

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
March 7, 2017

A **Study Session Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 5:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Cathy Carlat; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Councilmembers Bridget Binsbacher, Michael Finn, Vicki Hunt, Carlo Leone and Bill Patena.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Julie Arendall, Deputy City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, City Attorney; Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk; Thomas Adkins, Intergovernmental Affairs Director; Bobby Ruiz, Fire Chief; Jennifer Stein, Office of Communications Director; Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director; and Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk.

**Audience:** Approximately five members of the public were present.

## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

### **Subject(s) for Discussion Only**

1. **Partnership with ASU to Manage and Operate the BioInspire Program**

Carl Swenson, City Manager, introduced the Study Session item regarding a proposed partnership with Arizona State University (ASU) to operate the BioInspire Program.

Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director, introduced Charlie Lewis, Vice President of Arizona Technology Enterprises.

Mr. Whyte presented regarding:

- Evolving BioInspire to an ASU model
- Building on BioInspire's success and branding
- Differences between BioAccel program and the ASU Tech Transfer program
- Partnership opportunity with ASU and the Mayo Clinic
- Peoria as the West Valley hub for innovation
- ASU Model
  - Mayo-ASU MedTech Accelerator
  - ASU Start-Up Accelerator
  - AZTE tech transfer and commercialization services

- Expand type of technologies assisted at BioInspire
  - Expand type of entrepreneurs for BioInspire
  - Connect Peoria into entrepreneurial network and technology acceleration program in Arizona
  - No seed funding of technology acceleration program
- Public benefit

Mr. Whyte continued regarding:

- Entrepreneurial ecosystem development
  - Growing Peoria's entrepreneurial base attraction
  - Launching new technology start-up companies
  - Creating innovative technologies
  - Creating an environment of innovation and entrepreneurial activities
- Small business development
- ASU in Peoria during the first year
  - Startups test and build
  - Timeline
- ASU in Peoria in the second and third years
  - Economic development/startups scale
  - Timeline

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Expected benefits to ASU resulting from the partnership
- How ASU competes with the University of Arizona or other schools in medical education
- How moving from medical devices to expanded technology is managed
- ASU's partnership with the Mayo Clinic

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 7:01 p.m.

Following a moment of silent reflection, Councilmember Finn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Mayor Cathy Carlat; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Councilmembers Bridget Binsbacher, Michael Finn, Vicki Hunt, Carlo Leone and Bill Patena.

**Members Absent:** Council Youth Liaisons Kaitlyn Edwards and Sam Owen

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Julie Arendall, Deputy City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, City Attorney; Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk; Thomas Adkins, Intergovernmental Affairs Director; Andy Granger, Development and Engineering Director; Katie Gregory, Management and Budget Director; Rhonda Humbles, Deputy Public Works Director; John Imig, Information Technology Director; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Laura Krause, Human Resources Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Bobby Ruiz, Fire Chief; John Sefton, Community Services Director; Jennifer Stein, Office of Communications Director; Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director; Dan Zenko, Material Management Supervisor; Dawn Prince, Assistant to the City Manager; and Linda Blas, Deputy City Clerk.

**Audience:** Approximately 20 members of the public were present.

**Note:** The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the City Council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests; in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business, and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Mayor Carlat asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Having no requests from Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Finn, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

2C. **Disposition of Absence**

Approved the absence of Council Youth Liaison Sam Owen from the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 21, 2017.

3C. **Minutes**

Approved the February 7, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes and February 21, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes.

4C. **Code Amendment, Renumber Chapter 8 (Elections) to Chapter 4 (Elections) and Amending Various Sections of the Peoria City Code**

Adopted **ORD. 2017-06** amending Chapter 8 of the Peoria City Code (1992 Edition) pertaining to elections by renumbering it as Chapter 4 and amending various sections.

5C. **Code Amendment, Renumber Chapter 15 (Municipal Court) to Chapter 5(Municipal Court) and Amending Various Sections of the Peoria City Code**

Adopted **ORD. 2017-07** amending Chapter 15 of the Peoria City Code (1992 Edition) pertaining to elections by renumbering it as Chapter 5 and amending various sections.

6C. **Code Amendment, Creating Chapter 26 (Procurement) and Amending Various Sections of the Peoria City Code**

Adopted **ORD. 2017-08** creating Chapter 26 (Procurement) of the Peoria City Code (1992 Edition) pertaining to procurement and amending various sections.

7C. **Amendment, Intergovernmental Agreement, Peoria Unified School District Swimming Pools Joint Use**

Approved the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Peoria Unified School District (PUSD) for Swimming Pools Joint Use and updated the certification agency listed in the agreement.

8C. **Right-of-Way License for Business Sign, 75th Avenue and Cactus Road**

Adopted **RES. 2017-31** authorizing the execution of the Right-of-Way License to allow Ninth West Properties, L.C. to keep their existing business sign in its current location south of the southeast corner of 75th Avenue and Cactus Road.

9 C. **Transition Agreement, BioAccel**

Approved the Transition Agreement between the City of Peoria and BioAccel to wind-down BioAccel's operation and management function as part of the BioInspire Program.

- 10C. **Adoption of Notice of Intention to Consider Adjusting Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed and Non-Potable Water Rates and Establish the Public Hearing Date**
- (a) Adopted the Notice of Intention to adjust the City's water, wastewater, and reclaimed water rates; and
  - (b) Established May 16, 2017 as the date for the public hearing to consider adoption of the recommended rates.
- 11C. **Replat, Lots 54-58 and Lots 151-154 of Vistancia Parcel A29, Ridgeline Road and Sunrise Point**

Approved the Replat of Lots 54-58 and Lots 151-154 of Vistancia Parcel A29, located at Ridgeline Road and Sunrise Point, subject to stipulations.

#### **Call To The Public (Non-Agenda Items)**

Cassidy Gatrost, a Youth Advisory Board member, expressed her appreciation to Councilmember Leone, Council Assistant Karen Halstead and Cotton Boll Elementary School staff for providing opportunities to promote the Youth Advisory Board. Ms. Gatrost extended her gratitude to the keynote speakers and special guests in attendance at a recent Youth Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Gatrost thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing members of the Youth Advisory Board the opportunity to attend the upcoming National League of Cities Congressional City Conference to be held in Washington, DC.

Monica Ceja-Martinez, a Peoria Unified School District Board Member, invited the Council to a public meeting regarding proposed boundaries for the school district to be held on March 28, 2017 at Sunrise Mountain High School, located at 21200 North 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue beginning at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Reports from City Manager:**

- 12. **Council Calendar**
- 13. **Reports**
  - A. **Old Town Block Strategy Update**

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, presented regarding redevelopment opportunities and revitalization activities in the Old Town area.

**B. Upcoming City Events Video**

A video presentation showcasing upcoming City Events was displayed.

**Reports from City Council:**

Councilmember Patena reported on his attendance at a dedication of the public art murals along Happy Valley Road and the Bravo Peoria Event held at the Sunrise Mountain Library on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Councilmember Patena invited residents to attend the ParkFest! Event to be held at Calbrisa Park, located at 8957 West Tumblewood Drive, on Saturday, March 11, 2017 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Councilmember Patena provided an overview of the funding requests from various organizations that were presented during the recent Council Not-for-Profit Community Development Grant Subcommittee Meetings.

Councilmember Binsbacher commended staff for a successful Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event held at Arizona Broadway Theatre. Councilmember Binsbacher expressed her gratitude to the Board and Commission members for their service to the City. Councilmember Binsbacher reported that she had the privilege of serving as a judge for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Patriotic Speech Contest sponsored by the Peoria Unified School District. Councilmember Binsbacher reported on her attendance at the Sidewinder Little League Opening Day ceremonies and the Food for Kidz volunteer opportunity at Trilogy in Vistancia to assemble food packages that will be distributed to needy families in the community.

Councilmember Finn reported on his attendance at the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event. Councilmember Finn thanked the Board and Commission members for volunteering their time to the City and Councilmember Patena for his role as Chair of the Council Boards and Commissions Subcommittee. Councilmember Finn reported on his attendance at the Peoria Diamond Club's Annual Charity Game at the Peoria Sports Complex and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Doggie District Pet Resort. Councilmember Finn encouraged citizens to attend Spring Training baseball games.

Councilmember Hunt reported on the recent Council Not-for-Profit Community Development Grant Subcommittee Meetings. Councilmember Hunt praised the citizens who volunteer their time to the City and various community organizations. Councilmember Hunt urged residents to seek volunteer opportunities. Councilmember Hunt thanked the City Clerk's Office for managing the Boards and Commissions application and appointment process and organizing the Annual Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event. Councilmember Hunt reminded the public to attend a performance of The Pauper Princess being held at Theater Works until March 19, 2017.

Councilmember Leone reported on the various City of Peoria activities he attended. Councilmember Leone congratulated the newly-appointed Board and Commission members and thanked all of the volunteers for their service to the City.

**Reports from the Mayor:**

Mayor Carlat announced that members of the City Council will be attending the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference to be held March 11-15, 2017 in Washington, DC.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Cathy Carlat, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the City Council Meetings of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk