

City Council Meeting

Hybrid Meeting in Person and Via Zoom

Monday, October 02, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, October 02, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Terry Baker, Karen Shrader, Angie Vermillion, Scott Clauson, Krista Peterson

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Swanson, City Manager
Jeff Wilcox, Associate Planner
Joe Slaughter, CEDEV Director
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police
Matias Mendez, PW Superintendent
Doug McGeary, City Attorney

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

3. PRESENTATION:

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Chavez, Phoenix, spoke about how concerning it was that the Talent Historical Society was not included in the Phoenix Rising event. An event that commemorates a fire that not only affected Phoenix but Talent as well.

Carolyna Marshall, Phoenix, spoke about her bus tour with the Zone Captains to see the burn scar area. She spoke about how Mr. Moody explained annexation to citizens at the Phoenix Rising Event. Ms. Marshall noted that the Community Dinner will be on October 12, provided by Iron Skillet. She noted the Council has some great choices for the open seats.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:

1. Resolution No. 1115 – A Resolution Establishing City Officials for the Purpose of Signing on Behalf of the City of Phoenix for City Funds.

b. Minutes to Approve and File:

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting September 18, 2023.

Tony Chavez spoke about the minutes not accurately reflecting his statements at the previous City Council meeting. He stated that the minutes are an oversimplification of the facts.

Doug McGeary stated that the minutes summarize what occurred, not verbatim.

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

Mayor Baker noted that when the project began, they were expecting slight overage for the new building project, overcoming many overages with grants from the legislature.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Peterson, Vermillion, Clauson, Shrader

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

Motion: I Move to Approve the Minutes with Amendments to Include that the project would not go over to be added to Tony Chavez's Comments. MOVED BY VERMILLION, SECONDED None.

MOTION DIES DUE TO NO SECOND.

6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Interviews of Candidates for the Open City Councilor Seats

The Mayor and City Attorney discussed the options for selecting the person(s) to fill the two open seats.

Mayor Baker asked the first candidate to give a brief background.

Jillian Shainholtz briefly explained her reason for being a part of the community. She said her age will give a different perspective on topics before the Council. Ms. Shainholtz answered questions from the Council. She noted the best thing about Phoenix is the community feel. Ms. Shainholtz explained the aspects of her profession.

Larry Dickson spoke about his history on the Planning Commission and the Budget Committee since 2014. He answered questions from the Council. Mr. Dickson spoke about the importance of guidance in the growth of the City of Phoenix.

Bonnie Roberts spoke about her family and her connection to the community. She answered questions from the Council. Ms. Roberts spoke about her eagerness to be more involved in the community.

Al Muelhoefer briefly explained his involvement in the City of Phoenix. He stated his heart is with the community and always will be. Mr. Muelhoefer spoke about his interest in continued development in the downtown area of Phoenix. He answered questions from the Council.

Mr. McGeary explained the process for ranking the candidates for the open City Councilor seats. The process was completed twice due to a misunderstanding of how to rank the candidates. Mr. McGeary tallied the vote from the Council and announced that Jillian and Larry were the candidates with the most points.

Motion: I Move to Approve/Add Larry Dickson to the City Councilor. **MOVED BY VERMILLION, SECONDED BY SHRADER.**

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Vermillion, Shrader, Clauson, Peterson

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

Motion: I Move to Approve/Add Jillian Shainholtz on the City Councilor. **MOVED BY VERMILLION, SECONDED BY CLAUSON.**

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Vermillion, Clauson, Shrader, Peterson

MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES

8. ORDINANCE: READING / ADOPTION:

9. STAFF REPORT:

a. City Manager Eric Swanson presented the new organizational chart to the City Council. He pointed out the changes that were made to accommodate the community's future needs. He spoke about all the changes in Phoenix since the Almeda fire and the exciting new projects and grant funding. He answered questions from the City Council regarding the organizational chart.

The City Council spoke in support of the changes to the presented organizational chart.

b. City Attorney Doug McGeary noted that he is working on a few items with the management staff.

c. CEDEV Director Joe Slaughter responded to comments about the Phoenix Rising Event. He noted the event had been meant to shed awareness on emergency preparedness and to assist residents to get signed up with Everbridge. Mr. Slaughter noted the event is not intended to be a commercial event. He noted the event was to thank the community for what they have done over the last three years. Mr. Slaughter noted that the city has been discussing a possible street fair in the spring that would include businesses.

Mr. Swanson stated that he would have HMK explain how we have reached the guaranteed maximum price for the new building. He noted that the audio is more detailed, and the minutes summarize what occurred.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT / REPORTS:

Councilor Shrader welcomed Jillian and Larry to the City Council. She spoke about a meeting with the Jackson County Commissioners on September 18, 2023, regarding the SB80 Wildfire Hazard Map. Councilor Shrader briefly stated how the meeting went on September 18.

Councilor Vermillion noted that she likes the changes to the organizational chart. She spoke about the Council pondering how to get the Police out of the double-wide trailer for an estimated \$10,000,000 five years ago. Councilor Vermillion stated that the \$1,500,000 for a new building is a small price.

Councilor Peterson thanked Mr. Swanson and Mr. Slaughter for their reasoning, being how the Phoenix Rising Event was set up. She stated that the citizens who oppose the Government and Public Safety Center opened their eyes and realized that the city needed a new facility. Councilor Peterson welcomed Jillian and Larry to the Council, noting they will strengthen the Council.

Councilor Clauson reminded the Council that public comment is just that, public comment. Noting we take into consideration what is being said and if we need to bring the topic back at a later date. Councilor Clauson stated that we want the community to comment and be involved in their government. He thanked whoever removed the piano from the chamber.

Mayor Baker thanked the new Councilors for volunteering their time. He noted the Phoenix Rising Event was great. Mayor Baker noted that Blackbird may be opening in 6 months, around the same time the Government and Public Safety Center is expected to be completed. He mentioned the upcoming Homecoming parade and to talk to Police Chief Bowker about volunteering to help.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett
City Recorder