

City of Phoenix
City Council Executive Session/Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. "B" Street
Monday, May 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Bellah called the special meeting of the City Council to order on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. in the Public Works Office.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Steve Dahl, City Manager
Ryan Kirchoff, City Attorney

Mayor Bellah convened into executive session at 5:46 p.m. under ORS 192.660 (2)(i), to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open meeting.

Discussion followed and no decisions were made. Mayor Bellah closed the executive session and convened into regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Bellah called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Office.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Stan Bartell, Bruce Sophie, 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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Bellah noted he will reserve his comments for the end of the meeting, during Council reports.

UPDATES/REPORTS:

- 1) PHURA – Mr. Brinkley came forward to give an update on the borings tests that were performed earlier in the day. Continued discussion followed, as Mr. Brinkley noted the ADA ramp situation has not been addressed as of yet. Additionally, he noted an appraisal is coming in for the Wise property.

Mayor Bellah welcomed Jackson County Commissioner Roberts, as she was present at the meeting.

- 2) Parks and Greenway Commission – Councilor C. Bartell noted University of Oregon is putting together a survey for the parks master plan and she plans to forward the survey to Council.
- 3) City Council Issue Tracking Log – There were no updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Approval of MOU with PHURA: Staff Time. Mayor Bellah requested a review of the language, as he noted this item was brought before Council at the previous meeting. **MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY LUZ, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 959, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHOENIX, OREGON AND THE PHOENIX URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY FOR USE OF CITY OF PHOENIX STAFF TIME.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 2) Approval of 3% Recreational Marijuana Tax on the Ballot. Mayor Bellah noted this is a formality for referral to the November ballot for citizen vote. Councilor Helfrich commented he is not in favor of using the funds for parks. **MOVED BY LUZ, SECONDED BY C. BARTELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 960, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION APPROVING REFERRAL TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX THE QUESTION IMPOSING A 3 PERCENT TAX ON THE SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ITEMS BY A MARIJUANA RETAILER WITHIN THE CITY.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, S. Bartell, and Luz
Nays: Helfrich
MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES TO ONE NAY

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Approve Contract for Church Street Storm Water Project. Mayor Bellah noted this item has been brought before Council and this resolution is to approve the contract for the bid award of \$35,998. **MOVED BY C. BARTELL, SECONDED BY S. BARTELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 961, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE SOUTH CHURCH STREET STORM DRAIN PROJECT.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 2) Review of City Council Applicants. Mayor Bellah noted this item has been tabled for the first meeting in July.
- 3) Rules for Banner Signs. Mr. Dahl explained he would like to establish rules and procedures for banners placed along Main Street. Mayor Bellah mentioned his desire to find ways to be more cost effective, to lower the cost to customers. Mr. Dahl noted the price suggested to charge customers in comparable to Medford and Central Point. Councilor S. Bartell mentioned looking into the cost for a pulley. Council directed staff to research the cost of a cherry picker, that could be used as a resource for more than hanging banners. **MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY HELFRICH, TO APPROVE THE RULES FOR BANNER SIGNS.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

- 4) Housing Needs Assessment. Mr. Brinkley conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the explanation of the Housing Needs Assessment and the findings. As he described in detail the Housing Needs Assessment, he noted the key findings were as follows:
 - Affordable housing will be a significant challenge
 - Phoenix will need to accommodate an additional 900 households by 2036
 - There are only 52 acres of buildable residential land left
 - Current housing stock is heavily weighted towards single, detached dwellings
 - Vacancy rates are extremely low
 - Phoenix will need to expand its Urban Growth Boundary

Continued discussion followed, as Mr. Brinkley summarized the results of the assessment.

STAFF REPORTS:

- 1) City Attorney's Report:
 - a) Attorney Kirchoff had nothing to report.

2) City Manager's Report:

- a) Mr. Dahl requested Mr. Weber share his news. Mr. Weber announced he has been offered the position of Finance Director in Central Point and he starts May 31, 2016.

COUNCIL ITEMS, COMMENTS/REPORTS:

- 1) Mayor Bellah noted the Executive Session held prior to the City Council meeting was regarding the City Manager's performance. He further noted the discussion was primarily focused on what type of qualities they are looking for in a City Manager. Continued discussion followed, as Council made a motion. **MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY S. BARTELL, TO CANCEL EMPLOYMENT WITH STEVE DAHL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT CAUSE FOR CONVENIENCE.** Councilor Luz commented this was a difficult decision, as Mr. Dahl is a likable guy. Councilor C. Bartell said she wishes him the best. Councilor Helfrich noted the timing isn't good and he is opposed to this decision. He noted the City is losing the Finance Director, and recently lost the Public Works supervisor and the Urban Renewal Executive Director. Mayor Bellah called for the vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: Helfrich

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES TO ONE NAY

Mayor Bellah commented he supported Council's decision. He noted Mr. Dahl has been a value to the City; however, Council has discussed looking towards long term. Additionally, he thanked Mr. Dahl for his service to the City.

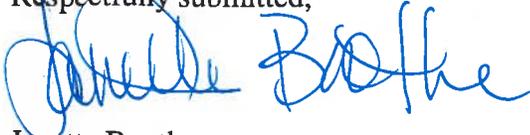
Mayor Bellah noted with Council's consensus, he would like to schedule an individual meeting with each staff member in a lead position to sit down with him and Councilor Sophie to discuss how to move forward for the time being.

Mayor Bellah asked Mr. Weber to act as City Manager for the remainder of the week. Mr. Weber responded he would like some time to think about it and answer tomorrow.

- 2) Councilor Sophie commented on both the MPO and RVCOC supporting the RVTD levy on the upcoming ballot.
- 3) Councilor Luz commented on looking into grant application through RVCOC for Urban Renewal.
- 4) Councilor Helfrich noted the City needs to have a committee focused on developing a marketing strategy for Phoenix.
- 5) Mayor Bellah commented on how important it is to find ways to receive input from members in the Community.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janette Boothe

Assistant Finance Director/City Recorder