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Mayor and Council

Kenn Weise, Mayor

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City Council Chambers

11465 West Civic Center Drive

Avondale, AZ 85323



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Agenda

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE | AVONDALE, AZ 85323

WORK SESSION

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

1. **ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK**

2. **APS UPDATE ON NEW TRANSMISSION LINES**

A representative from Arizona Public Service (APS) **provided** an update to City Council on potential alignments of new transmission lines.

3. **CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION SUPPORT FUNDING**

Staff **presented** an updated recommendation regarding the utilization of funding allocated during the fiscal year 2019 budget process for the purpose of supporting the academic success of students in Avondale. Input and feedback is requested from City Council.

4. **MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DESIGN MANUAL UPDATE (APPLICATION PL-19-0074)**

Item pulled / not presented (item to be continued at a future meeting)

Staff will present Application PL-19-0074, a request by the City's Planning Division to update the design manual for Multi-Family Residential development. The update is intended to refine development design guidelines reflecting local best practices in design standards, new development trends, increased attention to sustainability in the development process, and changes to industry standards as well as to reflect the City's current level of expectation for quality development in Avondale.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Request to Speak: Anyone wishing to address the Council regarding items listed on the agenda or under unscheduled public appearance should fill out a card located at the back of the Council Chambers and hand it to the City Clerk prior to consideration of that agenda item.

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

1. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

(Limit three minutes per person. Please state your name.)

3. RECOGNITION ITEMS

a. EXCEPTIONAL READERS RECOGNITION

The Mayor and City Council **recognized** the exceptional readers who participated in the Read 365! Program and the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program for their achievement in reading.

b. RECOGNITION OF DIVISION CHIEF AARON GLASS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY'S EXECUTIVE FIRE OFFICER PROGRAM

The Mayor and City Council along with the Avondale Fire and Medical Department, **recognized** Fire Division Chief Aaron Glass on his completion of the four-year Executive Fire Officer Program from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and present Chief Glass with his Official Certificate of Completion.

c. PROCLAMATION - HONORING JOE "PEP" GUZMAN

Mayor and Council **issued** a Proclamation recognizing Joe "Pep" Guzman for his years of leadership and dedicated service to the Avondale community.

4. CONSENT AGENDA - **approved**

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. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

a. MINUTES

City Council **approved** the March 25, 2019 and April 8, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes. The Council will take the appropriate action.

b. SERIES 10 LIQUOR LICENSE - PIZZA HUT #27001

City Council **approved** an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Theresa June Morse to sell beer and wine at the Pizza Hut located at 10685 West Indian School Road, #J, in Avondale, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

c. SERIES 10 LIQUOR LICENSE - PIZZA HUT #30991

City Council **approved** an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Theresa June Morse to sell beer and wine at the Pizza Hut located at 1450 North Dysart Avenue, #A10-A11, in Avondale, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

d. DESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE UNIFORM EXPENDITURE REPORTING SYSTEM

City Council **approved** a request to designate the Finance and Budget Director as the Chief Financial Officer for the submittal of the annual expenditure limitation report. The Council will take appropriate action.

e. CONTRIBUTIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council **approved** the funding recommendations made by the City Council Subcommittee for distribution of the proposed \$110,000 Contributions Assistance Program fund. The Council will take appropriate action.

f. ORDINANCE 1696-719 - AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 4.5 CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS - UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LICENSE AGREEMENTS

City Council **adopted** Ordinance 1696-719, amending City Code Chapter 4.5 Cable Television Systems pertaining to video service license agreements and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

g. ORDINANCE 1697-719 - AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 21 - FIBER CONDUIT

City Council **adopted** Ordinance 1697-719 amending Chapter 21 of the City Code, pertaining to the installation of fiber conduit and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

h. CONTRACT AMENDMENT ONE WITH TIGHTLINE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNING AND SERVICES

City Council **approved** Contract Amendment One with Tightline Systems, Inc. dba Goosebump Marketing and Events, to provide event planning and management services in the amount not to exceed \$2,175,000 over the duration of the contract, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

i. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT AWARD WITH ACHEN GARDNER FOR SEWER REPAIR PROJECTS

City Council **approved** a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with Achen Gardner Construction, LLC for sewer repair services in the amount of \$76,796.70 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

- j. **COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE HOME DEPOT FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND SUPPLIES**
City Council **approved** a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (CPA) with The Home Depot for maintenance, repair, operating supplies, industrial supplies, and related products and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take the appropriate action.
- k. **SECOND AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH EATON SALES & SERVICE, LLC FOR FUEL TANK SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a Second Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Eaton Sales & Service, LLC for petroleum storage tank repair, maintenance and installation increasing compensation by \$20,000 for a maximum aggregate not to exceed \$91,330.51 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- l. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GHD, INC. FOR THE RILEY LIFT STATION DESIGN**
City Council **approved** a Professional Service Agreement with GHD, Inc. to provide professional consulting and engineering services related to the design of the Riley Lift Station in the amount of \$74,795 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- m. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NCS ENGINEERS FOR THE COLDWATER WEST RESERVOIR REHAB DESIGN**
City Council **approved** a Professional Services Agreement with NCS Engineers to provide professional consulting and engineering services related to the Coldwater West Tank Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$95,975 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- n. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH M&J TROPHIES AND APPAREL FOR CITYWIDE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract with M&J Trophies and Apparel for citywide promotional products and services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action. This is one of two multiple service awards for promotional products and services.
- o. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TOUCHDOWN SPORTS FOR CITYWIDE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract with Touchdown Sports for citywide promotional products and services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action. This is one of three multiple awards for citywide promotional print products and services.
- p. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 4IMPRINT INC. FOR CITYWIDE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract with 4imprint, Inc., for citywide Promotional Products and Services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action. This is one of three multiple awards for Citywide Promotional Print Products and Services.

