-10 as NASCAR Championship Weekend in Avondale. This item was for discussion only.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

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 Conde, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 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 Solorio	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the October 14, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.

b. RESOLUTION 1104-1124 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - CITY OF GLENDALE, CITY OF PEORIA, CITY OF SURPRISE, CITY OF AVONDALE AND MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR THE GLENDALE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

City Council adopt Resolution 1104-1124, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement amongst the City of Glendale, the City of Peoria, the City of Surprise, the City of Avondale, and the Maricopa County Community College District relating to managing and operating the regional public safety training facility known as the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC) and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. FINAL PLAT

City Council (a) approved Application PL-24-0047, a request by Nick Maxwell, PE, with Maxwell Engineering on behalf of Morgan Fabrizio with Overland Development Corporation, for approval of a replat of the Final Plat for Avondale Commons located generally north of McDowell Road and west of Avondale Boulevard; and (b) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

Councilmember Solorio stated she is attending the National League of Cities conference in Tampa with Councilmembers White and Malone.

Councilmember White expressed her gratitude to the City for allowing her to attend the Mpact Transit and Community Conference in Philadelphia, where she represented Valley Metro RPTA. She attended the "Party at the Polls" event hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She noted the City of Avondale is one of the safest locations to cast their votes and thanked staff and City Council for allowing this service to the community.

Mayor Pineda took a moment to thank staff for their dedication and hard work during the Dia De Los Muertos event, especially given the challenging weather conditions. He recalled a conversation with a resident who had written several books about the history of the cemetery. He also encouraged others to explore and learn more about the history behind the cemetery.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember White moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Councilmember Malone 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 6:15 p.m.


Mike Pineda / Dec 3, 2024 09:14 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 4th day of November 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

December 2, 2024

Date Approved by City Council