

City Council Meeting Hybrid Meeting in Person and Via Zoom Monday, February 20, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baker called the City Council's hybrid meeting to order on Monday, February 20, 2024, at 7:06 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
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:

a. Government and Public Safety Center Update

Eric Swanson, City Manager, introduced David McKay, HMK.

David McKay gave the Council a brief update on the Government and Public Safety Center project and the significant progress the project is making. He answered questions from the Council about the project.

Mr. Swanson answered questions regarding the budget for the building project.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Reports for Information & Possible Action:

1. None

b. Minutes to Approve and File:

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting February 05, 2024.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Vermillion, Peterson, Shrader, Shainholtz, Dickson

MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES

6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Ordinance No. 1037 – An Ordinance of the City of Phoenix, Withdrawing Language of PMC 8.08.01 Prohibiting Camping and Replacing Language.

Mr. Swanson introduced Ordinance 1037 to the Council, noting that the city hasn't received any comments or concerns from the public regarding the Ordinance.

Councilor Vermillion presented a general overview of the City of Central Points Camping Ordinance to the Council.

The Council made comparisons between the two Camping Ordinances and discussed specific language.

City Attorney Doug McGeary made clarifications in the Ordinance that was presented. He answered questions from the Council regarding the definitions of the Camping Ordinance.

Police Chief Bowker answered questions regarding the Camping Ordinance. He spoke about how most of the people they come in contact with are voluntarily homeless. Chief Bowker spoke about how his officers seek services for the unhoused individuals they encounter in Phoenix..

Mr. Swanson explained the process for moving the Ordinance forward.

Open Public Hearing 7:34 p.m.

Public Comment - none

Closed Public Hearing 7:35 p.m.

Mr. McGeary answered questions about the Supreme Court case in Grants Pass about the involuntarily homeless.

Motion: I Move to Approve, on Reading by Title Only, Ordinance No. 1037 – An Ordinance of the City of Phoenix, Withdrawing Language of PMC Chapter 8.08.010 and Removing PMC 8.08.020 Through 8.08.030. **MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHRADER.**

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Peterson, Shrader, Vermillion, Shainholtz, Dickson

MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES

8. ORDINANCE: READING / ADOPTION:

a. Ordinance No. 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 1983867 (3).

Mr. Swanson introduced the Ordinance for a second reading.

Motion: I Move to Approve for Second Reading, on Reading by Title Only, Ordinance 1036, An Ordinance Annexing 253 Acres within the City’s Urban Growth Boundary Pursuant to ORS 22.750, 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).
MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY DICKSON.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Peterson, Dickson, Shainholtz, Shrader, Vermillion

MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES

9. STAFF REPORT:

a. Public Works Superintendent Chris Stephenson gave the Council an update on the New Portable Pickleball Court going in at Colver Park. He spoke about two new public works employees starting on Monday.

b. City Manager Eric Swanson noted that we are moving forward on receiving grant funding from the State Legislature for \$1,650,000 for an upcoming project. He spoke about the benefits of staff’s knowledge in obtaining grants from the State Legislature. Mr. Swanson spoke about staff working on updating the Strategic Plan that will be presented to the Council for additional feedback.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT / REPORTS:

Councilor Vermillion spoke about the work being done at Moxie Brew and that they hope to open up in May 2024, the same as the phoodery.

Councilor Shainholtz spoke about her difficulty attending the Friday LOC meeting and wondered if her backup could assist her.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Bonnie Pickett
City Recorder