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Monday, October 28, 2019

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Mayor and Council

Kenn Weise, Mayor

Pat Dennis, Vice Mayor

Tina Conde, Council Member | Bryan Kilgore, Council Member

Veronica Malone, Council Member | Curtis Nielson, Council Member

Mike Pineda, Council Member

Administration

Charles A. Montoya, City Manager

Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager

Michael Wawro, City Attorney

Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk

City Council Chambers

11465 West Civic Center Drive

Avondale, AZ 85323



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

WORK SESSION

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

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

2. **P.W. LITCHFIELD HERITAGE CENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

City Council **received** an update from staff regarding the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center request for funding. This item is for information only.

3. **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. 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.

a. MINUTES

City Council **approved** the August 26, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes. The Council will take the appropriate action.

b. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CITY'S BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

City Council **approved** the Council Subcommittee on Boards, Commissions and Committees's recommendations for the appointment of members of the city's boards, commissions and committees. The Council will take appropriate action.

c. SERIES 10 LIQUOR LICENSE - BEER AND WINE STORE - RESIDENCE INN

City Council **approved** an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Brian Daley Welker to sell beer and wine at Residence Inn located at 11465 Hilton Way, in Avondale and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

d. RESOLUTION 3589-1019 - MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DESIGN MANUAL (APPLICATION PL-19-0074)

City Council **adopted** Resolution 3589-1019 approving application PL-19-0074, the Multi-Family Residential Design Manual. The Council will take appropriate action.

e. RESOLUTION 3590-1019 - AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

City Council **adopted** Resolution 3590-1019 approving an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transportation Authority for fiscal year 2020 relating to bus stop improvements and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

Agenda Item 3f was removed from the agenda at the request of staff. The item will be brought back to City Council at a future date.

f. ORDINANCE 1707-1019 - ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AT CIVIC CENTER - No action taken.

City Council will consider a request to adopt Ordinance 1707-1019 authorizing the purchase of real property located at Avondale Boulevard between Coldwater Springs Boulevard and Civic Center Drive at the Avondale Civic Center Campus; approve a General Fund Contingency Transfer not to exceed \$590,000; and authorized the Mayor or City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE 1708-1019 AVONDALE BOULEVARD AND LOWER BUCKEYE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ANNEXATION

City Council **held** a public hearing and **adopted** Ordinance 1708-1019 annexing approximately 9.32 acres of right-of-way generally located along Avondale Boulevard from the street center line of Lower Buckeye Road to approximately 1,320 feet north of Broadway Road and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

5. ADJOURNMENT

City Council **adjourned** the regular meeting.

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
October 28, 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 6:31 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Charles Montoya, City Manager; Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Michael Wawro, City Attorney; Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk; Cindy Blackmore, Public Works Director; Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Jeff Case, Fire Chief; 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; 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. P.W. LITCHFIELD HERITAGE CENTER REQUEST FOR FUNDING

City Council received an update from staff regarding the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center request for funding. This item was for information only.

Mayor Wiese presented background information on the agenda item, explaining how the item was brought forward by the Litchfield Park Historical Society.

Presentation by Marshall Pimentel, Management Analyst, included:

- Litchfield Park Historical Society has a mission to promote the history of Litchfield Park and its surrounding areas.
- The organization is an all-volunteer organization whose work is supported through membership, grants, and donations.
- Current museum opened in 2012 on the property known as the “Aunt Mary’s House” on the original estate of Paul Weeks Litchfield.
- Will open new museum on property called the Litchfield/Denny House at a cost of \$3.5 million.
- The cost will cover renovations for ADA requirements, expansion for community spaces, additional floor to house archives, a research library, an entrance roadway and parking lot.
- Property is located at Litchfield and Camelback Road.
- The goal is to open the new museum by the fall of 2021.

- The Litchfield Park Historical Society would like the City of Avondale to consider donating funds to this new project.
- Current capital campaign has raised nearly half of the projected estimate.
- The organization will not start construction until 90% of funds are raised.
- Multiple naming opportunities are available, and all donors will be commemorated through a Donor Wall that will be erected on the site.

Mayor Weise explained there are four cities within the West Valley who would have a key role in this project (Litchfield Park, Goodyear, Avondale, and Tolleson). He explained the original donation request was \$100 thousand as a one-time request. Due to the large dollar amount, Mayor Weise requested feedback from the other members of City Council.

Council Member Malone inquired on what the other cities are doing with this request. Mr. Pimentel explained he did contact the other cities, but none have made a firm commitment or brought the item forward for City Council consideration.

Mayor Weise inquired on the deadline to provide an answer to the organization. Mr. Pimentel stated a deadline was not provided.

Mr. Montoya explained the property was donated to them and their initial goal has been increased from \$2 million to \$2.75 million with a goal date of the middle of next year. Staff do have concerns with this request as there are already several priorities for the current and upcoming budget year which is why the item is being brought forward for feedback and direction.

