

City Council Meeting

Hybrid Meeting in Person and Via Zoom

Monday, February 05, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, February 05, 2024, at 6:32 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
Joe Slaughter, Deputy City Manager
Doug McGeary, City Attorney
Bonnie Pickett, City Recorder
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police
Chris Stephenson, PW Superintendent

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

3. PRESENTATION:

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Will Volpert, Phoenix, gave an update on the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. He thanked the City for Financial support through an ad for PHURA.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:

b. Minutes to Approve and File:

1. Minutes from City Council Study/Work Session Meeting January 17, 2024.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 1120 – A Resolution Adopting the City of Phoenix Representation in the Updates to the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Eric Swanson, City Manager, introduced the Resolution to the Council.

Joe Slaughter, Deputy City Manager, briefly explained the plan's details to the Council. He answered questions from the Council regarding the plan. Mr. Slaughter answered questions about hazardous trees and how to mitigate the issue possibly. He spoke about upcoming work this week on the greenway to cut hazardous trees with funding from ODOT and future work to remove hazardous trees in the greenway areas. Mr. Slaughter answered additional questions regarding the mitigation plan and the fire that occurred in September.

Mr. Swanson noted that the Almeda fire was declared a wildfire, which opened up the opportunity for funds to recover.

Mr. Slaughter noted that the mitigation plan is designed to allow for the work needed to prevent future fires in Phoenix. He spoke about match requirements for funding projects noted in the plan; however, at this time, the city doesn't have any projects for which we would be looking for this type of funding.

Motion: I Move to Approve Resolution No. 1120, Adopting the City's Representation in the Updates to the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.
MOVED BY SHAINHOLTZ, SECONDED BY VERMILLION.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

8. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. An Ordinance of the City of Phoenix to annex 253 Acres of Property and Right-of-Way Within the City's Urban Growth Boundary.

Mr. Swanson introduced the Ordinance to the Council and the explained the invitation of Fire Chief Hanley to speak.

Mr. Slaughter gave a brief overview of the letter regarding the annexation and how the city would honor the permits issued in the area being annexed. He spoke about the change made to the Ordinance after the packet was sent to the Council. Mr. Slaughter gave a brief history of the Urban Growth Boundary and the annexation process of the areas of PH3 and PH5. He gave additional details about the Ordinance to annex property into Phoenix. He answered questions from the Council and presented staff recommendations.

Councilor Clauson asked Fire Chief Hanley to chime in on annexing additional land to Phoenix and his take on the response time to this area.

Fire Chief Hanley noted that nationwide, the speed for a response to a fire is 25 miles an hour in a residential area. He noted that Fire District #5 is a smaller fire District but is responsible for a smaller area than other Districts. Chief Hanley noted that they go into the Fire District #2 area daily per their mutual aid agreement, so his team is familiar with it. He stated that Phoenix will soon have a fully staffed fire station to respond to the calls.

Open Public Hearing 7:28 p.m.

Public Comments: Jay Harlan, CJ Planning, representing Summitt Properties, LLC, spoke in favor of the language change in the Ordinance. He spoke about the lengthy process they have had to go through to get to this point in the redevelopment of the property since the Alameda Fire, and having to start the process again would create an undue hardship for them.

Closed Public Hearing 7:30 p.m.

Motion: I Move to Approve, on Reading by Title Only, Ordinance 1036, An Ordinance Annexing 253 Acres Within the City's Urban Growth Boundary Pursuant to ORS 222.750, 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) Ordinance 1036 as Amended. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY VERMILLION.**

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

MOTION APPROVED WITH SIX AYES

9. STAFF REPORT:

a. City Attorney Doug McGeary, no comment.

b. City Manager Eric Swanson noted that the staff will be meeting with the City Attorney in early March to work out the Monument Ordinance. He noted that the city has not received any comments on the Camping Ordinance, which will be brought before the Council on March 4th for consideration. Mr. Swanson noted that he is on a League of Oregon Cities Committee looking into Broadband and Telecommunication Cyber Securities. He noted that he received an email from the Oregon Housing and Community Service outlining PAC Wall as a company that received a \$5,000,000 grant for boosting modular housing. Mr. Swanson advised that the next few council meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. due to study sessions before the meetings.

c. Deputy City Manager Joe Slaughter spoke about the properties on the east side of the Freeway that don't have proper zoning, and the staff is working on creating the zoning that will go to the Planning Commission and Council in the spring. He noted that bringing

the properties into the city before having proper zoning is unusual, but it was done so infrastructure work could start on the property now that it is in the city.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT / REPORTS:

Dave Dotterer, County Commission, noted that the Commissioners signed a letter in favor of a one-time UGB expansion of 75 acres into the city, hoping there will be no stipulations in the bill.

Councilor Dickson thanked Chris Stephenson and his team for the work they did to clear out a storm drain issue and clean up trash on Corey Road. He advised that he has been putting notices on his neighbors' doors to get more involved with the city.

Councilor Shrader noted that she enjoyed the new Government and Public Safety Center tour. She noted that the community characteristics were interesting to read and appreciated that the information was from one location.

Councilor Vermillion noted that she noticed lovely comments about Chris on Facebook for stepping up and helping one of the residents of Phoenix. She noted that the Phoodery received 40 applications for the five spots they will have available. Councilor Vermillion stated that they are still pushing to open in May 2024.

Mr. Slaughter noted that the total seating area for the Phoodery is around 200, with half of the seating on the structure's rooftop. He answered questions about Moxie Brew. Mr. Slaughter spoke about a wine tasting and Starbucks that is upcoming in Phoenix.

Councilor Clauson said he will give a Greenway update at the next meeting.

Councilor Peterson noted that she did the tour of the new building; it is incredible. This is a historic moment for Phoenix. She stated how proud she is to be part of the process.

Councilor Shainholtz noted she plans to attend the following Parks and Recreation Committee and will attend the next LOC meeting. She is excited about the spring and all the fun things planned for the city.

Mayor Baker noted that he will attend the LOC Conference, but he encourages any of the Council to attend. He noted that he attended a meeting with a few State Legislature members a week ago, telling us to keep up the excellent work. Mayor Baker noted that Mr. Swanson and Mr. Slaughter will speak at the LOC Conference. He spoke about a conversation with Pam Marsh at the Grand Opening of PAC Wall and how she was working to help them get the grant funding. He noted that PAC Wall will bring 30 more employees due to the grant funding. Mayor Baker advised that RVCOG is working on a fire camera for Phoenix. He thanked Will Volpert for another unique Travel Phoenix Magazine. Mayor Baker stated when you see a member of the Police Force, thank them for all they do.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett
City Recorder