

# **City Council Meeting**

## **Hybrid Meeting in Person and Via Zoom**

### **Monday, October 16, 2023**

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

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, October 16, 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  
Bonnie Pickett, City Recorder  
Joe Slaughter, Deputy City Manager  
Jeff Price, Lieutenant  
Matias Mendez, PW Superintendent  
Doug McGeary, City Attorney

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

#### **3. PRESENTATION:**

a. Doug McGeary – Discussion of Appointments to Council Swearing in of New City Councilors

City Attorney Doug McGeary briefly explained the rank selection process for the candidates running for the open City Councilors seats. He advised this information was kept and is a public record. Mr. McGeary noted that a motion was made and, seconded, and voted on, there were no secret ballots for the individuals appointed to the open seats. He stated the vote was considered and deliberate by the Council. Mr. McGeary spoke about the difference between a potential conflict of interest and an actual conflict of interest. He noted that a conflict of interest is a personal issue that the individual should declare.

Councilor Peterson spoke about her tenant–landlord agreement with Jillian Shainholtz and that her decision to vote for her was based on the fact that she felt Ms. Shainholtz would be a good fit for the Council.

Bonnie Pickett, City Recorder, swore Ms. Jillian Shainholtz and Larry Dickson to the City Council of Phoenix.

b. HMK – Government and Public Safety Center and Budget Update

Richard Randleman, HMK, presented the monthly update on the Government and Public Safety Center through September. He spoke about the upcoming water pressure testing of the windows is upcoming.

David McKay, HMK, presented a detailed breakdown of the budget and finances of the Government and Public Safety Center. He spoke about value engineering that has been done to reduce the cost of the building. Mr. McKay spoke about the value of the CM|GC process and the value of the project.

Mr. Swanson spoke about the loan for \$3.5 million with a 50\50 split for repayment through a lease agreement with Fire District No. 5. He noted that our portion of the loan will be paid without decreasing services or increasing taxes or fees on the citizens of Phoenix.

Mayor Baker spoke about how grateful for all the blessings that have occurred to make the new Government Public Safety Center come to fruition. He spoke about all the past attempts to make this project come to life.

c. Barry Long, Caryn Wheeler Clay – Rogue Reimagined Regional Long-Term Recovery Plan

Caryn Wheeler Clay spoke about how excited she is to be here to present the first in the nation multijurisdictional disaster recovery plan to the Council.

Barry Long gave a high-level presentation of the disaster recovery plan to the Council. He noted that the recovery plan is a milestone but is not complete until we have completely recovered.

Ms. Wheeler-Clay spoke about the next steps in the recovery plan and projects. She spoke about the reporting of the recovery projects. She requested the Council approve or accept the long-term recovery plan.

Mr. Swanson spoke about the loss that occurred during the Alameda fire. He spoke about the upcoming Wildfire Summit that he plans to attend at the end of the month.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tony Chaves, Phoenix, clarified that he has never been opposed to the Public Safety Building; he has always been in support of it. His concern is about the impact it is having on him. He noted his eyes are open daily; he has no other choice. Mr. Chavez read an email from Mr. Randleman regarding the color of the building. He questioned why the city would not consider changing the color of the building to have less of an impact on its neighbors.

Chris Luz, Phoenix, states god bless our friends in Israel; things are tough over there. He congratulated the new Councilors, speaking highly of Councilor Dickson and the language Councilor Shainholtz used in her application. Mr. Luz suggested the Council not interact

with the audience when they are making their public comments. He spoke about the last PHURA meeting going off the rails during a presentation. He made suggestions on how the meeting could be run better.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:

1. None

b. Minutes to Approve and File:

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting October 02, 2023.

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

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**Abstain: Shainholtz**

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

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

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Resolution No. 1116 – A Resolution Requesting Surrender by Jackson County to the City of Phoenix All Right, Title, Interest, Jurisdiction, Maintenance, and Control of All Subject Roadway Sections to the City

Mr. Swanson introduced the topic of Resolution No. 1116 to the Council.

Mr. Slaughter summarized the details of the Resolution for the Council.

Motion: I Move to Approve Resolution 1116 Requesting Surrender by Jackson County to the City of Phoenix All Right, Title, Interest, Jurisdiction, Maintenance, and Control of all Subject Roadway Sections to the City. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY VERMILLION.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES**

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

#### **9. STAFF REPORT:**

a. City Manager Eric Swanson noted that we need volunteers for the Phoenix High School Parade on October 25 at 5:00 p.m. He advised the Christmas Tree Lighting this year will be December 02, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Swanson spoke about being invited to be a guest speaker at the League of Oregon Cities Conference to discuss

Phoenix's Urban Growth Boundary Expansion. He spoke about walking the new Councilors through the new Councilor Orientation. Mr. Swanson introduced Mr. Slaughter with his new title of Deputy City Manager.

b. Deputy City Manager Joe Slaughter noted the Planning Commission voted to recommend to Council approval of a development code amendment to add an exclusive agriculture overlay to the development code, which is due in part to the annexation of the PH5 area into Phoenix. He spoke about a new application the Planning Department has received for a Dollar General located at the corner of Rose and Hwy 99.

c. City Attorney Doug McGeary congratulated the new Councilors, advising he is available to answer questions if they have any regarding what they should and shouldn't do.

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

Councilor Dickson stated that it is a privilege to join the Council. He thanked the Council for their support. Councilor Dickson stated that he supports the new Government and Public Safety Center, noting it will be a good thing for the whole population of Phoenix.

Councilor Shrader welcomed the two new Councilors, noting how happy she is that they have a full Council again. She mentioned that last week was fire awareness week and that she attended an annual event at Fire District No. 5.

Councilor Vermillion spoke about feeling blessed in Phoenix and the County. She spoke about looking forward to watching the Parade instead of being in it like she was in the past with former Councilor Jim Snyder.

Councilor Peterson welcomed the two new Councilors to the Council. She noted that she feels supported by the Council and Phoenix staff. Councilor Peterson expressed her excitement about the Public Safety Building, noting that it would be great to have the Fire Department back in town. She stated she likes seeing the city moving forward and would like it to continue into next year.

Councilor Clauson welcomed the new Councilors to the Council. He noted that he is thankful for Eric and the staff being able to put together the new Public Safety building. Councilor Clauson noted that with inflation, the cost of the building could cost a great deal more in the future.

Councilor Shainholtz thanked the Council for welcoming her to the Council. She noted that she is excited to learn about things happening and looks forward to helping her community.

Mayor Baker stated he was excited to have Councilor Dickson on the Council, with all his institutional knowledge. He noted that he was glad to have Councilor Shainholtz on the Council because she works at the school district. Mayor Baker spoke about the diversity of the members of the Council. He spoke about attending the League of Oregon Cities

Conference, where he could speak with other city officials to see how they are dealing with issues in their cities. He spoke about observing Mr. Swanson at the LOC Conference in his element and how well he represented the City of Phoenix.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett  
City Recorder