Council Member Pineda explained he was previously aware of this project as he assisted the applicants with the business plan due to his role as a member of the Small Business Development Center. He explained the applicants are requesting the city be involved due to the fact the entire region has helped develop the history of the town of Litchfield Park. He is interested in helping the cause due to being knowledgeable of their intentions. Children of the neighboring school districts will have the opportunity to visit the museum and gain knowledge about the history of the community. Council Member Pineda explained he is in favor of supporting the cause. Additionally, he explained he will no longer be working on their behalf or assist them in any capacity.

Mayor Weise expressed his appreciation to Council Member Pineda, explaining the organization was guided by his knowledge and expertise. He shared comments regarding the history of the region and how the history and families of the cities often get lost. He stated it is important for their stories to be told, commenting that this is one avenue to achieve this, but he is unsure of the amount to be contributed.

Council Member Nielson shared a positive personal story regarding visiting the Historical Trails Museum off Interstate 80 in California. He inquired on the museum's plan regarding getting individuals interested in the museum, the amount of people who attend the current museum, and funding plans for future. Mr. Pimentel explained he was unsure of the number of daily visitors to the site but explained he would research that information. He explained the current museum focuses on Litchfield Park and that focus will be expanded

to include the entire West Valley with the opening of the new museum. Mr. Pimentel was unsure of their plan to incorporate the surrounding cities, but they are hoping it would be a tourist attraction.

Mr. Montoya stated the organization is currently in talks with the Three Rivers Historical Society in hopes to merge the two organizations. The Three Rivers Historical Society has more history of the City of Avondale. Mr. Montoya explained he is unsure of the number of visitors the museum receives.

Mayor Weise explained the organization will likely be seeking one-time and on-going donors as well as donors to include the organization in their trust or will. He posed a question to the group regarding the city's responsibility of an initial donation.

Council Member Conde expressed concern with the amount of the request but also shared she did not want to lose the opportunity to showcase the history of the city. She requested more information regarding what the museum will look like.

Council Member Kilgore thanked Mr. Pimentel for the presentation. He explained he is for education and this item sounds like an educational piece to inform residents of what has transpired within the community. He explained he echoes the comments from Mayor Weise and the other Council Members who have commented but he has some concerns. He explained the money to be donated is the money of the residents. Additionally, he explained that current Council puts the residents first and to make sure funds are providing for the residents as there are other items within the city that the funds could be used towards. Council Member Kilgore expressed his appreciation to staff for presenting the item and asking for the funds. He also thanked Council member Pineda for sharing the background information with the Council. He is in agreeance with Council Member Conde and Nielson that additional information is needed. In closing, he explained he is in favor with a one-time donation but is interested in how it will impact the residents. He mentioned there are three Avondale school within the Litchfield School District and suggested schools utilize the museum through student fieldtrips.

Vice Mayor Dennis explained the museum is a great historical remembrance piece but is not in support of a one-time donation in the amount of \$100 thousand as other non-profit organizations within the community do not receive that type of funding from the City. She stated she is in agreeance with Council Member Kilgore for a one-time donation to move their project forward. She requested more information regarding how the organization plans to manage the space and the on-going costs outside of maintaining the building and exhibits.

Council Member Pineda explained that the organization plans to generate revenue through use of the conference center as an event space, for use for events such as weddings. He explained they are looking to hire one full-time staff to manage the center.

Mayor Weise expressed the need to preserve stories of the people and history of Avondale. He agreed with Council Member Kilgore regarding the opportunities for the students from the schools within Avondale. Mayor Weise explained additional information

is needed to clarify confirmation of on-going costs and future revenues sources. He explained he is in favor of a one-time donation and he is not opposed to an on-going donation for the next few years to help support the museum.

Council Member Malone requested more information on how the exhibit would be displayed.

Mayor Weise inquired on when additional information could be provided. Mr. Montoya explained staff can bring more information to City Council after the new year.

3 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Malone moved to adjourn the Work Session meeting; Council Member Nielson 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 6:51 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 7:01 p.m.

Following a moment of silent reflection in remembrance of the military members involved in the raid in Syria over the weekend, Mayor Kenn Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Absent: None.

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Resources Director; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; and Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director.

Audience: No 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 concerns with respect to child safety and pedestrian crossings within the City of Avondale. He commented on the need for proper pedestrian crossing signs and crosswalks near the library and Agua Fria high school.

Mayor Weise requested Mr. Montoya research the concern.

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Mayor Weise 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 Dennis, seconded by Council Member Malone, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda item 3f. Ordinance 1707-1019 – Acquisition of Real Property at Civic Center.

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

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Note from City Clerk: Due to an administrative error with the legal description, staff requested item 3f be pulled from the Consent Agenda. The item will be brought back at a future date.

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4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 1708-1019 AVONDALE BOULEVARD AND LOWER BUCKEYE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ANNEXATION

Mayor Weise opened a public hearing on a City-initiated request to adopt Ordinance 1708-1019 and asked if anyone wished to comment on the item. Having no requests from those present, Mayor Weise declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Kilgore moved to adopt Ordinance 1708-1019, annexing approximately 9.32 acres of right-of-way generally located along Avondale Boulevard from the street center line of Lower Buckeye Road to approximately 1,320 feet north of Broadway Road and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary; 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

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Kilgore moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; 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 7:06 p.m.

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 28th day of October 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Carrillo, City Clerk