



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

January 13, 2026

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 4:12 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck, Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford (telephonically), 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; 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) Authorize the holding of an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(2) for the purpose to interview candidates for the position of City Manager and discussion or consideration of the employment related employment agreement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock seconded by Councilmember Edwards 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 4:13 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 5:58 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck, Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford (telephonically), 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.

Invocation by Reverend Dr. Powell II from First Presbyterian Church of Peoria.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Beck.

3. **2026 Legislative Agenda**

City Manager Henry Darwin introduced Austin Roe, Mayor's Chief of Staff, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2026 Legislative Agenda Overview.

Information included:

- Intergovernmental Affairs Background
- Legislative Agenda Purpose and Goal
 - Support Local Revenue and Existing Funding
 - Local Decision Making
 - Long-Term Economic Development
 - Investments in Public Safety
 - Responsible Water Security
 - Future Transportation Planning
- General Expectation for the Session

Mayor Beck thanked staff for the presentation.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Study Session was duly adjourned at 6:16 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 6:17 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck, Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford (telephonically), 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; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

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PRESENTATION

5. **Water Conservation Program – Neighborhood Parks Landscape Enhancement and Sustainability Project**

Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager, Chris Calcaterra, Parks and Community Facilities Director, and Dan Bachman, Parks and Community Facilities Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an update on the Water Conservation Program.

Information included:

- Water Conservation Efforts Timeline
- Grant Committee Team Members
- Water Conservation Grant Fund
- Key Grant Benefits
- Targeting Non-Programable Turf
- Park Improvements and Landscape Additions
- Approved Park Sites
- Roundtree Ranch Park
 - Aqua Engineering Study and Recommendations
 - Irrigation Mapping
 - Final Design
- Communication Efforts
- Resident Feedback
- Construction Timeline
- Project Irrigation Impact
- Additional Water Conservation Efforts
- Grant Water Consumption Metrics
- Water Metric Efficiencies
- Next Steps

Mayor Beck thanked staff for the presentation.

6. **Presentation of Business Facilities 2025 Deal of the Year Award — GOLD, for the Amkor Technology Project**

Maria Laughner, Economic Development Director, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Business Facilities Magazine 2025 Deal of the Year Award. Ms. Laughner announced that the city was awarded the 2025 *Business Facilities Deal of the Year Award* by the Business Facilities Magazine for the Amkor Technology Peoria Innovation Core Project.

Information included:

- Economic Development Strategic Overview and Focus
- Overview of the Business Facilities Award Criteria
- Project will be featured in the January/February issue of the publication.
- Represents Peoria's first national recognition in economic development.

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.

6 C. **Minutes**

Approved the December 16, 2025 Council meeting minutes.

7 C. **Code Amendment, Chapters 2, 7, 9, 13, 14, 18, 24, and 25, Water Services**

Adopted **ORD. 2026-01** amending Chapters 2, 7, 9, 13, 14, 18, 24, 25 of the Peoria City Code pertaining to the Water Services Department.

8 C. **Maintenance Improvement District No. 1286, Campanos Estates, 77th Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road**

Approved the Petition for Formation, adopt **RES. 2026-01** Intention and ordering the formation of proposed Maintenance Improvement District No. 1286, Campanos Estates, located at 77th Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road; and adopt **RES. 2026-02** ordering the improvements within the proposed Maintenance Improvement District and declaring an emergency.

9 C. **Power Distribution Easement, Salt River Project, Municipal Operations Center Fleet Shop Replacement**

Adopted **RES. 2026-03** authorizing the City Manager to execute a Power Distribution Easement to Salt River Project for the installation and maintenance of underground utility infrastructure and ancillary uses within a portion of the

City's Municipal Operations Center for the Fleet Shop Replacement.

10 C. **Irrigation Easement, Salt River Project, Northwest Corner of 99th Avenue and Northern Avenue**

Adopted **RES. 2026-04** authorizing the City Manager to execute an Irrigation Easement to Salt River Project for the relocation and maintenance of irrigation facilities within the north half of Northern Avenue west of 99th Avenue.

11 C. **Liquor License Application, Caldwell County BBQ, 8315 W. Washington Street**

Recommended approval to the State Liquor Board for: a New Restaurant (Series 12) Liquor License for Caldwell County BBQ, located at 8315 W. Washington Street, Travis C. Taylor, Applicant, LL#25-010930.

Having no requests from Council to remove items from the Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Finn and seconded by Councilmember Stokes, 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 unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business:

12 R. **Election of Vice Mayor**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Crawford, and seconded by Councilmember Stokes, to elect Mayor Pro Tem Finn as Vice Mayor to serve during the absence of the Mayor for a one-year term. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried 7-0.

13 R. **Election of Mayor Pro Tem**

A motion was made by Councilmember Stokes, and seconded by Vice Mayor Finn, to elect Councilmember Bullock as Mayor Pro Tem to serve during the absence of the Mayor Pro Tem Mayor for a one-year term. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Motion carried 7-0.

14 R. **Neighborhood Park Naming- Lake Pleasant Heights/Mystic**

Chris Calcaterra, Parks and Community Facilities Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the naming of park, recreational facilities, and special areas in Lake Pleasant Heights.

Information included:

- City Council Policy 3-4
 - Criteria and Approval Process
- Lake Pleasant Heights Development Park Site
- Park Plans
- Park Naming Process
- Staff Recommendations

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, and seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to adopt the recommended name, Mystic Park, for the neighborhood park at Lake Pleasant Heights, located at El Mirage and Westland Road.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None.

Motion carried 7-0.

15 R. **Special Use Park Naming - Vistancia Commerical Core**

Chris Calcaterra, Parks and Community Facilities Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the naming of a special Use Park in Vistancia.

Information included:

- City Council Policy 3-4
 - Criteria and Approval Process
- Vistancia Development Park Site
- City Park at Vistancia Plan
- Park Naming Process
- Staff Recommendation

A motion was made by Councilmember Stokes, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, to adopt the recommended name, Discovery Park, for the Special Use Park, located at El Mirage Road and Westward Skies.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None.

Motion carried 7-0.

At 7:00p.m., Councilmember Dunn left the meeting.

Reports from City Manager: None.

Reports from Council Youth Liaisons:

Council Youth Liaison, Anika Navghare, reported on an upcoming volunteer partnership with Habitat for Humanity to construct houses in Peoria.

Council Youth Liaison, Felicia Holly, reported on Teen Debate Night scheduled in February.

Reports from the Mayor:

Mayor Beck recognized the loss of former Arizona Attorney General, Mark Brnovich.

Mayor Pro Tem Bullock recognized his and Councilmember Stokes first year as Councilmembers.

Call To The Public (Non-Agenda Items)

- Shannon Ceimo, Peoria Citizen, spoke on statements made at the prior meeting and expressed concerns that speakers may not feel comfortable being honest due to fear of retaliation. She commented on Parks and Recreation improvements, and said that placement of gravel does not provide seating options during hot weather. She questioned how the Real Time Crime Center and helicopter operations will be funded once grant funding expires. Additionally, she voiced concerns about Arizona turning into California, and expressed to meet with Mayor Beck.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:07 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 13th day of January, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2026.

Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk

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