

# **City Council Meeting**

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

### **Monday, November 06, 2023**

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

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, November 06, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Terry Baker, Karen Shrader, Angie Vermillion, Krista Peterson, Larry Dickson and Jillian Shainholtz

**ABSENT:** Scott Clauson (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Swanson, City Manager  
Bonnie Pickett, City Recorder  
Joe Slaughter, Deputy City Manager  
Denise Woodman, Contracted Finance Director  
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police  
Chris Stephenson, PW Superintendent  
Doug McGeary, City Attorney

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

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

a. Eric Swanson – Employee Recognition.

Eric Swanson recognized Chief of Police Derek Bowker for 15 years as Chief of the City of Phoenix. He gave a brief bio for Chief Bowker and presented him with an award for outstanding service.

Chief Bowker thanked the City for the recognition and noted that he wished the guys were here to see him receive the award because it wouldn't be possible without them.

b. Will Volpert – Chamber of Commerce Update.

Mr. Swanson introduced Will Volpert, noting on his website that he has helped businesses in the Phoenix area, namely PAC Wall, which will be holding a ribbon cutting next Monday at 10:00 a.m. He noted that SOREDI has sponsored the PAC Wall ribbon cutting.

Will Volpert, President of Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, presented an update on the Chamber for the Council. He spoke about membership, press and media outreach, member meetings, visitor guides, and upcoming events.

The Council thanked Mr. Volpert for all the hard work he has put into the Chamber and Travel Phoenix.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tony Chavez, Phoenix, thanked Matias Mendez for his years of service. He spoke about public notifications of meetings. Mr. Chavez requested that the meeting be streamed on Facebook to stop misinformation. He suggested that the reader boards should be used to announce the meetings and to use the sandwich boards for the meetings.

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

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

1. Resolution No. 1117 – A Resolution Adopting the Final October 2023 Reimagined Regional Long-Term Recovery Plan Prepared by the Jackson County Long-Term Recovery Group in Collaboration with Jackson County Residents, Stakeholders, and the Jurisdictions Affected by the 2020 Alameda and Obenchain Fire.
2. Charlotte Ann Water District Hwy 99 Waterline Relocation.

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

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting October 16, 2023.

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

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

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

Councilor Vermillion requested that item 5a1 be pulled from the consent agenda, and Councilor Shrader agreed.

The Council discussed their concerns that some items don't fit with fire recovery or have costs associated with the proposed projects in the Reimagined Regional Long-Term Recovery Plan.

Mr. Swanson answered questions about being obligated to all of the projects in the plan.

Joe Slaughter advised that staff can bring back more information for the plan for the Council to review if they wish. He explained why the abbreviated version of the plan was included in the packet. He explained the plan's purpose for future fire recovery. He answered questions from the Council regarding the effects of the plan.

The Council discussed how not accepting the plan can affect their access to federal funds for recovery after a disaster.

Mr. Slaughter stated that the plan was not meant to be a city plan; it was required to be a regional recovery plan. He noted that the City is not obligated to agree to complete or use the recovery plan.

Motion: I Move to Deny Resolution Adopting the Final October 2023 Rogue Reimagined Regional Long-Term Recovery Plan. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY VERMILLION.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**Nays: Dickson**

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FOUR AYES**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Resolution No. 1118 – A Resolution of the City of Phoenix Authorizing a Loan from the Special Public Works Fund by Entering into a Financing Contract with Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority.

Mr. Swanson presented Resolution No. 1118 to the Council regarding funding for the new building. He answered questions from the Council regarding the lease to cover their half of the funding.

Motion: I Move to Approval of Resolution No. 1118 for the Special Public Works Fund Development Project Financing Contract and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Financing Documents on Behalf of the City of Phoenix. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHRADER.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

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

a. Ordinance No. 1034 – An Ordinance of the City of Phoenix to Amend Chapter 2.11 of and Add Chapter 2.12 to the Land Development Code Regarding the Holding Zone and an Exclusion Agriculture Overlay to Certain Properties to be Annexed to the City Through ORD. 1033.