- q. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY GRAPHICS, INC FOR CITYWIDE COMMERCIAL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract to Century Graphics, Inc for citywide commercial printing and mailing services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- r. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAPITOL LITHO CORPORATION FOR CITYWIDE COMMERCIAL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract to Capitol Litho Corporation for citywide commercial printing and mailing services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- s. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COURIER GRAPHICS CORPORATION FOR CITYWIDE COMMERCIAL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract to Courier Graphics Corporation for citywide commercial printing and mailing services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- t. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IMAGE CRAFT, LLC FOR LARGE FORMAT PRINTING SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract with Image Craft, LLC for large format printing services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- u. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AZPRO SIGNS INC. FOR LARGE FORMAT PRINTING SERVICES**
City Council **approved** a contract with AZPRO Signs Inc for large format printing services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- v. **FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DIBBLE & ASSOCIATES FOR THE LARGE DIAMETER SEWER DESIGN**
City Council **approved** a First Amendment to the Professional Service Agreement with Dibble & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. for additional design services related to the 4th Street Sewer System Repair project increasing compensation by \$5,639 for a contract total of \$55,093 and authorize the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract documents. The Council will take appropriate action.
- w. **FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAPITALEDGE ADVOCACY FOR FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES**
City Council **approved** Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with CapitalEdge Consulting for federal advocacy and information services and authorize the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

x. CAMPOS MINOR LAND DIVISION (APPLICATION PL-19-0060)

City Council **approved** request by Dejan Knezevic, Miller Land Surveying, for approval of a Minor Land Division. The site is located at the southwest corner of Elwood Street and 127th Avenue, which is north of Broadway Road and west of El Mirage Road. (Exhibits A, B, C). The proposed Minor Land Division will divide an existing 0.43-acre parcel into two (2) lots, dedicate eight (8) foot Public Utility Easements (PUEs), and 40 feet of right-of-way along Elwood Street and 127th Avenue. The Council will take appropriate action.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. AVONDALE CITY CENTER NAMING

City Council **selected BLVD as** a new name for Avondale City Center as the city moves ahead with future development for the area. The Council will take appropriate action.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council will discuss items listed below and possibly give direction to city staff to research and prepare item for future meeting.

a. CITY CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE (APPLICATION PL-19-0075)

Staff provided an update discuss application PL-19-0075, a request by the City's Planning Division to update the City Center Specific Plan. The update is to reflect evolving conditions impacting the implementation of the adopted Vision for the Avondale City Center. The intent of the update is to reflect the City's current level of expectation for a quality, unique, and pedestrian-friendly City Center that will create a place of significance in Avondale.

b. BILLY MOORE DAYS EVENT NAMING

City Council **discussed** the Billy Moore Days special event.

7. ADJOURNMENT

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council **held** an executive session pursuant to: (a) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney; and (b) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the City Attorney regarding the public body's position regarding potential litigation.

Council Members of the City of Avondale will attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

Los miembros del Concejo de la Ciudad de Avondale participaran ya sea en persona o por medio de llamada telefonica.

Individuals with special accessibility needs, including sight or hearing impaired, large print, or interpreter, should contact the City Clerk at 623-333-1200 or TDD 623-333-0010 at least two business days prior to the Council Meeting.

Personas con necesidades especiales de accesibilidad, incluyendo personas con impedimentos de vista u oido, o con necesidad de impresion grande o interprete, deben comunicarse con la Secretaria de la Ciudad at 623-333-1200 o TDD 623-333-0010 cuando menos dos dias habiles antes de la junta del Concejo.

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
July 22, 2019

A **Work Session** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Kenn Weise; Vice Mayor Pat Dennis; Council Members Tina Conde, Bryan Kilgore, Veronica Malone, Curtis Nielson, and Mike Pineda.

Note: Vice Mayor Dennis participated by telephone.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Charles Montoya, City Manager; Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager; Michael Wawro, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director; Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Dan Davis, Economic Development Services Director; Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director; Kirk Haines, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Dale Nannenga, Police Chief; Cherlene Penilla, Human Resources Director; Larry Rooney, Acting Fire Chief; Tracy Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; and Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director.

Audience: Approximately five members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. APS UPDATE ON NEW TRANSMISSION LINES

Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator, introduced Kendra Lee with Arizona Public Service (APS) who provided an update to City Council on potential alignments of new transmission lines.

Ms. Lee's presentation included:

- Information on how APS projects could impact the City of Avondale.
- 69-thousand-volt substations, 230-thousand-volt substations, and related powerlines are being built to meet the power needs of several significant projects in the West Valley.
- Projects are currently underway, but all have various timeframes as they require approval by the corporation commission. Projects will be completed over the next three to five years.
- A map of the existing substations was presented as well as the location of new substations.
- Project Lumberjack:
 - Economic development project that will require a substation to be installed.

- Associated power line locations will be identified based upon existing street and natural alignments.
 - Information being presented is a rough estimate as nothing has been confirmed or engineered for this project.
- Projects outside of the City of Avondale include:
 - Runway and Broadway 69-Thousand-Volt Substations
 - The first project underway is project runway with the Wildcat Substation from Microsoft.
 - The Wildcat Substation will be north of Broadway and south of Goodyear Airport.
 - The project also requires a 230-thousand-volt substation, so a formal public siting effort is required.
 - A formal application will be submitted to the Corporation Commission's Line Siting Committee in August, for a public hearing in September for approval of the proposed alignment of the 230-thousand-volt transmission lines.
 - As required by state law, any construction, plans, or engineering above 115 thousand require a public siting process and approval by the State Line Sighting Committee.
 - An open house has already been completed, which the City of Avondale's constituents were included in the stakeholder process and less than one dozen individuals attended.
 - The Arizona Corporation Commission is expected to approve the item later this year.
 - The second project underway is for a stream data-center.
 - Bullard Substation
 - Located in Goodyear at south of Van Buren and west of Bullard Avenue.
 - Facility to include a 69-thousand-volt transmission line.
 - Project is expected to be completed in November 2019.
 - Three Rivers Substation:
 - Located west of the Bullard Substation, south of Van Buren and west of Bullard Avenue.
 - Facility to include both a 69-thousand-volt transmission line and a 230-thousand-volt transmission line.
 - Public line siting process will be required, and outreach will include portions of Buckeye, Goodyear, and Avondale and a public stakeholder process is anticipated.
 - The most natural alignment would come from the White Tank substation, down Litchfield Road and Van Buren to the White Tank substation.
 - Several routes will be prepared by a consultant by working with stakeholders.
 - Installation is expected to begin in September of 2019.
 - Goodyear Substation
 - Located west of Goodyear city municipal offices at 145th Avenue and Van Buren for a Vantage Data Center.
 - Project is expected to be completed by April/May of 2020.
 - Stratus Substation
 - Located in Phoenix at Indian School Road and Citrus for Microsoft.

- Facility to include both a 69-thousand-volt transmission line and a 230-thousand-volt transmission line.
 - A public siting effort is not required because of the connection into the existing transmission lines.
- Conrail Substation (PHX80)
 - Located in El Mirage just north of Luke Air Force Base for Microsoft.
 - Facility will include a 230-thousand-volt transmission line between the TS2 substation and the El Sol substation.
- The 230-thousand-volt siting projects included:
 - Siting for Project Wildcat and Cyclone for Microsoft and the stream data-center.
 - Siting for Three Rivers Substation for a data-center in Goodyear.
 - Siting for PHX80 project for Microsoft in El Mirage.
- Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) process is extensive and includes a public comment period, Arizona Corporation Commission hearings, and Siting Committee Hearings.
- Considerations in granting a CEC requires government compliance, environmental and wildlife impacts, noise and communications challenges, availability of the area for public recreation, scenic, historical, and archeological challenges.
- APS will make every effort to keep the city informed while delivering safe, reliable and affordable electricity to customers.

Mayor Weise expressed his appreciation to Ms. Lee and opened the floor to questions from City Council.

Vice-Mayor Dennis inquired on the Lumberjack project powerlines. Ms. Lee provided an explanation of the map, explaining the map is preliminary and a decision has not been made on the determined route of the lines. Ms. Lee explained the examples presented demonstrated connecting into an existing line.

Vice Mayor Dennis expressed concern that power lines could negatively affect the new park and future growth in the area. Ms. Lee stated that city staff has already pointed that out and she provided assurance that APS is working closely with staff to determine the location of the power lines.

Mayor Weise explained all of City Council will have the same concerns with respect to the Festival Fields park in the area. Mayor Weise requested a timeline of the mentioned project and when a decision will be made on the alignment. Ms. Lee explained they do not have a current timeline for the Lumberjack project as they are currently waiting on the customer to move forward.

Council Member Malone inquired on bringing the power lines underground for the Lumberjack project. Ms. Lee explained that undergrounding power lines is not part of the project outline. The state allows the city to pass an Ordinance requiring the power lines be placed underground but that would require the requesting party be responsible for the fees of placing the power lines underground. The city would have the ability to either pay for the project itself or form an improvement district wherein residents would ultimately take on the responsibility.

Mayor Weise looked to Mr. Davis on when the property was sold. Mr. Davis explained the mentioned property was sold last year and staff have continued to stay in touch with the owners, but they have gone dark with respect to development.

3. CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION SUPPORT FUNDING

Christopher Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director, presented an updated recommendation regarding the utilization of funding allocated during the fiscal year 2019 budget process for the purpose of supporting the academic success of students in Avondale.

