



MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PEORIA PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
PEORIA ROOM
November 18, 2025

An Executive 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 4:31 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck, Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Finn; Councilmembers, Rick Stokes, Denette Dunn (Telephonically), 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; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

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1R. Authorization to Hold an Executive Session

The City of Peoria Council may vote to hold 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 any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A).

(a) Discussion or consultation for legal advice concerning general Litigation Division and other legal updates, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4).

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None.

ABSENT – None.

Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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 5:33p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck, Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Finn; Councilmembers, Rick Stokes, Denette Dunn (Telephonically), 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; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

Subject(s) for Discussion Only

3. Mid-Year Financial Review

Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager, Sean Kindell, Finance Director, and Peter Christensen, Deputy Finance Director, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the year-end numbers from Fiscal Year 2025 as well as financial trends for Fiscal Year 2026, and some revenue and expenditure parameters for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and Capital Improvement Program development.

Information included:

- Economic Update
 - GDP Growth
 - Inflation
 - U.S. vs AZ Employment Percent Change
 - Phoenix Metro Housing
 - Key Takeaways
- Financial Forecast
 - General Fund Revenue Composition
 - Local Sales Tax Revenues
 - Local Sales Tax – Monthly YOY % Change
 - State-Shared Sales Tax Revenues
 - Urban Revenue Sharing (Income tax)
 - Fiscal Year 2027 Forecast
 - General Fund Forecast Assumptions
 - Half Cent Sales Tax Fund – Fund Balance History
 - Utility Enterprise Funds
 - Key Takeaways
- Next Steps

4. Peoria Innovation Core Entitlement update

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, displayed a PowerPoint presentation update on the progress of the entitlement work for the Peoria Innovation Core, identify next steps and address any questions at this stage of the process.

Information included:

- Arizona State Land Partnership
 - Intergovernmental Agreement
 - Key considerations
 - Importance
- Key Attributes
 - Planning Determinants
 - Environmental and Conservation Considerations
- Land Use Picture
 - Key considerations
 - Planned Community District
 - Core 1 – South of Loop 303 Considerations
 - Core 2 – City Property
 - Core 3 – North of CAP Canal
- Staying Informed
 - Peoria Innovation Core (PIC) Project Website
 - Virtual Information Session
- Next Steps

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Study Session was duly adjourned at 6:10 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 6:37 p.m.

Moment of silence and reflection.

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 (Telephonically), 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; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

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PRESENTATION

5. **Certificates of Appointment to Newly Appointed Board and Commission Members**

Mayor Pro Tem Finn presented Certificates of Appointment to newly appointed Board and Commission Members.

6. **City of Peoria Ignite Impact Employee of the Year**

Mary-Pat Miller, Human Resources Specialist, and Henry Darwin, City Manager, presented the City of Peoria Ignite Impact Award to Jill Thomsen, Library Branch Supervisor.

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 November 4, 2025 Council meeting minutes.

8 C. **Adoption of the Integrated Water Utility Master Plan**

Adopted the City's Integrated Water Utility Master Plan.

9 C. **Position Request and Budget Amendment, Development and Engineering Department**

(a) Authorized the addition of a new Building Inspector III full-time equivalent position, and (b) approved related budget amendments in the amount of \$160,052.

10 C. **Budget Amendment, Arts and Culture Department Position Reclassification**

Authorized a budget amendment of \$12,475 to increase salary and benefits for the reclassification of Arts and Culture Coordinator to Arts and Culture Supervisor.

11 C. **Quarterly Investment Report**

Approved action to receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for July through September 2025.

12 C. **Peoria Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, Revision 4**

Approved the Peoria Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Revision 4 to accommodate changes in the agency's hierarchy as mandated by federal regulations. Recent changes in Peoria staffing require this routine administrative update brought to the City Council.

13 C. **Grant, Tohono O'odham Nation, Technology upgrades for the Centennial Plaza Amphitheater**

(a) Approved a grant award from the Tohono O'odham Nation to the City of Peoria in the amount of \$150,000 to purchase technology upgrades for the Centennial Plaza Amphitheater; and (b) approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$150,000 from Contingency to Arts and Culture.

