

**City of Phoenix  
City Council Study Session  
Public Works Office  
1000 S. "B" Street  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Bellah called the study session of the City Council to order on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Office.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Stan Bartell, Bruce Sophie, Karen Jones, Carolyn Bartell, Terry Helfrich, Chris Luz, Jeff Bellah

**Staff Present:** Eli Naffah, City Manager/Recorder  
Steve Weber, Finance Director  
Jeff Ballard, RH2  
Joe Strahl, RH2

**STUDY SESSION: HIGHWAY 99 JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER**

Jeff Ballard and Joe Strahl went over the agreement between the City and ODOT and explained \$400,000 was credited towards the Fern Valley Interchange on the City's behalf provided the City takes jurisdiction of Highway 99. Additionally, \$268,000 would be paid by ODOT for the overlay of the south side of the couplet. Mr. Weber expressed \$170,000 has been collected towards the project, adding \$25,000 has been collected annually towards the couplet from the street user fees collected on the water bills.

As discussion progressed, it was explained that ownership and liability would be given up by ODOT in the agreement. Further discussion followed, as Mr. Ballard and Mr. Strahl indicated that currently there is more autonomy from ODOT that is given to the cities than in the past, whether the City takes jurisdiction or not. Additionally, the possible issues with another amendment to the jurisdictional agreement were discussed. Further discussion revealed the City is very limited with improvements regarding the agreement with ODOT. Council reached a consensus to request a meeting with Art Anderson of ODOT to discuss the transfer and possible supplemental agreement. Council directed RH2 to draft a letter to Art Anderson on behalf of the City to schedule this meeting.

**STUDY SESSION: MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Council discussed three options as follows: Working Superintendent, with RH2 overseeing; cooperation agreement with Talent; and hire a fulltime Public Works Director/possible superintendent.

It is anticipated that a supervisor/superintendent would work 10-12 hours in the supervisory role and 28-30 hours in the field. Council suggested the pay rate begin at \$60,000/year, plus benefits. Additionally, council directed staff to provide a copy of the job description being discussed along with the pay scale to the council and budget committee, as the position will be addressed in the budget discussion for fiscal year 2013/14. In addition, the supervisor position that was debated is to be separate from the union.

Council determined the public works supervisor position is a short-term solution and council will consider a joint agreement with Talent or some other long-term solution in the future.

The study session adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Janette Boothe  
Deputy City Recorder

Eli Naffah  
City Manager/Recorder