Mr. Swanson noted the Ordinance creates a holding zone and is being requested to be approved as an emergency.

Mr. Slaughter presented Ordinance No. 1034 to the Council, noting that it allows the property owner to continue using the property as a ranch until they are ready to develop the land. He explained the reasoning for the passing of the Ordinance as an emergency.

Open Public Hearing: 7:41 p.m.

Public Comment: No comment

Close Public Hearing: 7:41 p.m.

Motion: I Move to Approve, on Reading by Title Only, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2.11 of and add Chapter 2.12 to the Land Development Code, and to Apply the Exclusive Agricultural Overlay to Certain Properties to be Annexed Through Ordinance 1033, and Further Move, that an Emergency is Declared to Exist, and this Ordinance, Being Necessary for the Immediate Preservation of the Public Peace, Health, and Safety, Takes Effect on its Passage. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHAINHOLTZ.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

**9. STAFF REPORT:**

a. City Attorney Doug McGeary apologized for being late to the meeting. He noted that he is working on an Ordinance that will be great for the Council.

b. City Manager Eric Swanson updated the Council on the progress of the 2021 Strategic Plan. He personally thanked Commissioner Dave Dotterer for Chairing the PIER meeting where the Committee approved the 3.5 million Infrastructure request for shared parking and wetland work. Mr. Swanson noted that the City has received 30 million in grants for fire recovery over the past three years. He noted the City received \$39,000 to update the Parks Master Plan. Mr. Swanson spoke about attending the Oregon Summit on Wildfire Recovery. He stated that Jim Snyders's celebrations of life were well done.

c. Deputy City Manager Joe Slaughter noted that the PIER did approve the City's infrastructure application at their last meeting. He stated that the City hopes that an application for economic revitalization will be approved to distribute funds to smaller organizations and businesses.

County Commissioner Dave Dotterer spoke about the wonderful infrastructure application the City submitted. Kudos to your team. He noted that he now chairs the PIER Committee and hopes that they can get the money into the hands of organizations that can get the money into the hands of businesses that need smaller grants. Commissioner Dotterer stated that he told Senator Golden that they are in Salem, thinking that all we want from them is more money when we actually want them to tell us how to spend our money. He noted that we spend money trying to respond to the regulations coming down from Salem, which requires more money to meet the demands.

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

Councilor Dickson noted that the Community Dinner will be this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. hope to see you there.

Councilor Shrader stated that everyone who spoke at Jim Snyder's service did a great job. She thanked Will Volpert for his monthly calendar of events and wished the Chamber the best of luck in the upcoming year.

Councilor Vermillion noted that Jim Snyder's service was great. She asked when the Christmas Tree Lighting is going to be held. Councilor Vermillion advised that if Councilors want to judge the trees at the Festival of Trees, they must RSVP soon.

Councilor Peterson noted that she arrived late to Jim Snyder's services but was still able to connect with Pat Snyder. She wished Mrs. Snyder the best. Councilor Peterson noted that on December 09, 2023, Parks and Recreation will hold a Flowers for Phoenix event at Blue Heron Park. They plan to plant around 500 bulbs in the park. She thanked the staff and Council and noted her excitement for the next Strategic Planning Session.

Councilor Shainholtz thanked everyone for their support with her questions this evening. She noted she had a lot of fun at the Pirate Parade and is looking forward to the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Mayor Baker recognized Chief of Police Derek Bowker for his years of service to the City. He recognized Will Volpert and the Chamber helping with Phoenix's reputation. Mayor Baker stated that having fresh faces and opinions on the Council is good. He noted that PAC Wall is a massive addition to Phoenix. Mayor Baker noted that Mr. Swanson being asked to speak on Wildfire Recovery Panels shows that people around the state have taken notice of Phoenix. He noted that working with Jim Snyder on Council was a privilege. Mayor Baker thanked the Council for being able to have a civil conversation even if they don't see eye to eye.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett  
City Recorder