14 C. **Grant, Maricopa Association of Governments, Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant**

Accepted funding from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program in the amount of \$166,974, with a required local match of \$166,974, to support the City's ongoing efforts to provide accessible and equitable transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

15 C. **Grant, Creative West TourWest, Black History Month**

(a) Approved a grant award from Creative West in the amount of \$2,750 for Black History Month, and (b) approved a budget amendment for \$2,750 from Contingency to Arts and Culture.

16 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement, Maricopa County, El Mirage Road; SR 303L to Jomax Road**

Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County for the design, construction, and construction management, rights of way acquisition, utility relocation, ownership, operation and maintenance of El Mirage Road from SR 303L on the south to Jomax Road on the north.

17 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Use of Training Facilities**

Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Peoria and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Maricopa County Sheriff's Office seeks the opportunity for its sworn Deputies to train in defensive tactics at City Facilities.

18 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement, Arizona Department of Administration Agreement, Senate Bill 1735**

Approved entering an agreement with Arizona Department of Administration to establish and maintain a Law Enforcement Records Management System, which is funded by Senate Bill 1735 and previously approved by Council on August 5, 2025.

19 C. **Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment, State of Arizona, El Mirage Road; SR 303L to Jomax Road**

Approved Amendment No. One to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona for the local cost share and preparation of design documents for extending El Mirage Road from SR 303L on the south to Jomax Road on the north.

20 C. **Right of Way License, Gabbard, North of Northwest Corner 67th Avenue and Camino de Oro**

Adopted **RES. 2025-109** authorizing the City Manager to execute a Right of Way License granting permission for use of city right of way to KJ Gabbard Trust located on the west side of 67th Avenue north of Camino de Oro.

Having no requests from Council to remove items from the Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Councilmember Stokes, and seconded by Councilmember Bullock, 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:

21 R. **Transit Policy, Transportation Network Company, On-Demand Service**

Chris Hallett, Neighborhood and Human Resources Director, and Tremaine Coley, Transit Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Transit Policy.

Information Included:

- Peoria Transit Overview
- Software Upgrade Requirements
- Replace WeRIDE with Uber/Lyft
 - Expand from limited-service area to citywide
 - Reduce cost

- Reduce reliance on Valley Metro
- Next Steps
- Marketing and Rider Education
- Key takeaways
- Staff recommendation

Discussion ensued regarding:

- ADA compliance and adaptability through app-based program
- Dispatch education and customer service
- Network of transportation companies to deliver appropriate services
- Youth accommodations
- Safety precautions and age limits for youth riders

A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards, and seconded by Vice Mayor Crawford, to approve (a) the procurement and implementation of dispatching software, (b) the replacement of the WeRIDE microtransit service, and (c) the operational changes to reduce reliance on Valley Metro.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried 7-0.

22 R. **Code Amendment, Chapter 21 (Zoning), Middle Housing**

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Code Amendment.

Information Included:

- Overview of Request:
 - Applicable Sections
 - Reason for change
- 56th Arizona Legislative Session – HB 2721 Middle Housing Bill Signed
- Minimal impact on Peoria
- Exemptions
- State Limitations
- Recommended Approach
- Information and Outreach
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Recommended Action

A motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Finn, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and adopt **ORD. 2025-29**, amending Sections 21-200, 21-400 and 21-900 within the Peoria City Code (Zoning Ordinance).

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None.

Motion carried 7-0.

Reports from City Manager: None.

Reports from Council Youth Liaisons:

Council Youth Liaison, Felicia Holly, spoke on the Youth Advisory Board's effort to increase engagement by merging their Community Service and Outreach committees, and announced upcoming community service events in December.

Council Youth Liaison, Anika Navghare, spoke on the National League of Cities Conference and Youth Government Day presentations to Peoria Unified School District schools.

Reports from the Mayor:

- Peoria's Veterans Day Celebration Event
- Peoria's Holiday Season and Events
- Thanksgiving and Community Outreach Efforts

Call To The Public (Non-Agenda Items)

- Theresa Christensen, Peoria Citizen, spoke regarding early childhood development and Bright Beginnings Preschool and Childcare.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:28 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 18th day of November, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2025.

Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk

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