

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
March 2, 2021

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 4:31 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Jeff Tyne, City Manager; Andy Granger, Deputy City Manager; Erik Strunk, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk; Sonia Andrews, Finance and Budget Director; Kevin Burke, Public Works Director; Art Miller, Police Chief; Christine Nickel, Human Resources Director and John Sefton, Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Director.

**Audience:** Approximately 2 members of the public were present.

## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

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

1. Joint Presentations Regarding the Interests of the Peoria Police Officers Association, City of Peoria Police Supervisors Association and the City Council.

Christine Nickel, Human Resources Director, presented regarding employee organizations in the City of Peoria and the meet and confer process. Information included:

- Overview of the employee organizations in the City
- Effective dates of each Memorandum of Understanding for the employee organizations
- Actions taken for the 2021 employee organization negotiations
- Interests submitted
- Meet and confer process
- Scope of negotiations permitted by law
- Roles of the public employer
- City Council interests for 2021

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Norm Bacon, Peoria Police Officers Association (PPOA) Union Representative, presented regarding the Memorandum of Understanding proposal for the PPOA, including:

- PPOA Negotiation Team
- Memorandum of Understanding goals and objectives
- Discussion points for negotiations
  - Wages
  - Specialty pay
  - Increase vacation payout
  - 457 contributions
  - Sick Leave accrual
  - Retention pay
  - Holiday Leave Bank
  - Bereavement Leave
  - Leave accruals
  - Increasing union representatives

Discussion ensued regarding the current stages of negotiations.

Sgt. Edward Bakke, Peoria Police Supervisors Association Representative, presented on behalf of the Peoria Police Supervisors Association's interests citing a desire to brainstorm ideas that will be satisfactory to the City and aid in retaining valuable employees. Sgt. Bakke expressed his appreciation for the positive working relationship he has experienced with City staff.

Jeff Tyne, City Manager, acknowledged the negotiators and the positive working atmosphere and reported that Dede Gaetz, Deputy Human Resources Director, has led negotiations in the City of Peoria since 2015 and will be retiring. Mr. Tyne and Mayor Carlat extended their appreciation to Ms. Gaetz.

2. Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department Update

John Sefton, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director, recognized the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities staff and Board Members in attendance and presented information about the department, including:

- Department overview
  - Department Mission
  - Department Vision
- Department structure and budget allocations

Chris Calcaterra, Deputy Parks, Recreations and Community Facilities Director, presented regarding the current trends, conditions and highlights of the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department, including:

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- Programs
- Community Facilities
- Maintenance
- Paloma Community Park opening
- Liberty Park opening
- Country Meadows Park improvements

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Whether “airnasiums” are part of the City’s Shade Master Plan
- What the City is using to replace turf
- Whether grass will be removed from all parks
- Water conservation

Mr. Calcaterra continued regarding:

- Sonoran Mountain Ranch Park improvements
- Alta Vista Park improvements in progress

Discussion ensued regarding the Americans with Disabilities Accessibility to the parks and whether dog parks and upgrades to dog parks are included in the City’s Shade Master Plan.

Mr. Calcaterra continued presenting on forward focusing trends, conditions and highlights of the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department, including:

- Fiscal Year 2022 highlights
- Programs
- Community Facilities
- Maintenance

Discussion ensued regarding:

- What is included in the Northern Area Trails Plan
- Phase 2 of Paloma Park
- Life cycle of a park
- Differences between park refurbishing and park refreshing
- Budget requests to include an accelerated rate of change to the parks
- How the City uses reclaimed water in the parks
- Whether the City uses solar in the parks
- Whether the City has a park map detailing all of the parks and trails in the City

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- Country Meadows Park improvements
- The City's First Class Sustainability Magazine provided to the residents

Mr. Sefton presented regarding:

- Budget planning and management
- Fee and pricing policy for recreation programs
- 2019 program recommendations and 2022 evolution of programs and pricing
- Programs and cost recovery goals

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Community Center services
- Library programs
- Cost recovery goals
- Process for determining cost recovery goals

Mr. Calcaterra presented regarding budget initiatives and next steps.

Mr. Sefton concluded by summarizing the Parks, Recreations and Community Facilities goals to:

- Balance reinvestment with new growth
- Meet Peoria's long-term recreation needs (Master Planning)
- Continue evaluation of pricing and fee model
- Leverage talents of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Board and the Veterans Memorial Board
- Structure the department resources to meet growth needs

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:47 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 6:01 p.m.

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

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

**Council Youth Liaisons:** Saanvi Tiwary (By Telephone) and Dominique Van Winkle.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Jeff Tyne, City Manager; Andy Granger, Deputy City Manager; Erik Strunk, Deputy City Manager; Vanessa Hickman, City Attorney; Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk; Thomas Adkins, Intergovernmental Affairs Director; Sonia Andrews, Finance and Budget Director; Chris Hallett, Neighborhood and Human Services Director; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Adina Lund, Development and Engineering Director; Art Miller, Police Chief; Christine Nickel, Human Resources Director; Cape Powers, Water Services Director; John Sefton, Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Director and Jennifer Stein, Office of Communications Director.

**Audience:** Approximately 2 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.**

**Presentation:**

3. **Certificate of Appointment to Newly Appointed Board and Commission Members**

Councilmember Finn recognized the following newly appointed Board and Commission members as a picture of them holding their Certificate of Appointment was displayed:

- Brad Shafer
- Joysaphine Waitman

**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 Finn, seconded by Councilmember Binsbacher, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

4 C. **Minutes**

Approved the February 16, 2021 City Council meeting minutes.

**5 C. Board and Commission Appointments**

Approved the recommendations from the Council Boards and Commissions Subcommittee and adopted **RES. 2021-10** appointing members to various boards and commissions.

**6 C. Memorandum of Understanding, United States Postal Inspection Service, Phoenix Contraband Interdiction and Investigations Task Force**

- (a) Authorized a Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Postal Inspection Service and the City of Peoria Police Department to assign a police officer to the Phoenix Contraband Interdiction and Investigations Task Force; and
- (b) Approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$18,649 from the Proposed Grants Contingency account to the United States Postal Inspection MOU Fund account to provide expenditure authority for overtime costs.

**7 C. Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funding**

- (a) Accepted additional Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funding in the amount of \$979,134 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- (b) Approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$979,134 from the Proposed Grant Contingency account to various Community Development Block Grant Fund accounts; and
- (c) Adopted **RES. 2021-11** authorizing the distribution of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funding to various agencies and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents, plans and reports to meet program requirements.

**8 C. Budget Adjustment, Software Upgrade**

Authorized a budget adjustment in the amount of \$42,400 to change the use of Fiscal Year 2021 supplemental 1030-03 to upgrade police department software.

**9 C. Final Plat, Camino A Lago South Parcel 3, Deer Valley Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway**

Approved a Final Plat of Camino A Lago South Parcel 3, located on Deer Valley Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway, subject to stipulations.

10 C. **Final Plat, Camino A Lago South Parcel 4, Deer Valley Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway**

Approved a Final Plat of Camino A Lago South Parcel 4, located on Deer Valley Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway, subject to stipulations.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### New Business:

11 R. **Code Amendment, Chapter 21 (Zoning), Recreational Marijuana**

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, presented regarding a Code Amendment to Chapter 21 related to Recreational Marijuana. Information included:

- Background regarding the Smart and Safe Arizona Act (Recreational Marijuana)
- Timeline of events leading up to the proposed code amendment
- Summary of Proposition 207 – Smart and Safe Arizona Act which legalizes the sale and use of recreational marijuana
- Rules and administration regulating recreational marijuana
- Social equity licenses
- Home delivery prohibition in Peoria
- Preservation of local zoning authority
- Existing Peoria Code regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and marijuana cultivation facilities
- City Council Policy direction
- Proposed code changes

Discussion ensued regarding social equity applicants and how the state defines them.

Mr. Jacques continued regarding:

- Land use zoning for marijuana testing and dispensary facilities
- Operation limitations
- Planning and zoning Commission
  - Public Hearing
  - Key findings

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Finn, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and adopt **ORD. 2021-06** amending various sections of Chapter 21 of the Peoria City Code, as it pertains to the passage of Proposition 207 ("Smart and Safe Arizona Act")

and land use regulations for marijuana establishments in the City of Peoria.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

12 R. **Intergovernmental Agreement, State of Arizona, Stadium Trail Phase 1, 83rd Avenue to 73rd Avenue**

Adina Lund, Development and Engineering Director, presented regarding an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Arizona regarding development on the north side of Skunk Creek, between 73<sup>rd</sup> and 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. Information included:

- Project scope
  - Phase 1 and Phase 2
- Existing conditions
- Intergovernmental Agreement terms
- Project schedule
- Staff recommendations

Discussion ensued regarding funding for the project.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Edwards, seconded by Councilmember Hunt, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona for the local cost share, design, rights-of-way acquisition, construction, and construction management for a new multi-use trail called Stadium Trail Phase 1 along the north side of Skunk Creek from 83rd Avenue to 73rd Avenue.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

13 R. **Contract Amendment, GHD, Inc., Reclaimed Water Master Plan Implementation Project 1**

Adina Lund, Development and Engineering Director, presented regarding the Reclaimed Water Master Plan Implementation Project 1. Information included:

- Project overview
- Potential reclaimed water customers
- Current contract
- Proposed contract amendment
- Planned and ongoing coordination efforts with stakeholders
- Project schedule
- Staff recommendations

Motion was made by Councilmember Binsbacher, seconded by Councilmember Finn, to approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$1,129,532 with GHD,

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Inc. to provide engineering design and construction administration services for Project 1 of the Reclaimed Water Master Plan Implementation.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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

None.

**Reports from City Manager:**

**14. Reports**

**A. AZCARES Fund Update**

Jeff Tyne, City Manager, reported on how AZCARES funding provided to the City was used and explained how residents may be able to qualify for funding.

**Reports from City Council:**

Council Youth Liaison Van Winkle reported on the Youth Advisory Board project to film a promotional video to solicit applicants for the Board.

Council Youth Liaison Tiwary reported on the Youth Advisory Board's partnership with Bloom 365 to sponsor a week-long exhibit honoring teens who lost their lives to dating violence.

**Reports from the Mayor:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Cathy Carlat, Mayor

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk