

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
December 16, 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 5:31 p.m.

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

Members Present: Mayor Mike Pineda; Vice Mayor Curties Nielson; Councilmembers Tina Conde, Veronica Malone, Jeannette Garcia, 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; Jennifer Stein, Economic Development Services Director; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Julie Knoll; Deputy City Clerk; Craig Jennings, Judge; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Abril Ruiz-Ortega, Court Administrator; 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 100 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

3. 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 White, seconded by Councilmember Malone, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

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

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the November 18, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.

b. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) MODIFICATION

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

c. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT FOR THE CLAIM OF DAENG PHONGSAVATH

City Council approved the settlement agreement with Daeng Phongsavath in the amount of \$110,000 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 1110-1224 - AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM THE ARIZONA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

City Council a) adopted Resolution 1110-1224, authorizing a grant provided by the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in the amount of \$800, to purchase equipment which will support the Police Department's investigations related to Internet crimes against children of a sexual nature and authorized and directed staff to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of the Agreement; b) take all the steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution; and c) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 1111-1224 - AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE EXCESS PROPERTY (1033) PROGRAM

City Council adopted Resolution 1111-1224, authorizing an agreement with the State of Arizona to authorize the Avondale Police Department to participate in the Federal Excess Property (1033) Program and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 1112-1224 - AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT FOR THE HEALTHY FOREST INITIATIVE GRANT

City Council adopted Resolution 1112-1224, approving the extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for the Healthy Forest Initiative Grant and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. ORDINANCE 2035-1224 - AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF CITY OF AVONDALE, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025

City Council a) adopted Ordinance 2035-1224, approving the sale, execution, and delivery of General Obligation bonds; approving the form and authorizing the execution and delivery of agreements necessary for such sale; delegating authority to determine certain matters and terms with respect to the foregoing and declaring an emergency; and b) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. ORDINANCE 2036-1224 - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM GREAT LAKE FUNDING I TRUST

City Council adopted Ordinance 2036-1224, authorizing the purchase of property located at 518 E Western Avenue, Avondale, AZ 85323, from Great Lake Funding I Trust in the amount of \$1,150,000 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

4. PRESENTATION ITEMS

a. PROCLAMATION - RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMEMBER VERONICA MALONE

City Council recognized Councilmember Veronica Malone for her service as a member of the Avondale City Council from 2017 - 2024 and present a Certificate of Appreciation to Terrance Malone for his unselfish "behind the scenes" service to the City of Avondale. This item was for discussion only.

b. PROCLAMATION- RECOGNITION OF MAYOR KENNETH WEISE

City Council recognized prior Mayor Kenneth Weise for his service as a member of the Avondale City Council from 2006 - 2024 and present a Certificate of

Appreciation to Shari Weise for her unselfish "behind the scenes" service to the City of Avondale. This item was for discussion only.

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

Councilmember Garcia shared her experience at the Newly Elected Officials training. She noted her attendance at several community events to include Shop with A Cop event, Pepe's West Side Recreational Holiday Party, and the Cashion for Love Holiday Party.

Councilmember Malone reported the new tactical truck drives beautifully and shared her enjoyment of the Shop with A Cop event. In conclusion, she stated she will miss everyone but will remain in contact.

6. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember White moved to recess the Regular Meeting and held an 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 and to consider its positions on the Purchase and Sale agreement with Diversified Partners, LLC and to instruct the City Attorney and attorneys for the City on such contract negotiations, contemplated litigation and settlement offers in order to avoid litigation and (ii) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38--431.03(A)(1) for discussion of the mid-year performance evaluation and salary of the City Auditor; Councilmember Solorio seconded the motion.

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

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

City Council recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:24 p.m.

City Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

a. TERMINATION AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE WITH DIVERSIFIED PARTNERS, LLC

Councilmember Malone moved to approved the Termination Agreement and Mutual Release with Diversified Partners, LLC in the amount of \$75,000 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.; Councilmember Garica seconded the motion.

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

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember Malone moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Councilmember Solorio seconded the motion.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 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 16th day of December. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

January 6, 2025

Date Approved by City Council