

# **City Council Meeting Hybrid Meeting in Person and Via Zoom Monday, August 07, 2023**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, August 07, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Terry Baker, Karen Shrader, Angie Vermillion, Scott Clauson, Krista Peterson, and Jim Snyder (left at 7:36 p.m., excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Swanson, City Manager  
Bonnie Pickett, City Recorder  
Joe Slaughter, CEDEV Director  
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police  
Matias Mendez, PW Superintendent  
Doug McGeary, City Attorney

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

## **3. PRESENTATION:**

a. John Vial, Medford Public Works Director – Regional Water Reclamation.

Eric Swanson introduced John Vial, Public Works Director, and Ryan Martin, Medford Finance Director.

John Vial presented to the Council the history of the sewer treatment plant in White City. He explained to the Council the needed improvements to the sewer treatment plant by 2030. Mr. Vial presented the options for improvement they had to choose from. He advised which option was chosen and explained the timeline for the improvements.

Ryan Martin spoke to the Council about the financial impacts of the required improvements to the sewer treatment plan. He explained the financing options available for the project to Medford. Mr. Martin answered questions from the Council.

Mr. Vial answered questions from the Council regarding funding for the project and aspects of the project requirements.

b. John Vial, Medford Public Works Director – South Stage Overcrossing/Interchange.

Mr. Swanson noted that Mr. Vail would give a brief update on this project and explained the City's interest in the interchange.

Mr. Vial noted this project has been in the works for some time. He advised the goal is to offer relief to the South Medford Interchange and, in the future, the Phoenix Interchange. Mr. Vial spoke about the study that will be completed for the overcrossing/interchange at the South Stage location to determine which option would be best for the project. He gave a timeline for when the analysis/study will be completed.

The Council thanked Mr. Vial for his time and dedication.

***Mayor Baker moved items 8a and 8b up on the agenda, allowing all of the Council to participate in the discussion.***

**ORDINANCE: READING / ADOPTION**

- a. Ordinance No. 1032- An Ordinance Annexing 0.39 Acres, Including the Adjacent Right-of-Way Within the City's Urban Growth Boundary Pursuant to ORS 222.170, Removing the Area from Jackson County Fire District No. 2 Pursuant to ORS 222.524 and Annexing the Area to Jackson County Fire District No. 5 Pursuant to ORS 198.867(3).

Joe Slaughter presented Ordinance 1032 to the Council to annex a piece of property into the City of Phoenix.

Open Public Hearing: 7:17 p.m.

Public Comment: No comment

Close Public Hearing: 7:18 p.m.

Motion: I Move to Approve, on Reading by Title Only, Ordinance 1032 Annexing Property Identified as Tax Lots 400 & 401 on Assessor Map 38-1W-09A, Located at 157 N. Phoenix Rd. and to Rezone the Property from Jackson County Urban Residential (UR) to Commercial Highway (C-H), Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning on Abutting Properties. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY VERMILLION.** No further discussion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ayes: Peterson, Vermillion, Shrader, Snyder, Clauson**

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

- b. Ordinance No. 1033 – An Ordinance Annexing 345 Acres Within the City's Urban Growth Boundary Pursuant to ORS 222.170, Removing the Area from Jackson County Fire District No. 2 Pursuant to ORS 222.524 and Annexing the Area to Jackson County Fire District No. 5 Pursuant to ORS 198.867(3).

Mr. Slaughter presented maps to the Council to give more detail for the city-imitated annexation of the PH3 area into the City of Phoenix. He spoke about the City working to resolve the Charlotte Ann Water District issues by taking the water district into the City of Phoenix. Mr. Slaughter advised that the City sent letters to residents in the PH3 area asking if they would like to annex into the City of Phoenix with an amazing response of

property owners wanting to annex. He noted that we will annex the rights-of-way and the owner's properties. Mr. Slaughter spoke about the properties in the PH5 area, requesting to be annexed into the City of Phoenix. He noted the timeline for the properties to be annexed into the City of Phoenix.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Slaughter for his outstanding presentation.

Mr. Slaughter answered questions from the Council regarding the annexation.

Open Public Hearing: 7:33 p.m.

Public Comment: No comment

Close Public Hearing: 7:34 p.m.

Motion: I Move to Approve, on reading by Title Only, Ordinance 1033, An Ordinance Annexing 353 Acres Within the City's Urban Growth Boundary Pursuant to ORS 222.170, Removing the Area from Jackson County Fire District No. 2 Pursuant to ORS 222.524 and Annexing the Area to Jackson County Fire District No. 5 Pursuant to ORS 198.867(3).  
**MOVED BY VERMILLION, SECONDED BY CLAUSON.** No further discussion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ayes: Vermillion, Clauson, Shrader, Snyder, Peterson**

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:**

1. Phoenix Police Department Surplus Vehicles
2. Resolution No. 1113 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Apply for a Transportation Growth Management Grant Offered by ODOT and DLCD's TGM Grant Program for the Purpose of Updating the 2019 Transportation Plan and Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Sign the Application
3. Approval of Application for Mass Timber Code-Up Phase II

**b. Minutes to Approve and File:**

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting July 17, 2023

Motion: I Move to Approve the Consent Agenda. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHRADER.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ayes: Peterson, Shrader, Vermillion, Clauson**

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Phoenix Government and Public Safety Center (PGAPSC) Lease Agreement.

Mr. Swanson spoke about the lease agreement details between Fire District No. 5 and the City of Phoenix.

Mayor Baker noted that Mr. Swanson has been excellent in keeping the Council informed on the project every step of the way.

Motion: I Move to Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate a Lease Agreement with Jackson County Fire District No. 5 for the Use of the Fire Station Portion of the Phoenix Government and Public Safety Center. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY VERMILLION.** No further discussion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ayes: Peterson, Vermillion, Clauson, Shrader**

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES**

b. Selection of a Council Representative to serve on the South Stage Project Advisory Committee (PAC).

Mr. Swanson noted that Mr. Vial explained the commitment to being on the PAC.

Motion: I Nominate Terry Baker to Serve on the PAC. **MOVED BY VERMILLION, SECONDED BY SHRADER.** No further discussion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ayes: Vermillion, Shrader, Clauson, Peterson**

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES**

**8. ORDINANCE: READING / ADOPTION:**

a. Ordinance No. 1034 – An Ordinance Accepting Dedication of Right-of-Way and a Public Utility Easement in the City of Phoenix.

Mr. Slaughter presented Ordinance 1034 to the Council about the upcoming Golf Garage in Phoenix. He answered questions from the Council.

Open Public Hearing: 7:48 p.m.

Public Comment: No comment

Close Public Hearing: 7:48 p.m.

Motion: I Move Approval for First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance 1034, An Ordinance of the City of Phoenix Accepting the Right-of-Way Dedication Shown on Exhibit A of the Ordinance. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHRADER.** No further discussion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ayes: Peterson, Shrader, Vermillion, Clauson**  
**MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES**

**9. STAFF REPORT:**

- a. City Attorney Doug McGeary, no comments.
- b. CEDEV Director Joe Slaughter, no comments.
- c. City Manager Eric Swanson discussed a meeting with Medford Water tomorrow regarding integrating the Charlotte Ann Water District into our system. He spoke about Mr. Jones attending the meeting and his tremendous support of Phoenix.

**10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT / REPORTS:**

Councilor Shrader spoke about the size of the new Government and Public Safety Center and how amazing the addition it will be for Phoenix.

Mr. Swanson noted that the Police would finally have a facility that would work well for them and the EOC, allowing staff training in Phoenix.

Councilor Vermillion noted that there did not seem to be enough room where the old City Hall was to build such a big building. She spoke about the blessing of PH3 and PH5 for the City of Phoenix.

Councilor Peterson spoke about everything that has happened since she was elected to the Council. She noted the addition of PH3 and PH5 is huge for Phoenix. Councilor Peterson thanked the Council and staff for all they do for the City.

Councilor Clauson noted tonight was a good night of governance. He noted that he is busy like everyone is, but this is never a waste of time.

Mayor Baker noted that we are experiencing many "once in a lifetime" scenarios since the tragedy of the Alameda Fire. He spoke about the fellowship of suffering and how the fire has brought the Council, staff, and the community closer. Mayor Baker stated that things are going so well because we are all dedicated to doing the right thing for the right reason. He spoke about Mr. Swanson's great leadership for staff through the difficult times since the fire. Mayor Baker noted that he is blessed and privileged to work with such a great group of people.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett  
City Recorder