Mr. Lopez's presentation included:

- Council has opted to include \$50 thousand in the budget to support the academic success of students in grades K-12.
- On February 4, 2019, City Council requested minor modifications for the five core areas: STEAM, Workforce Readiness, Art & Music, Civic Engagement, and College Success.
- School Based STEAM Projects
 - One focus of the project is having AmeriCorps members partner with local school districts to generate resources and help facilitate STEAM activities.
 - One example includes an AmeriCorps member working with Estrella Vista STEM Academy to execute STEAM projects.
 - The proposal is a request to give \$4 thousand to AmeriCorps Vista to purchase supplies and equipment.
 - The project would focus on students in grades K-8 in hopes to expand the STEAM school programs.
- STEAM Fest
 - A very well-received annual event at the Civic Center Library in early March.
 - Event focuses on students in grades K-8.
 - It is a goal to enhance the event by bringing in outside presenters, providing student awards, and purchasing event supplies.
- Youth Workforce Readiness
 - AviTEMP is a very successful summer youth employment program, previously called NextSTEP.
 - The goal is to make the program more inclusive and use city funds in addition to CDBG dollars so that youth who do not fall into the 80 percent of median income category can participate.
 - City funds would allow for an additional six to eight youth to enter the six-to eight-week program.
- Student Art Expo
 - Opportunity to showcase students' art and music talents.
 - The expo could be held inside the Sam Garcia Library and outside using the outdoor Amphitheatre.
 - Events could be held in both fall and spring time frames.
- Civic Engagement Scholarships
 - This was one of the programs City Council requested be modified to be more inclusive, providing for Fire and Police Explores, with an opportunity for a scholarship.

- The program is designed to recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated significant commitment to the community through service and engagement.
 - Scholarships will be provided to high school seniors in the amount of \$2 thousand for a total of six scholarships to be awarded.
 - The amount was originally \$9 thousand, but staff has raised the amount to \$12 thousand in total.
- Instrument Loan Program
 - A program is being proposed that would include \$12,000 in funding to purchase instruments to enhance the existing Library Beyond Books collection.
 - Program would offer opportunity for middle school students at public, private, and charter schools to borrow instruments for one semester of school.
- Marketing
 - Staff will work closely with the Community Relations team to develop a marketing plan to effectively promote opportunities.
 - The programs will be marketed through social media, print, RAVE Magazine, and by staff attending events throughout the year.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on the amount of schools and programs currently being impacted through the STEAM programming. Mr. Lopez explained the City's participation in the School Based STEAM Projects has been limited as there is not a budget to support this initiative. The AmeriCorps Vita members have helped create project ideas, provide volunteer support for the schools, and work with the school to help with grant applications. The city has recently developed a new relationship with Estrella Mountain Community College, which is being explored as another option. Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on what the project would look like compared to what is currently being accomplished. Mr. Lopez explained the current AmeriCorps Vista member is responsible for coordinating a relationship with the schools to help identify projects and help generate resources towards the projects. Mr. Lopez explained that the AmeriCorps Vista member most recently helped recruit students from Estrella Mountain Community College to help towards the Community Garden at the Estrella Vista STEM Academy campus. Additional funding would allow for continued outreach to schools, recruitment of more volunteers, and funding to support projects. Vice-Mayor Dennis expressed concern about the long-term process and program implementation.

Vice Mayor Dennis suggested that the City of Avondale Arts Subcommittee be engaged in the planning of the Student Art Expo. Mr. Lopez agreed with Vice Mayor Dennis' suggestion and stated staff will work to integrate the Student Art Expo into the Art Committee's efforts.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on data to document the need for the instrument loan program and she inquired on the qualification information for the program. Mr. Lopez said that other libraries nationwide have similar programs that have been highly successful but explained they do not have specific data. Additional research is needed to determine parameters of the program.

Vice Mayor Dennis inquired on the type of instruments to be purchased with the funding. Mr. Lopez explained the library is looking to have a wide selection of instruments, ranging between high-end instruments like a saxophone to more simple percussion instruments.

Mayor Weise agreed, suggesting staff should reach out to La Joya, Agua Fria, and Westview as well as the superintendents about the needs of the students.

Council Member Kilgore expressed his appreciation with the Youth Workforce Program stating it is a wonderful program, the Civic Engagement Scholarships, and the Instrument Loan Program. Council Member Kilgore agreed with Vice Mayor Dennis regarding the use of the funds with the instrument loan program, but stated the amount is justifiable due to the costs of instruments. He suggested the amount be modified after a review of the first year is completed. He stated it would be great to obtain an assessment of what instruments the schools are in-need of. Council Member Kilgore also suggested staff partner with Guitar Center to purchase instruments at a discounted price.

Council Member Kilgore inquired if there would be a competition at the Student Art Expo. Mr. Lopez agreed, stating that would be an excellent idea. Staff discussed the possible idea of integrating a competition into the STEAM Fest and Student Art Expo programs. Council Member Kilgore suggested that the student Media Clubs at Agua Fria, Westview and La Joya High School be involved in the Student Art Expo.

Council Member Malone echoed the comments regarding the Instrument Loan Program and inquired more into the logistics and outreach plan of the program. Mr. Lopez explained the program will align with each semester to ensure instruments are returned and cleaned in time for the next semester. He noted that the instruments would be permitted to be rented for multiple semesters, if there is not a hold on the instrument. Council Member Malone suggested all Avondale schools be involved within a competition at the STEAM Fest.

Council Member Nielson inquired on grade requirement for the Civic Engagement Scholarship. Mr. Lopez clarified that the scholarship is open to students in the 12th grade. Council Member Nielson suggested that staff consult with the Littleton Elementary School Fine Arts Academy about which instruments would be most beneficial for the Instrument Loan Program. Council Member Nielson suggested staff market the programs by distributing flyers to the schools. Mr. Lopez agreed, mentioning flyers will be distributed to public, private, and charter schools.

Council Member Malone inquired if the \$50-thousand budget is on-going or a one-time request. Mr. Montoya explained the funding is currently a one-time request for the first year of the program but will be reviewed during the next budget cycle.

Mayor Weise commented that city staff can extend their expertise on the plethora of STEAM and STEM programs within the city. He also agreed with Mr. Montoya's comments regarding the funding being a one-time request and modified based on the success of the program. Mayor Weise commented on how Avondale schools have

struggled to obtain instruments and he stressed the importance of including homeschooled youth in the instrument program.

Council Member Conde thanked staff for including the private and charter schools and expressed excitement for the Youth Workforce Program.

4. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DESIGN MANUAL UPDATE (APPLICATION PL-19-0074)

The presentation of Application PL-19-0074, a request by the City's Planning Division to update the design manual for Multi-Family Residential development, was not presented at the request of Mayor Weise. The item was continued to the next meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Conde seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Kenn Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection in remembrance of several members of the City of Avondale family who are currently deployed.

Members Present: Mayor Kenn Weise; Vice Mayor Pat Dennis; Council Members Tina Conde, Bryan Kilgore, Veronica Malone, Curtis Nielson, and Mike Pineda.

Note: Vice Mayor Dennis participated by telephone.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Charles Montoya, City Manager; Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager; Michael Wawro, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director; Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Dan Davis, Economic Development Services Director; Lindsey Duncan, Finance and Budget Director; Craig Jennings, Judge; Kirk Haines, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Dale Nannenga, Police Chief; Cherlene Penilla, Human Resources Director; Larry Rooney, Acting Fire Chief; Tracy Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; and Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director.

Audience: Approximately 200 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mr. Jeff Uber spoke on his previous experience as a homeless resident of the City of Avondale. Mr. Uber expressed his appreciation to staff for assisting him and providing programs and resources to the homeless community.

3. RECOGNITION ITEMS

a. EXCEPTIONAL READERS RECOGNITION

Ava Gutwein, Library Manager, recognized the exceptional readers who participated in the Read 365! Program and the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program for their achievement in reading. Andrea Diaz, Harley Diaz and Addison Diaz were recognized for their participation within the program.

b. RECOGNITION OF DIVISION CHIEF AARON GLASS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY'S EXECUTIVE FIRE OFFICER PROGRAM

Larry Rooney, Acting Fire Chief, recognized Fire Division Chief Aaron Glass on his completion of the four-year Executive Fire Officer Program from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and presented Chief Glass with his Official Certificate of Completion. In response to a question from Mayor Weise, Mr. Glass commented on the invaluable relationships made with other Fire Department personnel around the country.

c. PROCLAMATION - HONORING JOE "PEP" GUZMAN

Prior to presenting the proclamation, Mayor Weise recognized the following dignitaries who were in attendance:

- Arizona State Senator, Lupe Contreras
- Arizona State Representor and former Council Member, Lorenzo Sierra
- Avondale Elementary School District Superintendent, Dr. Betsy Hargrove

Mayor Weise expressed his appreciation to Joe “Pep” Guzman, Justice of the Peace for the Agua Fria Precinct, commenting on his dedication to the community.

Mayor Weise read the following proclamation, recognizing Joe “Pep” Guzman for his years of leadership and dedicated service to the Avondale community:

“Proclamation Honoring Joe “Pep” Guzman

A proclamation of the council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, honoring Joe “Pep” Guzman for his years of leadership and dedicated service to the Avondale community.

Whereas, Joe “Pep” Guzman answered the call to public service, serving in the capacity of Avondale City Council between 1983 and 1991; and

Whereas, he has served as the Justice of the Peace for the Agua Fria Precinct since his appointment in May of 1991; and

Whereas, Pep Guzman has served with honor and integrity, not only as Justice of the Peace, but also as chairman of the Maricopa County Community Service Commission, vice president of the board of the Avondale Neighborhood Housing Services and an advisory board member of the Southwest Human Development Inc.; and

Whereas, he has been dedicated to the community working as an educator, juvenile caseworker for Maricopa County, community education specialist for Friendly House and a legal researcher; and

Whereas, Judge Guzman remains committed to the community serving as Justice of the Peace and is an active member of the Arizona Justices of the Peace Association and the Arizona Minority Judges Caucus; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, that the City of Avondale hereby wishes to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Judge Joe “Pep” Guzman for his years of leadership and dedication to the Valley.”

Judge Guzman thanked the City of Avondale for the recognition. He spoke about the importance of being a good citizen and working together as a community. He recognized members of the community who have been on the long journey with him.

Council Member Nielson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Guzman for his work and service to the community.

Council Member Conde expressed her appreciation to Mr. Guzman and thanked him for being a great example of a servant to the community.

Council Member Kilgore commented on the phenomenal wisdom and advise shared by Mr. Guzman. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Guzman and commended him for his legacy and the blessing of him to the community.

Vice Mayor Dennis expressed her appreciation to the time and effort put forth by Mr. Guzman, thanking him for being one of leaders on the team for the community.

Council Member Pineda expressed his appreciation to Mr. Guzman as well as to those who attended the meeting to support Mr. Guzman.

Council Member Malone thanked Mr. Guzman for his years of service to the community and his continued years of service.

Members of the audience expressed their appreciation to Mr. Guzman and shared a few comments. Mr. Guzman thanked both City Council and members of the audience.

