

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
January 06, 2025

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 Curties Nielson; Councilmembers Tina Conde, Jeannette Garcia, Gloria Solorio, Shari Weise, and Max White.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, 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; Julie Knoll, Deputy City Clerk; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; Jennifer Stein, Economic Development Director; Dave Wagner, Assistant Fire Chief; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 150 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. INSTALLATION OF CITY COUNCIL

The newly elected Mayor Mike Pineda and Councilmembers Jeannette Garcia, Gloria Solorio, and Shari Weise took their Oaths of Office. This item was for discussion only.

b. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Engineering** – Torsten Schmudde, Project Manager in CIP
- **Fire and Medical Department** – Stefanie Hernandez, Fire Inspector

c. RECOGNITION OF CAMP HERO PARTICIPANTS

City Council recognized the graduates of the 2024 Camp HERo program. This item was for discussion only.

d. INFORMATION

City Council recognized and celebrated the City's recent achievements in receiving the prestigious Digital Cities Award and the Solutions Award. 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 Vice Mayor Nielson, 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 Solorio	Aye
Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the December 2, 2024 and December 16, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.

b. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

City Council (a) appointed Larry White as the Chair of the Planning Commission and Alex McBurney as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year; and (b) appointed LaChrisha Dourisseau as the Chair of the Board of Adjustment and Kenneth Shoaff as the Vice Chair of the Board of Adjustment for the 2025 calendar year and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. WIRED TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP, LLC

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

d. RESOLUTION 1001-0125 - AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CSBG SERVICE INITIATIVE ADDING COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS

City Council adopted Resolution 1001-0125, approving an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Human Services Department to add County General Funds to support the City's Temporary Shelter Services Initiative to provide long-term case management and shelter for families experiencing homelessness and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. ORDINANCE 2001-0125– DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT-TRELLIS AND THE CITY OF AVONDALE FOR MARICOPA COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 516 EAST DEE STREET

City Council adopted Ordinance 2001-0125, approving a Development and Disposition Agreement with Trellis, a non-profit housing developer, and an ordinance for the disposition of land located at 516 E. Dee Street for the construction of affordable housing and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. ORDINANCE 2002-0125 – DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT-HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CENTRAL ARIZONA AND THE CITY OF AVONDALE FOR MARICOPA COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 320 EAST HILL DRIVE

City Council adopted Ordinance 2002-0125, approving a Development Agreement with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona and an ordinance for the disposition of land located at 320 E. Hill Drive for the construction of affordable housing and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. ORDINANCE 2003-0125 – AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE V - RELATING TO SHOPPING CARTS

City Council adopted Ordinance 2003-0125, amending Avondale City Code, Chapter 15, Article V, relating to Shopping Carts and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. FINAL PLAT OF ENTRADA - PHASE 3 – APPLICATION PL-23-0154

City Council (a) approved Application PL-23-0154, a request by Daniel Auxier with EPS Group Inc., on behalf of Meritage Homes of Arizona Inc., for approval of the Final Plat of Entrada - Phase 3 located generally north of Broadway Road and west of 107th Avenue; and (b) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

City Council accepted nominations to designate one of its members as Vice Mayor for a two-year term.

Councilmember Conde shared the background of how she filled the seat of the late Councilmember Sandy Nielson. She reflected on her initial doubts about her ability to fill the seat, but recalled Councilmember Nielson's words of encouragement, expressing his gratitude that it was her. Councilmember Conde praised Councilmember Nielson for his representation of honor and integrity throughout his tenure. She expressed her gratitude for his dedication and commitment and stated it would be an honor to nominate him as Vice Mayor for the remainder of his term.

Councilmember Conde moved to appoint Councilmember Curtis Nielson as Vice Mayor for a two-year term; Councilmember Solorio seconded the motion.

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

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

b. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

City Council considered a request to appoint members of the City Council to various regional and local boards and committees.

Liz Baker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator presented the current and expiring terms on various regional and local boards and committees. City Council discussed the vacant seats and sought needed volunteers.

Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council

- Mayor Pineda

Luke West Valley Council

- Mayor Pineda

WESTMARC Board of Directors

- Mayor Pineda

Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) Board of Directors

- Vice Mayor Nielson

Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) Board of Directors

- Vice Mayor Nielson

Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) Board of Directors

- Councilmember White

MAG Transportation Policy Committee

- Councilmember White

MAG Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee

- Councilmember Conde

Subcommittee on Boards & Commissions

- Councilmember Weise ****New appointment***
- Councilmember Solorio
- Councilmember White

Subcommittee on Contributions Assistance Program

- Vice Mayor Nielson
- Councilmember Conde
- Councilmember Garcia ****New appointment***

Audit Committee

- Vice Mayor Nielson
- Councilmember Solorio
- Councilmember White

Councilmember White moved to appoint members of the City Council to various regional and local boards and committees as discussed and listed above; Councilmember Conde seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye

Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

c. RESOLUTION 1002-0125 - 2025 PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE UPCOMING STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

City Council considered a request to a) adopt Resolution 1002-0125, adopting the 2025 Public Policy Priorities for the upcoming state and federal legislative sessions, b) authorize the City Manager or his designee(s) to act on such items; and c) authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Liz Baker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator reviewed their role as part of the City Manager's Office to monitor state and federal legislation and related tasks. She provided an overview of how the department accomplishes said tasks, including identifying the city's position on proposed measures and public policy priorities, which are the guardrails of what is important to City Council and the bills to focus on.

The only changes within the current political environment included slight increase of republican control within both legislative chambers and approximately 24 new law makers. Avondale's Legislative District #22 has no change in representation.

There is an estimated \$469 million Legislative balance for fiscal year 2025 due to revenues being better than expected. It is anticipated repeat bills will be presented particularly around housing and water. The Legislative Session begins on Monday, January 13, 2025, and there are currently 55 Bills. There are typically around 1,500 to 1,800 bills filed with approximately 325 becoming law.

Ms. Alvarez reviewed the process of reviewing a bill and developing public policy priorities, which create the 2025 recommendations. The 2025 Public Policy Priorities were reviewed including an example of each.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Alvarez for her presentation and support.

Councilmember Conde moved to adopt Resolution 1002-0125, adopting the 2025 Public Policy Priorities for the upcoming state and federal legislative sessions, b) authorize the City Manager or his designee(s) to act on such items; and c) 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 Solorio	Aye

Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

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

Councilmember Conde shared that her daughter attended a winter camp organized by the Parks & Recreation department during her winter break. She expressed that her daughter had a great time and thanked the department for providing an enjoyable experience. Councilmember Conde also appreciated the affordability and flexibility of the program, noting that parents have the option to choose a full week or drop-in sessions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 07:02 p.m.

Mike Pineda

Mike Pineda (Jan 29, 2025 12:10 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 6th day of January 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Sarmiento

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

January 27, 2025

Date Approved by City Council