



MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PEORIA PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
PEORIA ROOM
October 7, 2025

STUDY SESSION

A **Study Session Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8351 W. Cinnabar Avenue in open and public session at 5:03p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck, Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Finn; Councilmembers, Rick Stokes, Denette Dunn, Jon Edwards, Matt Bullock.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Henry Darwin, City Manager; Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager; Travis Cutright, Deputy City Manager; Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager; Brad Keogh, Assistant City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

Subject(s) for Discussion Only

1. Downtown Update – Historic Schoolhouse Arts and Culture Center and Water Tower Entryway Monument

Marylou Stephens, Arts, Culture, and Library Services Director, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on an update on two Downtown projects.

Information included:

- Downtown Update Overview – What’s Next
- Community Design Guidelines
- Schoolhouse Renovation
 - Notable Elements
 - The Schoolhouse Arts and Culture Center
 - The Historic Schoolhouse Building
 - The Annex Building
 - Outdoor Landscaped Space
 - Design Details
 - Building Renovation Project Schedule
 - Financial Overview
 - Outside Council from the State’s Historic Preservation Office
 - Plumbing and Sewage
 - Schoolhouse is designated on the historic registry
 - The scope of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) only addresses the Historic Schoolhouse
 - Art Gallery

- Outreach Campaign
 - Proposed Exhibition Schedule – Year One
- Arts Lab – Library and Historical Programming
 - Arts Lab Initiatives
 - History Kiosk
 - Community Events
- Community Engagements - Why This Matters
- Proposed Hours of Operations
- Water Tower
 - Welcome to Downtown Peoria – Downtown Entryway Feature
 - Project Schedule
 - Location of Tower
- How the revitalization of Downtown Peoria will attract the public

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Study Session was duly adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8351 W. Cinnabar Avenue in open and public session at 6:08 p.m.

Invocation by Anil Amaravadi from Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Beck.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck, Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Finn; Councilmembers, Rick Stokes, Denette Dunn, Jon Edwards, Matt Bullock.

Council Youth Liaisons: Anika Navghare and Felicia Holly.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Henry Darwin, City Manager; Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager; Travis Cutright, Deputy City Manager; Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager; Brad Keogh, Assistant City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

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

PRESENTATION

2. **Library Card Contest Winners**

Marylou Stephens, Arts, Culture, and Library Services Director, presented the 20th Annual Library Card Design Winners:

- Ainsley Guy – Youth Winner
- Ella Stock – Teen Winner
- Nathalis Flores – Director’s Pick for 20th Anniversary

3. **PUSD M&O Override Overview**

Dr. Somers, Peoria Unified School District Superintendent, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Peoria Unified School District Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Override Overview.

Information included:

- 2024-2025 Peoria Unified Achievements
- Governing Board
- 2025 M&O Override Election Overview
- \$2.5 Million to Public Safety Programs

4. **Prop 403 and Prop 406 Overview**

Dr. Scott Spurgeon, West-MEC Superintendent, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on Prop 403 and Prop 406 Overview.

Information Included:

- AZ Workforce Ecosystem
- Member Districts, Campuses, and Programs
- 2025-2026 College Partner Programs
- Adult Education
- Current Expansion
- 2024-2025 School Year Statistics
- Companies Hiring Students
- Proposition 403
 - West-MEC is requesting voter authorization for a \$415 million bond to build new school facilities and expand current facilities.
 - The bond will fund upcoming projects such as new training facilities, campus expansion, and upgraded technology to meet workforce demands.
 - There will be no increase in the tax rate. The rate will remain at \$.013 per \$100 of assessed property value.
- Proposition 406

- Voter approval will allow West-MEC to sell, lease, or exchange certain district-owned properties and use the proceeds to invest in educational improvements.
- 2025 Bond - \$415 million / No tax rate increase
- Future Growth Projects

5. **Hindu Heritage Month**

Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford presented a proclamation to Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh members for Hindu Heritage Month.

6. **Dr. Raymond S. Kellis Leadership Award Recipients**

Councilmember Denette Dunn presented Dr. Raymond S. Kellis Leadership Awards, to the following recipients:

- Principal Bridget Stockwell, Country Meadows Elementary Principal
- Christie Davis, Benefits Manager
- Sarah Tekulve, Early Literacy Specialist

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.

7 C. **Minutes**

Approved the August 28, 2025 and September 16, 2025 Council meeting minutes.

8 C. **Grants, Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Highway Safety Projects**

(a) authorized the City Manager to accept three grants totaling \$169,720 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for various enforcement and education efforts; and (b) approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$169,720 from the Contingency Fund to various Governor's Office of Highway Safety Fund accounts.