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. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

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

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the March 25, 2019 and April 8, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

b. SERIES 10 LIQUOR LICENSE - PIZZA HUT #27001

City Council approved an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Theresa June Morse to sell beer and wine at the Pizza Hut located at 10685 West Indian School Road, #J, in Avondale, and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. SERIES 10 LIQUOR LICENSE - PIZZA HUT #30991

City Council approved an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Theresa June Morse to sell beer and wine at the Pizza Hut located at 1450 North Dysart Avenue, #A10-A11, in Avondale, and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. DESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE UNIFORM EXPENDITURE REPORTING SYSTEM

City Council approved a request to designate the Finance and Budget Director as the Chief Financial Officer for the submittal of the annual expenditure limitation report.

e. CONTRIBUTIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council approved the funding recommendations made by the City Council Subcommittee for distribution of the proposed \$110,000 Contributions Assistance Program fund.

f. ORDINANCE 1696-719 - AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 4.5 CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS - UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LICENSE AGREEMENTS

City Council adopted Ordinance 1696-719, amending City Code Chapter 4.5 Cable Television Systems pertaining to video service license agreements and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. ORDINANCE 1697-719 - AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 21 - FIBER CONDUIT

City Council adopted Ordinance 1697-719 amending Chapter 21 of the City Code, pertaining to the installation of fiber conduit and authorized the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.

h. CONTRACT AMENDMENT ONE WITH TIGHTLINE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNING AND SERVICES

City Council approved Contract Amendment One with Tightline Systems, Inc. dba Goosebump Marketing and Events, to provide event planning and management services in the amount not to exceed \$2,175,000 over the duration of the contract, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

i. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT AWARD WITH ACHEN GARDNER FOR SEWER REPAIR PROJECTS

City Council approved a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with Achen Gardner Construction, LLC for sewer repair services in the amount of \$76,796.70 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

j. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE HOME DEPOT FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND SUPPLIES

City Council approved a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (CPA) with The Home Depot for maintenance, repair, operating supplies, industrial supplies, and related products and authorized the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

k. SECOND AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH EATON SALES & SERVICE, LLC FOR FUEL TANK SERVICES

City Council approved a Second Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Eaton Sales & Service, LLC for petroleum storage tank repair, maintenance and installation increasing compensation by \$20,000 for a maximum aggregate not to exceed \$91,330.51 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

l. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GHD, INC. FOR THE RILEY LIFT STATION DESIGN

City Council approved a Professional Service Agreement with GHD, Inc. to provide professional consulting and engineering services related to the design of the Riley Lift Station in the amount of \$74,795 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

m. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NCS ENGINEERS FOR THE COLDWATER WEST RESERVOIR REHAB DESIGN

City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with NCS Engineers to provide professional consulting and engineering services related to the Coldwater West Tank Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$95,975 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

n. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH M&J TROPHIES AND APPAREL FOR CITYWIDE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

City Council approved a contract with M&J Trophies and Apparel for citywide promotional products and services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This is one of two multiple service awards for promotional products and services.

o. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TOUCHDOWN SPORTS FOR CITYWIDE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

City Council approved a contract with Touchdown Sports for citywide promotional products and services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This is one of three multiple awards for citywide promotional print products and services.

p. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 4IMPRINT INC. FOR CITYWIDE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

City Council approved a contract with 4imprint, Inc., for citywide Promotional Products and Services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This is one of three multiple awards for Citywide Promotional Print Products and Services.

q. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY GRAPHICS, INC FOR CITYWIDE COMMERCIAL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES

City Council approved a contract to Century Graphics, Inc for citywide commercial printing and mailing services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

r. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAPITOL LITHO CORPORATION FOR CITYWIDE COMMERCIAL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES

City Council approved a contract to Capitol Litho Corporation for citywide commercial printing and mailing services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

s. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COURIER GRAPHICS CORPORATION FOR CITYWIDE COMMERCIAL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES

City Council approved a contract to Courier Graphics Corporation for citywide commercial printing and mailing services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

t. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IMAGE CRAFT, LLC FOR LARGE FORMAT PRINTING SERVICES

City Council approved a contract with Image Craft, LLC for large format printing services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

u. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AZPRO SIGNS INC. FOR LARGE FORMAT PRINTING SERVICES

City Council approved a contract with AZPRO Signs Inc for large format printing services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

v. FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DIBBLE & ASSOCIATES FOR THE LARGE DIAMETER SEWER DESIGN

City Council approved a First Amendment to the Professional Service Agreement with Dibble & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. for additional design services related to the 4th Street Sewer System Repair project increasing compensation by \$5,639 for a contract total of \$55,093 and authorized the Mayor, or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract documents.

w. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAPITALEGE ADVOCACY FOR FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES

City Council approved Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with CapitalEdge Consulting for federal advocacy and information services and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

x. CAMPOS MINOR LAND DIVISION (APPLICATION PL-19-0060)

City Council considered a request by Dejan Knezevic, Miller Land Surveying, for approval of a Minor Land Division. The site is located at the southwest corner of Elwood Street and 127th Avenue, which is north of Broadway Road and west of El Mirage Road. (Exhibits A, B, C). The proposed Minor Land Division will divide an existing 0.43-acre parcel into two (2) lots, dedicate eight (8) foot Public Utility Easements (PUEs), and 40 feet of right-of-way along Elwood Street and 127th Avenue.

Note from the City Clerk: Agenda Items 5a and 6a relating to the Avondale City Center were presented together.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. AVONDALE CITY CENTER NAMING

Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director, presented a request for a new name for Avondale City Center as the city moves ahead with future development for the area.

Ms. Simeri's presentation included:

- Distinctive, memorable, meaningful, and authentic is the criteria that will be considered when choosing a name.
- The name should roll off your tongue and appeal across generations.
- Staff presented four name suggestions and included a drafted example logos.
- Staff's suggestions included:
 - Boulevard or BLVD for short based off the location of Avondale Boulevard. Staff suggests a public art element that would have cross-generational appeal. There is an opportunity for a BLVD statue like the LOVE statue.
 - The Meridian based on the City being the center of surveying maps for the State of Arizona. The name rolls off the tongue easily, appeals to the baby boomer generation and conjures a feeling of prestige.
 - Victory Lane based on the racing attraction with an opportunity for a V sign as an art element. Area would attract sports bars with NASCAR themes and appeals to a young generation.
 - The Dale based on a shortened version of Avondale and is defined as "the valley". Friendly and welcoming ring to the name and would also appeal to fans of racing icon Dale Earnhardt.

Discussion ensued regarding the name options as well as suggestions offered by Mayor Weise.

City Council each provided their desired choices:

- Vice-Mayor Dennis selected the Meridian as her first choice and BLVD as second.
- Council Member Malone selected BLVD or BLVD-A.
- Mayor Weise's selected BLVD 46 or Avondale 46 in honor of the year 1946, when Avondale was founded.
- Council Member Pineda selected BLVD.

- Council Member Kilgore selected BLVD and commented the other names feel like they should be somewhere else. He commended staff on their efforts as well as the graphic artist for the logos.
- Council Member Conde selected BLVD as her first choice and Meridian as second.
- Council Member Nielson selected the Meridian or Meridian 46.

Mayor Weise agreed with Council Member Nielson on the name Meridian 46 and modified his choices as Meridian 46 or BLVD 46.

Staff stressed the importance of choosing a name during this meeting so that marketing efforts can begin and encouraged City Council to vote on a name tonight.

Motion was made by Council Member Pineda, to designate The BLVD as the new name for Avondale City Center; seconded by Council Member Malone.

Upon vote, the motion carried 5 to 2.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Nay
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Nay
Mayor Weise	Aye

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council discussed items listed below and gave direction to city staff to research and prepare item for a future meeting.

a. CITY CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE (APPLICATION PL-19-0075)

Tracy Stevens, Deputy City Manager, presented application PL-19-0075, a request by the City's Planning Division to update the City Center Specific Plan. The purpose of the update was to reflect evolving conditions impacting the implementation of the adopted Vision for the Avondale City Center. The intent of the update is to reflect the City's current level of expectation for a quality, unique, and pedestrian friendly City Center that will create a place of significance in Avondale.

Ms. Stevens' presentation included:

- Purpose
 - Update plan to the City's current level of expectation for a quality, unique, and pedestrian-friendly area.
 - Create a place of significance with a flexible framework and new land use categories to attract development.
 - Rebrand the area to identify development and implementation strategies.
- Land Use Categories

- Gateway District - Catalyst for the area to include a Class A land use designation. Area will allow for office and minimum density multifamily use with 22 dwelling units per acre.
- Village District - More traditional retail to include more open space areas and urban apartments with minimum density of 18 dwelling units per acre.
- Promenade District - Mostly developed and will act as a connection within the City Center.
- Park Avenue District – Would like to see more urban development with open space areas for farmers markets and food trucks as well as a restaurant row type of feels.
- Residential District – New proposed district to be predominantly townhomes, apartment complexes, and lock-and-leave design.
- Neighborhood District – Area just south of the City Center corridor and close to the Civic Center. Area to include more family oriented with detached, attached, and single-family homes with pedestrian connections.
- Overall plan includes pedestrian connections, opportunities for open space, splash pad and retail shops, sit-down restaurants.
- Development Form
 - Establishes a framework to provide flexibility.
 - Locates the primary gathering place interior to the core (very pedestrian oriented).
 - Minimize drive – throughs restaurants to encourage sit-down restaurants.
 - Minimum 18 du/ac for multi-family.
 - Average building height 2-stories.
 - The average hotels are a minimum of 4-stories.
- The plan identifies types of uses, orientation, massing, landscaping, connections and future parking garage opportunities.

Mayor Weise opined that the demographics of the area support the plan and opened the floor to comments.

In response to a question by Council Member Nielson, Ms. Stevens explained that hotels would be a minimum of four stories and office buildings would be two to four stories. Mayor Weise clarified that the hotels within Avondale are currently a minimum of four stories. Council Member Nielson commented that the plan is good, but it does not help with the hot summer months. Mayor Weise expressed confidence that City staff and developers will find ways to activate the area year-round.

Council Member Conde asked if the dead-end street east of Waterford Square could be extended. Ms. Stevens said that it could go through as a pedestrian route to Avondale Blvd and to 107th as development progresses. Council Member Conde was in favor of limiting the drive-through restaurants.

Council Member Kilgore provided positive feedback to Ms. Stevens regarding the look of the plan and thanked staff.

Council Member Pineda thanked Ms. Stevens for the presentation and expressed he was in favor of the presented plan. He suggested using a bridge to connect the east to west with the "BLVD" name over Avondale Boulevard.

Council Member Malone echoed Council Member Conde's comments regarding connecting 111th to Roosevelt Street. She agreed with Council Member Pineda's comments regarding the name and the bridge over Avondale Boulevard.

