



**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
October 1, 2024

An Executive 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 4:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Jason Beck; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Crawford; Councilmembers Denette Dunn, Michael Finn, and Bill Patena.

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Brad Shafer.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Henry Darwin, City Manager; Rick Buss, Assistant City Manager; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

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**1C. Authorization to Hold an Executive Session**

Discussion and possible action to authorize the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body and/or legal counsel in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding:

- (a) Discussion or consultation regarding Council Policy Provision legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

Motion was made by Councilmember Finn, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards, to enter into an Executive Session.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck, Edwards, Crawford, Finn, Patena, Dunn

NAYS – None.

ABSENT – Shafer

Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION**

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 5:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Jason Beck; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Crawford; Councilmembers Denette Dunn, Michael Finn, and Bill Patena.

**Members Absent:** Brad Shafer.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Henry Darwin, City Manager; Rick Buss, Assistant City Manager; Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager; Travis Cutright, Deputy City Manager; Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

**Subject(s) for Discussion Only**

3. **Prop 479 Overview**

Jeffrey Curran, Development and Engineering Director and John Bullen, Chief Transportation Officer with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) provided an overview of Proposition 479. Information included:

- Background of Proposition 479
- Highlighted Regional Council Members
- Regional Transportation Network – Pre 1986
- Maricopa County and Regional Transportation Investments
- Regional Transportation Network – Proposition 300
- Regional Transportation Network – Proposition 400
- Why the Proposition Funding Matters
- Investment Plan Overview
- Regional Transportation Needs
- Expected Outcomes
- Key Takeaways
- What Happens if Proposition 479 Does Not Pass

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Decision points, if Proposition 479 does not pass
  - Half of the dedicated funding source will be gone
  - Projects will not keep up with growth
- Educational outreach on the Proposition
- Proposition campaign and messaging

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

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 6:01 p.m.

Invocation by Reverend Andrew Aziz from the Assyrian Church of East.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Beck.

**Members Present:** Mayor Jason Beck; Vice Mayor Jon Edwards; Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Crawford; Councilmembers Denette Dunn, Michael Finn, Bill Patena and Brad Shafer.

**Council Youth Liaisons:** Sarah Adamsha and Manya Tewari

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Henry Darwin, City Manager; Rick Buss, Assistant City Manager; Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager; Travis Cutright, Deputy City Manager; Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk and Jill Boltz, Deputy City Clerk.

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**Presentations:**

4. **Library Card and Story Walk Contest Winners**

Mary Lou Stephens, Culture and Library Services Director introduced Heather Sorden, Library Branch Supervisor to present the Annual Library Card and Story Walk contest winners:

- Group 1 (Ages 6, 7, 8): Everly Mauldin – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Harper Addler – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Harper Egea – 1<sup>st</sup> Place.
- Group 2 (Ages 9 & 10): Audree Adler – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Sedona Winger – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Sierra Sheidenberger – 1<sup>st</sup> Place.
- Group 3 (Ages 11 & 12): Zev Johnson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Sophia Marro – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Sedona Sheidenberger – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Jill Thomsen, Library Services Coordinator presented the Library Card Contest Winners:

- Youth Winner – Pranitha Senthil
- Teen Winner – Tessa Caplan

5. **Economic Development and Engineering Downtown Update**

Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager and Jeffrey Curran, Development and Engineering Director presented on the Economic Development and Downtown Update. Information included:

- Caldwell County BBQ
- Jefferson House
- City Hall Front Yard

6. **Joint Presentation Regarding the Interests of the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association Local 493 and the City Council**

Christine Nickel, Human Resources Director, Breanne Nelson, Deputy Finance Director, Hunter Clare and Josh Manning, representing Local 493 presented on the interest of United Fire Fighters Association Local 493 and the City Council. Information included:

- Current Memorandums of Understanding
- Scope of Meet and Confer Process
- Roles of the Public Employer
- Council Interests – Negotiations
- Comparable Valley Cities
- PFFA Goals
- Background
- Membership

- Pay Deficits
- PFFA Ask
- Next Steps – for Meet & Confer

### **Vistancia Community Facilities District Board Meeting**

**Clerk's Note:** Agenda Items 7C and 8C, were voted on separately by the Vistancia Community Facilities District Board. The legal actions for these items will be reflected separately in the October 1, 2024, Vistancia Community Facilities District Board minutes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed and/or discussed by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If the Presiding Officer receives a timely notice of a request for removal, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration on the Regular Agenda.

9 C. **Minutes**

Discussion and possible action to approve the September 17, 2024, City Council meeting minutes.

10 C. **Amendment, Council Policy 1-2, City Council Meeting Procedure**

Repealed subsection (H)(7)(d)(5) of Council Policy 1-2, "City Council Meeting Procedure," and to renumber the subsequent subsections accordingly.

11 C. **Grants, Tohono O'odham Nation**

(a) Approved a Grant-In-Aid Agreement with the Tohono O'odham Nation; (b) Approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$206,654.08 from the Proposed Grant Contingency Fund to the Tohono O'odham Grant Fund; and (c) Approved **RES. 2024-75** authorizing the City of Peoria to act as the pass-through municipality for the Soldier's Best Friend, a local 501(c)(3) organization, awarded grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 from the Tohono O'odham Nation.

