

**City of Phoenix
City Council Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. "B" Street
Monday, March 17, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Bellah called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on Monday, March 17, 2014 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: Steve Dahl, City Manager/Recorder
Janette Boothe, Deputy City Recorder
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police
Steve Weber, Finance Director
Kevin Caldwell, Public Works Superintendent
Kurt Knudsen, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS:

RVCOG Annual Review, Presented by Mike Cavallaro. Mr. Cavallaro explained his review this year would not be as extensive as in the past. He went on to summarize the annual financial report. Furthermore, he explained the services offered to Senior Citizens have expanded with two new additions, as he detailed all of the resources available through RVCOG.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Mayor Bellah expressed a significant error in judgment for his emotions at the prior special meeting and apologized. He further expressed his joy for being part of the action in the City and requested Council to take more of a lead in discussions.
- 2) He offered more pleasant news, as he explained he is finding new ways to include more Hispanic community involvement.
- 3) He announced the 4th newsletter was distributed in the previous week.
- 4) He expressed the City has located a diverse set of speakers for the educational discussion regarding medical marijuana at the Town Hall meeting scheduled for March 20, 2014.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2014 City Council Meeting. **MOVED BY LUZ, SECONDED BY SOPHIE**, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, Chris Luz, and Helfrich
MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

ORDINANCES:

First Reading on Proposed Ordinance Increasing the Size of the Urban Renewal Board. Rather than completing the first reading of the ordinance, Mayor Bellah reviewed the items discussed at the prior meeting regarding the ideas he proposed and asked Council to take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to come up with a better solution than combining both boards. As discussion progressed, Councilor C. Bartell commented Council's responsibility is to direct any board on how to communicate with Council. She suggested the Council liaisons on the Urban Renewal board communicate the Council's wishes and come back to Council with their response. Further discussion followed, as Mayor Bellah suggested Council consider simply adding an additional member of Council to the Urban Renewal Board, instead of replacing the current Council liaisons as proposed at the prior meeting. Furthermore, Council discussed inviting Marla Cates, the executive director of Urban Renewal, to a City Council meeting monthly to update Council on a more consistent basis.

Council's consensus included keeping the two current Council members on the Urban Renewal Board and adding an additional member of Council to the Board. In addition, Council agreed to have Ms. Cates come to the second Council meeting each month to answer any questions and report on progress. Additionally, Council is requesting the executive director of Urban Renewal invite council to pertinent Urban Renewal executive sessions or establish a process to brief council in executive session after each session involving the purchase of public property or buildings.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Jason Couch, Phoenix, commented he was glad to see the Council able to resolve their differences and reach a compromised agreement. He noted that after tonight's meeting, he will remove the recall sign from his front lawn and expressed his hope that he does not need to display the sign again.
- 2) Mike Stitt, Phoenix, expresses his gratitude for the advanced communication in the meeting's proceedings by Council. Additionally, he suggested hearing from Council their updates toward the beginning of the meeting, rather than having them rush through comments at the end of the meeting.
- 3) Laura Bellah, Phoenix, expressed her appreciation for Urban Renewal and noted she is pleased to hear the improved communication among the Council.

Further discussion followed. **MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ADD A THIRD COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE URBAN RENEWAL BOARD AND REDUCE THE CITIZEN/BUSINESS MEMBERS ON THE URBAN RENEWAL BOARD BY ONE THROUGH ATTRITION WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS.**

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, Chris Luz, and Helfrich
MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Review RFPs Received and Interview Process for Attorney Services. Mayor Bellah expressed Council received the RFPs at the prior meeting for review and inquired of each member their thoughts on the proposals received. Councilor Helfrich noted he would like for the City to hire a local attorney and/or firm, to have easier access. Council additionally favored hiring locally for the same reasons, as well as cost effectiveness. Further discussion followed, as Councilor Jones noted she prepared an itemized list of advantages and disadvantages of hiring each firm and she favored Kirchoff above the others. Councilor C. Bartell inquired whether Councilor Jones could make her list available to Council via email and commended her on her efforts. As discussion followed, Council noted two of the firms local were Hornecker, Cowling, Hassen & Heysell, L.L.P. and James, Holmbeck, Kirchoff LLC. Council's consensus was to interview these firms on April 1 and April 3, 2014.
- 2) Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$15,121 on Vacuum Truck Repairs. Mr. Dahl expressed this item was noted at a previous meeting and explained the immediate need for replacement of the engine and repairs, as he reviewed the staff report prepared by Mr. Caldwell. **MOVED BY JONES, SECONDED BY C. BARTELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 891, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$15,121 FOR A NEW ENGINE AND PARTS TO REPAIR THE VACUUM TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, Chris Luz, and Helfrich
MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

STAFF REPORTS:

- 1) City Attorney's Report:
 - a) Attorney Knudsen reported there was no new information regarding RVS; however, concerning the other law suit, Art Anderson of ODOT has agreed to be a full participant in mediation regarding La-Z-Boy.
- 2) City Manager's Report:
 - a) Mr. Dahl announced a vacancy on the Budget Committee, as Annegret Topel has recently resigned her position.
 - b) He noted he is researching hiring a temporary person to complete the City's new website by uploading necessary information, as staff is not able to finish this project in a timely manner.

c) He expressed he is meeting with ODOT on Friday regarding the couplet.

Mr. Dahl turned the attention toward Mr. Caldwell to give a PW report. Mr. Caldwell gave an update on Blue Heron lighting and the grant application as outlined in the agenda packet as he took questions from Council. Additionally, he submitted an update on Independence Circle street lights inquiry and explained the reasons Pacific Power gave for placing only one light fixture on the street. Further discussion followed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Andrea Adams, Talent, expressed her concerns with the Mayor's newsletter and noted the discrepancies she found. Of major concern to Ms. Adams was the incorrect date for the Town Hall meeting to be held March 20, 2014.

- 2) Steve Schulman, Phoenix, came forward with his phone to show the pictures taken of a safety hazard at Blue Heron Park close to the band shell. The picture displayed was of a open pipe along the ground. Mr. Dahl assured him that the City would be handling this hazard as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Janette Boothe
Deputy City Recorder

Steve Dahl
City Manager/Recorder