Vice-Mayor Dennis suggested that the pedestrian route within the Neighborhood District go south into the Civic Center to help with access to events at City Hall. She also agreed with others that a pedestrian crossing over Avondale Boulevard is needed.

Mayor Weise agreed with the other comments, stating a safe crossing over Avondale Boulevard is needed and commented that he is in favor of a bridge over Avondale Boulevard.

Mr. Montoya commented that staff are looking to add dedicated turn lanes within the area to help with traffic off the I-10 freeway.

b. BILLY MOORE DAYS EVENT NAMING

Mayor Weise provided a brief history of the Billy Moore Days celebration and its significance to City of Avondale citizens and opened the floor to public comment regarding the renaming the Billy Moore Days special event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Jones Bolling, representing the West Valley NAACP, expressed the opinion that Billy Moore should not be honored by the City of Avondale because of his violent and racist past. She suggested that alternative names such as "Founders' Day," "Pioneer Day," or "Western Day" be considered.

Mayor Weise facilitated a discussion about the idea of changing the name to honor all of Avondale's founders.

Council Member Malone said that she spent her entire life living in Avondale and that the Billy Moore Days celebration is a tradition dating back generations within her family. She hopes to honor the tradition with her children. She noted that she researched Billy Moore online and found information of his accomplishments in Avondale and was unable to find the presented negative information by Ms. Bolling.

Council Member Pineda appreciated the democratic process of citizens having the right to ask questions and bring the issue to City Council. He echoed Council Member Malone's comments regarding being unable to change the past but is still interested in honoring the traditions of the community. He stated he is in support of the current name of the event.

Council Member Kilgore explained that when he moved from serving as a Board and Commission Member to a City Council Member, the Billy Moore Days celebration was discontinued following the 2008 economic downturn. Both Historic Avondale and the Agua Fria High School echoed the positive memories of the Billy Moore Days celebration and no one talked about the history of who Billy Moore was. He recalled a previous agenda item regarding changing the name of the event when he was on City Council with Sandi Nielson.

Ms. Simeri commented that the name of the event was brought forth in the past as part of the efforts to bring back the event after the economic downturn. Ms. Simeri explained she had not heard of the negative racist comments before and stated the only negative information that found on Billy Moore was regarding his involvement in a "gang" as their blacksmith and bootlegging alcohol from the post office.

Council Member Kilgore stated he did remember the previous discussion regarding the event but did not recall any comments about racism. Council Member Kilgore inquired on how the item was brought forth, commenting that Superintendent Betsy Hargrove stated she would not participate in the event due to the information that transpired on Billy Moore.

Mayor Weise explained that Superintendent Betsy Hargrove is in a difficult position because she received negative feedback from parents that they do not want them to participate in the Billy Moore Days celebrations. Mayor Weise commented that he respects Ms. Hargrove and understands the school may not be able to participate. He commented that Ms. Hargrove was very respectful in discussing the topic and he did not feel pressure from her to change the name of the celebration.

Council Member Kilgore thanked Mayor Weise for sharing that information and explained he understands the perspectives of both Council Member Malone and Council Member Pineda. He explained people want to understand what they are celebrating and he honors hearing both sides. He thanked Ms. Tiffany Jones Bolling for her bravery and for shedding light on the issue by providing the information to City Council to help them make a conscious decision. Council Member Kilgore requested the issue be sent to residents to provide them with a chance to hear about the issue and have a say. In closing, Council Member Kilgore stated he was not sure if he could support the name of the celebration if it is found that Billy Moore did have that type of background.

Council Member Conde explained that this information has never been brought to her attention before and explained the community sees the celebration as a time of coming together and enjoy the festival. She explained that while she was campaigning during the election, she never heard anything negative related to Billy Moore. She explained the event provides a time to celebrate Avondale and has only heard positive feedback from citizens in the time she has lived in Avondale. She requested the name stay the same.

Council Member Nielson suggested the focus stay on the history of Avondale rather than one person. He commented that he does not have a preference on the naming.

Vice Mayor Dennis commented that although there are many individuals who are credited with the founding of Avondale, Billy Moore has been recognized as the founder and the celebration has been named after him 1954. She noted that this is the first time she had heard of the concern in the name and she supports keeping the name.

Council Member Malone inquired on the timing if it were to be deciding to change the name or conduct a survey to the residents. She also explained she has received several phone calls from constituents with comments that the Billy Moore Day celebration has gone back for generations.

Mr. Montoya explained that due to timing, a name must be chosen to move forward with marketing the event for the current year.

Mayor Weise said that as elected officials, Council must make difficult decisions. He said in his opinion, the Billy Moore Days celebration is a point of pride for the City. Although most citizens do not know much about his history, the thought of the parade brings people together. The Avondale community has dealt with its share of racism towards farm workers and they still adamantly support Billy Moore Days. Mayor Weise said that it is important that the City research all the facts regarding the history of Billy Moore. He stated he is meeting with the Three Rivers Historical Society and he will task them to do research on the topic.

In closing, Mayor Weise directed staff to move forward with the Billy Moore Days celebration, conduct a survey of residents, and conduct necessary research to make an informed decision and provide accurate information to residents.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Pineda moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session; Council Member Malone seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Pineda	Aye
Vice Mayor Dennis	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council held an executive session pursuant to: (a) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney; and (b) Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the City Attorney regarding the public body's position regarding potential litigation.

Kenn Weise, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 22nd day of July 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk