

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
December 02, 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, Gloria Solorio, and Max White.

**Councilmember Tina Conde attended the meeting virtually.*

Members Absent: Vice Mayor Curties Nielson.

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; Jennifer Stein, Economic Development Services Director; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Mark Neerings, Assistant Chief Information Officer; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately fifty members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Manager presented an employee recognition, and the following new employees were presented to City Council. This item was for discussion only.

City Manager's Office

- Whitney Castro, Management Analyst

Finance and Budget Department

- Addison Dunlap, Accounting Specialist

Human Resources Department

- Angela Tolliver, Human Resources Analyst

b. RECOGNITION

City Council recognized the following 2024 outgoing Board and Commission Members for their dedicated service to the community. This item was for discussion only.

Planning Commission

- Denise Stanfield
- Linda Warren

Neighborhood & Family Services Commission

- Oliver Morrison

c. CITIZEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The following 2024 Avondale Citizens Leadership Academy graduates were recognized for completion of the program. This item was for discussion only.

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| • Hector Arellano | • Timothy Kroll |
| • Stephen Bailey | • Crystal Lopez-Davey |
| • Timothy Barrett | • Mike Martin |
| • Rhonda Bell | • Suzanne Naylor |
| • Maria Carrillo | • Nica Pangilinan-Johnson |
| • Cynthia Ceasar | • Christina Perez |
| • Pamela Crow | • Lourdes Reveles |
| • Anthony Davidson | • Joanne Spina |
| • Cindy de la Riva | • Jessica Valdez |
| • Amanda Duncan-Billiman | • Kendra Vasquez |
| • Desiree Encinas | • Robin Velasquez |
| • Tanya Hanegan | |

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. Councilmember White requested agenda item 4c be pulled from consent to be considered separately. Motion was made by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember White, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda item 4c.

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

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

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the November 4, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.

b. SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE - CALI TACOS

City Council recommended approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Yajaira Berenice Loera for the sale of alcohol at Cali Tacos, located at 10220 W McDowell Rd #100 in Avondale and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. RESOLUTION 1109-1224 - AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Item is listed below in more detail.

d. ORDINANCE 2034-1224 - AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2 - RELATED TO COMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES

City Council adopted Ordinance 2034-1224, amending Chapter 2 of the Avondale City Code related to the composition of Administrative Departments and Offices and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

NOTE FROM THE CITY CLERK: THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY:

c. RESOLUTION 1109-1224 - AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

City Council considered a request to adopt Resolution 1109-1224, approving Amendment No. 2 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Maricopa County and the City of Avondale relating to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding (ARPA) for the construction of affordable housing and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Councilmember White noted the city will be receiving funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and requested the amount be officially recorded for transparency, especially to address concerns that may arise from discussions about affordable housing.

Chris Lopez, Director of Neighborhood and Family Services, provided an overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County regarding the allocation of the \$2,750,000. The funds are intended to support housing projects that provide long-term affordability for residents. Specifically, the funds will contribute to Legacy Phase III, a project that continues the development of affordable homes sold to low-income families. This phase will add nine additional affordable units to the community.

Councilmember White moved to adopt Resolution 1109-1224, approving Amendment No. 2 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Maricopa County and the City of Avondale relating to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding (ARPA) for the construction of affordable housing and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents; Councilmember Malone seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Mayor Pineda reported that during the week leading up to Thanksgiving, Mercy House provided food, clothing, and hygiene products to many individuals in the Cashion community. He also announced an upcoming fundraiser for Westside Recreation, which will raise funds to provide scholarships for Avondale students.

Councilmember Solorio, speaking on behalf of Councilmember Malone, shared that the Avondale Firefighter Charities is organizing a toy drive and encouraged all to participate by donating toys.

6. 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 pending litigation and to instruct the City Attorney and attorneys

for the City on such litigation for the matter of Charles Montoya vs. City of Avondale, et al.; Councilmember Solorio seconded the motion.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mike Pineda
Mike Pineda (Jan 7, 2025 08:27 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 2nd day of December 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Sarmiento
Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

January 6, 2025
Date Approved by City Council