

# **City Council Meeting**

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

### **Tuesday, January 02, 2024**

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

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Tuesday, January 02, 2024, at 6:33 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

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

a. State of the City – Mayor Terry Baker

Eric Swanson introduced Mayor Baker, noting how hard-working and supportive he is.

Mayor Baker stated that 2024 will be a good year for Phoenix. He spoke about the long way Phoenix still needs to go, which will go well due to our amazing Council and staff in Phoenix. Mayor Baker spoke about staff promotions that have occurred over the past year. He noted all of the businesses that have recovered and the residents' recovery rate. Mayor Baker spoke positively about the financials of the City of Phoenix. He spoke about the expansion of Phoenix in the PH3 and PH5 areas and the blessing of helping Charolette Ann Water District. He spoke about having conversations rather than debates about challenging subjects and how this gave the community hope for a brighter future. Mayor Baker noted that he was happy to see a full Council again with a younger perspective and a new person with a rich history of Phoenix.

He spoke about the new businesses that are opening up in Phoenix shortly. He spoke about how the community of Phoenix comes together no matter the weather during the city events. Mayor Baker spoke about how the Council appreciates the staff for their hard work for Phoenix. He spoke about the late Jim Snyder and how he affected him over the years. Mayor Baker stated that he thinks the city's state is amazing and will continue to improve as we go.

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

None

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

a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:

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b. Minutes to Approve and File:

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting December 04, 2023.

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

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES**

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

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

a. Planning Commission Application

Mr. Swanson noted Ms. Schneyder is currently attending the meeting via Zoom. He gave a brief history of her work with the City of Phoenix.

Councilor Peterson spoke positively about Ms. Schneyder.

Ms. Schneyder spoke about her excitement to serve the city in another capacity.

**Motion: I Move to Approve Melissa Schneyder for Planning Commission. MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHRADER.**

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES**

b. Appointment of 2024 Council President

Mayor Baker spoke highly of the Council President and Vice-President being available when he has been otherwise occupied. He asked if Councilor Vermillion would like to continue as Council President.

**Motion: I Move to Nominate Councilor Vermillion as President. MOVED BY CLAUSON, SECONDED BY SHRADER.**

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

**Ayes: Clauson, Shrader, Dickson, Peterson, Shainholtz**  
**Abstain: Vermillion**  
**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

c. Appointment of 2024 Council Vice-President

Mayor Baker stated that Councilor Peterson has done great as Council Vice-President and the PHURA Chair.

Councilor Peterson noted she would be open to filling the position again. However, she is willing to allow someone else to hold the position.

**Motion: I Move that Councilor Clauson be Nominated as Council Vice President. MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHAINHOLTZ.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Ayes: Peterson, Shainholtz, Shrader, Vermillion, Dickson**  
**Abstain: Clauson**  
**MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

d. Discussion – Council Appointments to Community and Regional Board/Committee

Mayor Baker presented the options for liaison positions that Council members can be on as representatives for the city. Mayor Baker noted which Committees he would like to represent the city. He requested the Council send their interest to the City Recorder to be compiled for the next meeting.

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

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

a. City Attorney Doug McGeary noted that in an upcoming meeting, he would like to do a refresher training on public meetings and public records laws and answer questions that the Council may have regarding these topics. He stated that he is excited about the new year.

b. City Manager Eric Swanson discussed scheduling work/study sessions before the Council meeting to receive input on upcoming resolutions. He went over topics to be scheduled for the upcoming meeting. Mr. Swanson requested that the next City Council meeting be moved to Wednesday, January 17. He wished everyone a happy new year and noted he is looking forward to 2024.

c. Deputy City Manager Joe Slaughter noted that as of January 01, 2024, 353 acres of land have been annexed into Phoenix, most of which are in the PH5 area with various rights-of-way and streets up to the urban growth boundary. He advised the Council of the following steps regarding enclave properties in the urban growth boundary that will be annexed into the City of Phoenix.

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

Councilor Dickson noted he is looking forward to the new year. He is excited to address the issues that will come before the Council. Councilor Dickson thanked the Council for the privilege to serve.

Councilor Shrader noted Phoenix is rising from the ashes. She stated that the staff is great throughout the city. Councilor Shrader noted that the Council will make some decisions in 2024 to continue Phoenix's greatness. She wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilor Vermillion spoke about seeing the frame of the new Black Bird building going up. She noted that the City of Phoenix is so blessed for all the beautiful things happening here. Councilor Vermillion thanked Councilor Peterson for her words supporting her work as Council President. She wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilor Peterson noted she missed everyone and was glad they were back together. She spoke about the Bulb Planting Event, where nine volunteers planted 500 bulbs. Councilor Peterson noted that the next event would be the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held at the Phoenix Elementary School. She encourages the other Councilors to pay attention to what is happening in other cities in the valley. She wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilor Clauson noted he is looking forward to 2024 and thanked the mayor for his update on the city. He expressed his appreciation for all the mayor's work behind the scenes. Councilor Clauson noted his appreciation for the informative newsletter and thanked the staff.

Councilor Shainholtz noted she is looking forward to 2024 now that she feels more comfortable at the dais. She expressed her excitement about being on other Committees where she could be helpful. Councilor Shainholtz is looking forward to helping out at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor Baker expressed his gratitude for all the work the Council did in 2023 and what they will do in 2024. He thanked staff, stating that he couldn't sing our praises enough. Mayor Baker noted that when speaking with mayors from neighboring communities, they stated that they have a lot of respect for the city manager and Council.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett  
City Recorder