9 C. **Pass-Through Grant, Gila River Indian Community**

Adopted **RES. 2025-99** Authorizing the City of Peoria to act as the pass-through municipality for local 501(c)(3) organizations seeking grant funding from the Gila River Indian Community.

10 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement, University of Arizona through the Arizona Board of Regents, Transportation Engineering Services**

Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Peoria and the University of Arizona, through the Arizona Board of Regents, for the joint coordination in the provision of Transportation Engineering Services by the University.

11 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement, City of Phoenix, Amkor Technology, Inc., Re-establishing the Foreign Trade Zone Application to New Location**

Approved **RES. 2025-100** and an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix, Arizona to establish Amkor Technology Arizona within Phoenix, Arizona Foreign Trade Zone #75.

12 C. **Abandonment of City Interest, Drainage Easement, Southeast Corner of 83rd Avenue and Jefferson Street**

Adopted **RES. 2025-101** abandoning the City's interest in a portion of a certain Drainage Easement within Lot 1 of the Axiom Church Final Plat located east of 83rd Avenue south of Jefferson Street.

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

Adopted **RES. 2025-102** 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.

14 C. **Liquor License Application Various Locations**

Recommended approval to the State Liquor Board for:

- (a) a New Restaurant (Series 12) Liquor License for Barro's Pizza, located at 9800 W. Happy Valley Road, Michael J. Barro, Applicant, LL#25-011065.
- (b) a New Restaurant (Series 12) Liquor License for Modo Mio Italian Kitchen, located at 9815 W. Happy Valley Road, Edward J. Inglese, Applicant, LL#24-000795.
- (c) a New Restaurant (Series 12) Liquor License for Biscuits Cafe, located at 24812 N. 67th Avenue, Dylan E. Ligatich, Applicant, LL#25-010813.

15 C. **Bingo License, West and Southeast Realtors of the Valley, 9001 West Union Hills Drive Suite 8**

Recommended approval to the Arizona Department of Revenue for a Class B Bingo License for West and Southeast Realtors of the Valley, located at 9001 West Union Hills Drive Suite 8, Roger Nelson, Applicant, LL#25-011019.

Having no requests from Council to remove items from the Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crawford, and seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck, Crawford, Finn, Stokes, Dunn, Edwards, Bullock.

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None.

Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business:

16 R. **Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment, Regional Public Transportation Authority, Transit Services**

Chris Hallet, Neighborhood and Human Services Director, and Termain Colley, Transit Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment, Regional Public Transportation Authority, Transit Services.

Information included:

- Scope of Analysis
- Transit Service Overview
- Regional ADA Paratransit Service Area
- Regional ADA Paratransit Service
- RideChoice Program
- Projected Costs for Regional ADA and RideChoice
- Key Takeaways
- Staff Recommendation

A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards, and seconded by Councilmember Bullock, to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment #151-75-2026 with the Regional Public Transportation Authority, also known as Valley Metro, to expand Peoria's Paratransit Americans with Disabilities Act Transportation to include RideChoice, an on-demand Americans with Disabilities Act transportation service providing an anticipated cost savings of approximately \$432,000.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck, Crawford, Finn, Stokes, Dunn, Edwards, Bullock.

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None.

Motion carried 7-0.

Kimberly Fetterman, Peoria Citizen, shared her gratitude for the effort to improve transit services.

Reports from City Manager:

- Public Works Storm Response
- Healthy Arizona Worksite Program
- Workday Progress Update
- Recreation Center at Paloma Community Park
- National Good Neighbor Day
- Robotic Process Automation
- Upcoming 2025 Fall Events

Reports from Council Youth Liaisons:

Felicia Holly:

- Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference provided enhancements of Networking and Leadership Skills
- Planning for Youth Government Day

Anika Navghare:

- Annual Youth Advisory Board Retreat
- Established Goals for the 2025-2026 Year

Reports from the Mayor:

- Amkor Technologies Groundbreaking
- Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation
- Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation

Call To The Public (Non-Agenda Items)

- Eva Osuna, Peoria Citizen, spoke regarding the Downtown revitalization and her concerns with the Water Tower.
- Pasquier Biyo, Peoria Citizen, spoke on early childhood education opportunities and pathways to the semiconductor industries.
- Shannon Ceimo, Peoria Citizen, spoke regarding her concerns on early childhood education and plans for the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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 7th day of October, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2025.

Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk

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