

**City of Phoenix  
City Council Workshop  
Public Works Office  
1000 S. "B" Street  
Thursday, September 12, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Bellah called the workshop of the City Council to order on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 6:00 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:** Steve Dahl, City Manager/Recorder

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP: DISCUSSION ON URBAN RENEWAL**

Mayor Bellah led the discussion on Urban Renewal and the role council should play. Mayor Bellah began with comments regarding mostly communication issues that have led up to this point between the Council and Urban Renewal. He offered reasons for the communication problems that exist and distrust that he has observed from both sides. Mayor Bellah presented three different ways to approach Urban Renewal, as follows:

- 1) Keep a separate Urban Renewal Board as is
- 2) Transfer agency powers back to the City Council
- 3) Transfer agency powers to the City with all of the rights listed in option two but still have the ability to utilize public members as equals on the Board

In addition, Mayor Bellah offered pros and cons for each of the options above. Council discussed each of the choices in length. The majority of the Council appeared to prefer option #3; however, no decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Janette Boothe  
Deputy City Recorder

Steve Dahl  
City Manager/Recorder