12 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement, City of Phoenix, Use of Fire Apparatus**

Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix to allow Peoria Fire-Medical use of various fire apparatus owned by Phoenix on an as-needed basis.

13 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement, Arizona Game and Fish Commission**

Approved an extension of the current Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to maintain Rio Vista, Paloma, and Pioneer Community Park lakes as facilities taking part in the Community Fishing Program, extending the agreement to June 30, 2029.

14 C. **Annexation, North of Pinnacle Peak Road between 68th Drive and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Adopted **ORD. 2024-11** approving the annexation of approximately 0.15 acres of privately-owned land, generally located north of Pinnacle Peak Road between 68th Drive and 70th Avenue.

15 C. **Initial Zoning, Hill Residence, North of Pinnacle Peak Road between 68th Drive and 70th Avenue**

Concurred with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and adopt **ORD. 2024-12**, approving the Initial Zoning of approximately 0.15 acres of newly annexed are generally located north of Pinnacle Peak Road between 68th Drive and 70th Avenue. This action would supplant the current Maricopa County zoning of Rural-43 with the equivalent City of Peoria zoning district of Suburban Ranch.

16 C. **Abandonment of City Interest, Federal Patent Easement, Northeast Corner of 94th Avenue and Remuda Drive**

Adopted **RES. 2024-76** to abandon City interest in a portion of a Federal Patent Easement as recorded in Maricopa County Recorder Docket 3503 Page 291, located along the east side of 94th Avenue north of Remuda Drive.

17 C. **Planned Area Development Amendment, Ascent Mystic at Lake Pleasant Heights, El Mirage and Westland Road**

Concurred with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and adopt **ORD. 2024-13**, approving a Major Amendment for Parcel A-16 of the Lake Pleasant Heights Planned Community District zoning district, located at the northwest corner El Mirage and Westland Road.

18 C. **Minor Amendment, Development Impact Fees, Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvement Plan**

Adopted a minor amendment to the Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvement Plans developed as part of the 2024 Development Impact Fee update.

19 C. **Deeds and Easements, Various Locations**

Adopted **RES. 2024-77** accepting Deeds and Easements for various Real Property interests acquired by the City. The deeds and easements have been recorded by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office and this process will formally accept them into the system.

20 C. **Liquor License Application Safeway #0072, 8010 West Happy Valley Road.**

Recommend approval to the State Liquor Board for:

A Location Transfer for an Off-Sale All (Series 09) Liquor License for Safeway #0072, located at 8010 West Happy Valley Road, Ryan W. Anderson, Applicant, LL#24-000871.

Having no requests from Council to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda, motion was made by Councilmember Finn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crawford, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck, Edwards, Crawford, Finn, Patena, Dunn  
NAYS – Shafer  
ABSENT – None.

Motion carried.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### New Business:

21 R. **Code Amendment, Chapters 20 and 27, Development Impact Fees**

Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager presented on the Development Impact Fees. Information included:

- 2024 Adoption Timeline
- Code Amendment Updates
- 2024 Impact Fee – Single-Family by Zone
- Staff Recommendation

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Impact on Small Businesses

Lowrene Bottorf, Peoria resident, spoke in support of the Code Amendment.

Jon Forsythe, Peoria resident, spoke in opposition to the Code Amendment.

Tom Bottorf, Peoria resident, spoke in support of the Code Amendment.

Mayor Beck addressed the impact fee structure versus tax for new construction.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Patena to adopt **ORD. 2024-14** amending Chapters 20 and 27 of the Peoria City Code pertaining to the 2024 Development Impact Fee update.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck, Edwards, Crawford, Finn, Patena, Dunn

NAYS – Shafer

ABSENT – None.

Motion carried.

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

Joe Clure, Peoria resident, spoke regarding the release of information on the Hyperion project in Vistancia.

John Forsythe, Peoria resident, spoke regarding democracy and recall efforts.

Brittany Johnson, Peoria resident, spoke regarding the creation of a Children's Memorial Garden.

Shannon Ciemo, Peoria resident, thanked the Peoria Firefighter and spoke regarding development of Biscuit Flats, Foreign Trade Zone designations and community engagement in the decision-making process.

### **Comments from City Council**

Councilmember Dunn addressed citizen comments and district outreach regarding impact fees.

### **Reports from City Manager**

Henry Darwin, City Manager reported on:

- City hosted Global Ties Arizona Meeting
- Ribbon Cutting for Tacos & Crafts

- AZ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 24<sup>th</sup> Annual DATOS
- Emergency Preparedness
- Hall of Fame Inductee Tad Snidecor

### **Reports from Council Youth Liaisons**

Council Youth Liaison Adamsha reported on the Youth Advisory Board Committee meetings and plans for the upcoming school semester.

Council Youth Liaison Tewari reported on the monthly Community Service opportunities, including Bingo Night, clean-up of the Community Garden, and preparation for the West Valley Youth Summit Conference.

### **Reports from the Mayor**

Mayor Beck reported on National Coffee with a Cop Day, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and commented on the local and nation-wide political season.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Jason Beck, Mayor

### **CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2024.

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Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk