

**City of Phoenix
City Council Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. “B” Street
Monday, June 1, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Bellah called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on Monday, June 1, 2015 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
Janette Boothe, City Recorder
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police
Steve Weber, Finance Director
Matt Brinkley, Planning Director
J. Ryan Kirchoff, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UPDATES/REPORTS:

- 1) Urban Renewal – Jim Sharp, Urban Renewal Executive Director, presented an update on the current status of the recent developments at Urban Renewal and highlighted some of the notable areas in the approved budget for 2015/16. During the review, Mr. Dahl commented on the bond issue in PHURA’s budget, as it is budgeted to borrow more money than is necessary, noting the timing is prime for a good rate.

Councilor S. Bartell inquired whether PHURA intends to buy out Dun Rovin’ and other properties, to consolidate and sell them. Mr. Sharp replied that it is the intent.

Councilor Jones commended Mr. Sharp for his efforts in the report, as it is clear and understandable, and well put together. Further discussion followed.

- 2) Parks Commission – Councilor C. Bartell announced the Dogs Days of Summer event will be held July 25, 2015. Additionally, she gave an update on the recent events involving the upcoming Pirate Country Parade

Councilor Helfrich commented on the recent wine festival he attended in Talent, reporting he would like to see an event with such well receptiveness in Phoenix.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recap of Bark for Life event from Kristie Jensen. Ms. Jensen reported this is the second year for this event and it was much more successful than the previous year. She announced there were 15 local participants. She further presented her review of the event and added she is planning to try and partner with more businesses in the community for next year's event.

UPDATES/REPORTS (continued):

3) April 2015 Financial Report – Mr. Weber briefly reviewed the financial report, noting the water fund is the only area of concern, as it is a little behind regarding the expectations of revenue for the year. Further discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

1) Resolution Authorizing Changes to the Adopted 2014/15 Budget, Providing for the Receipt and Expenditure of Unanticipated Funds. Mr. Weber explained the necessity for the resolution, revealing the total savings the City will experience is approximately \$544,000. He further noted that the bond will be paid off five years earlier as well. Continued discussion followed. **MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 923, AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE ADOPTED 2014-15 BUDGET, PROVIDING FOR THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF UNANTICIPATED FUNDS.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of the Minutes of the May 18, 2015 City Council Meeting. **MOVED BY S. BARTELL, SECONDED BY LUZ, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

2) Renewal of Avista Utilities Franchise Agreement. Steve Vincent, Avista Utilities Executive, came forward to address Council and answer any questions. Mr. Dahl expressed the new agreement has been reviewed by Attorney Kirchoff, as there are some areas of added information. He further added the agreement is improved over the previous agreement. **MOVED BY LUZ, SECONDED BY C. BARTELL, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 924, GRANTING AVISTA UTILITIES A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE RIGHT TO USE CITY RIGHT OF WAYS TO SELL GAS IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 3) Renewal of Hunter Communications Franchise Agreement. Mr. Dahl briefly updated Council on the renewal agreement, stating he is comfortable with the new agreement as is. **MOVED BY LUZ, SECONDED BY C. BARTELL, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 925, GRANTING HUNTER COMMUNICATIONS A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE RIGHT TO USE CITY RIGHT OF WAYS TO PROVIDE FIBER-BASED SERVICES IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Appoint City Charter Committee Members. Mayor Bellah reviewed the purpose and expectations for the City Charter Committee. Councilor Sophie requested Attorney Kirchoff review the charter and submit recommendations for revision in electronic form to each of the committee members.

Mayor Bellah announced the he is planning to be on the committee along with the following volunteers: Bruce Sophie, Terry Helfrich, Ike Eisenhower, and Lyla Heigl. The Council unanimously approved all of the constituents for the positions.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- 1) Demolition of Furry House. Mr. Brinkley informed Council the recommendation from the Planning Commission to demolish the structure was approved seven to zero. Additionally he noted that no one spoke against this recommendation at the Planning Commission and one citizen came forward to support their position. He further noted there was an article in the Mail Tribune suggesting the historical structure should be saved; however, Mr. Brinkley noted it is cost prohibitive to rehabilitate.

Councilor Helfrich inquired about the zone the structure is in. Mr. Brinkley replied it is in a high density residential zone. He further inquired about whether plans are in place yet for demolishing the structure. Mr. Brinkley implied that plans are in place, as he explained once the demolition of the structure is approved, they will have 14 days to complete it.

Councilor Sophie recommended a photograph be taken to give to the historical society before the Furry House is demolished.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Paul Kay, Phoenix, offered the possibility of moving the house onto his property for preservation for up to three years before placing it on a permanent property for rehabilitation. He further outlined how involved the movement of the structure would be, noting this move

would give Council the opportunity to provide funds and the space for the structure to be restored.

Councilor C. Bartell inquired about the liability this action would place on the City. Mr. Dahl explained he has researched this avenue and the liability is not very big; however, the City may face the same position in three years.

Councilor S. Bartell commented the preservation and restoration of the Furry House should not be the City's responsibility. Additional discussion followed. **MOVED BY S. BARTELL, SECONDED BY SOPHIE**, TO APPROVE THE FINAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE HISTORIC BUILDING, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "FURRY HOUSE", LOCATED AT 4585 SOUTH PACIFIC HIGHWAY, PURSUANT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL STATED WITHIN THE ORDER. There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, Luz, and Helfrich

MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

- 2) Resolution Amending the Schedule of Fees for Planning and Land Development Permits. Mr. Brinkley explained the fees proposed are formulated to cover staff time and materials, and some of the fees are in need of adjustment. As discussion continued, Mr. Brinkley explained what constituted a conditional use permit. **MOVED BY LUZ, SECONDED BY C. BARTELL**, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 926, AMENDING THE CURRENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES. There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, Luz, and Helfrich

MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

STAFF REPORTS:

1) City Attorney's Report:

- a) Attorney Kirchoff reported the DLCD dismissed the LUBA case from the Greenerly.

2) City Manager's Report:

- a) Mr. Dahl announced he attended the MWC annual report to small cities and water districts. Additionally, he mentioned there will be a workshop held by MWC on July 17, 2015 on discussion of the water rate study.

Councilor C. Bartell requested an update on the City's process to become a Bee City. Mr. Dahl replied the resolution will be signed the following day and a copy will be sent in to the Bee City affiliates.

Mayor Bellah inquired whether the Coral Circle Project is complete. Mr. Dahl responded he was happy to report the street work has been completed. Councilor Helfrich inquired about the effect

on the budget. Mr. Dahl reported the project is on budget and completed two weeks earlier than proposed.

- 3) Discussion on Water Loss. Mayor Bellah presented charts he prepared to reflect the water that was purchased in comparison to the City of Talent. As he reviewed the charts, he noted that with the information gathered, it is difficult to determine Talent's water purchase amounts. As discussion continued, Council addressed the idea that the City may need a water leak detection company to come out.

Further discussion followed, as the consensus was to pursue research into the water meter on Kings Highway, along with hiring an agency to perform water leak detection. Council further decided to hire an agency to perform water leak detection within the City, should Kings Highway demonstrate there are no significant water leaks and the meter is performing correctly. Mr. Dahl expressed staff will contact American Leak Detection and have them perform their services at Kings Highway, along with all the fire hydrants in the City.

Discussion continued, as Councilor Helfrich suggested moving away from the Kings Highway water line to the TAP line for a large portion of the water consumption. Council agreed.

COUNCIL ITEMS, COMMENTS/REPORTS:

- 1) Councilor Jones announced Exclusively Cats closed.
- 2) Councilor Sophie expressed the MPO meeting has been rescheduled for June 4, 2015.
- 3) Councilor Luz announced a Water Commission meeting will be held June 10, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Boothe
City Recorder/Assistant Finance Director