

**City of Phoenix
City Council Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. "B" Street
Monday, April 20, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Bellah called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Office.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Stan Bartell, Bruce Sophie, Karen Jones, Carolyn Bartell, Chris Luz, Jeff Bellah

ABSENT: Terry Helfrich

Staff Present: Steve Dahl, City Manager
Janette Boothe, City Recorder
Derek Bowker, Chief of Police
Kevin Caldwell, Public Works Superintendent
J. Ryan Kirchoff, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Bellah commented on the success of the Spring Cleanup event held the previous Saturday and asked for a report from Mr. Caldwell and Councilor Jones, as she organized the event. Kevin gave statistics regarding the amount of waste dropped off by citizens. Councilor Jones added the success was in large part due to approximately 20 volunteers who assisted.

Mayor Bellah announced the unveiling of the Little Free Libraries was held over the weekend, noting that there are three in the City, located at Otto Caster Park, City Hall, and 4th Street.

UPDATES/REPORTS:

- 1) Urban Renewal – Jim Sharp, Executive Director, reported on the open house that was held on April 16, 2015 and the tour he gave of the upcoming projects held last Saturday. Continued discussion followed, as Mr. Sharp announced PHURA projects are coming in under budget for fiscal year 2014/15.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Resolution Ratifying the Amendment to the Phoenix Urban Renewal Plan to Purchase Four Properties. Mayor Bellah noted this is the follow-up from the previous resolution to amend the plan to purchase the four properties identified in the resolution. **MOVED BY JONES,**

SECONDED BY C. BARTELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 918, TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENT TO THE PHOENIX URBAN RENEWAL PLAN TO PURCHASE FOUR PROPERTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDEVELOPMENT AS REFERENCED IN EXHIBIT "A-1" – RESOLUTION NO. 15-5 OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY. There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

**Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, and Luz
MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES**

- 2) Parks Commission – Councilor C. Bartell reported the Dog Days of Summer is scheduled for July 25, 2015. She added the volunteer recognition event is scheduled for September 2015. Additionally, she noted the City will not be hosting a summer barbeque and the Parks Commission plans to plant more daffodils this coming winter.

PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) Rogue Disposal & Recycling Update by Garry Penning. Mr. Penning presented his annual update and included two members from his team to provide more detail outlining the financial report for the year and the latest processes involved in disposal and recycling. Mr. Penning additionally noted their website is currently being updated to be more user friendly and have access to vital information for customers. Mr. Penning and his team provided a very informational overview of the current status of Rogue Disposal & Recycling, as they took questions from Council.
- 2) Water Quality by Jenni Morgan, RVS and Lori Tella, Jackson County Water Conservation District. The speakers were joined by Rachel Werling of Oregon State University Extension Service. All three presented the many factors involved with water quality and conservation, with the focus on natural resources for water to be safely transported into the rivers.

Mayor Bellah recessed the meeting for a 10 minute break at 7:38 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- 2) Water Consumption between Talent and Phoenix by Jeff Ballard. Mr. Ballard distributed two handouts graphing the consumption in comparison to Talent. He designed both graphs to display the amount of water sold by both cities along with the amount of water consumed by each city. He highlighted the areas where there is a large discrepancy and noted the records for Talent only go back as far as 2008. As he reviewed the consumption values, he noted that in 2009, Phoenix experienced a large increase in production. As discussion progressed, Council noted the calculations in 2009 have Talent selling over 5.5 million gallons more than they purchased. The overall summarization was there was a definite ongoing problem with water consumption and Council discussed how to resolve the issue of calculating an estimate for the water consumed by Talent that was not being billed correctly for several years.

Additional discussion continued, as Mr. Dahl explained it is too early in the year to have a realistic estimate for the amount of water consumed by Talent that Phoenix purchased. He

further noted he is unaware of whether Talent's Mayor and Council have been kept apprised of the situation. Further discussion followed regarding the process for estimating Phoenix's water loss and when to present the findings to Talent, as Council expressed concern for waiting too long to reach an agreement with Talent as to how to determine the amount of loss for Phoenix.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Roadwork and Chip Sealing Scheduled for Summer 2015. Mr. Caldwell explained he recently discussed the project with a construction expert and discovered the expense of the project is a lot more than anticipated. He added the project is estimated at \$178,000 and there is \$120,000 left in the budget for the current fiscal year. He expressed concern for capitalizing on the contractor that will be in the City in June. He explained he felt crack sealing is required for some streets in Phoenix. He further explained crack sealing is essentially preventative maintenance to avoid chip sealing. Mr. Caldwell inquired of Council the priorities regarding street maintenance, as there are limited funds to complete all projects desired within a timely manner. Additionally, he noted he is going out to bid for this project in Monday's Mail Tribune.

Council inquired about the cost of completing some of the other street projects scheduled in the Capital Improvement Plan, as Mr. Caldwell explained the expense of researching the project cost alone would be significant. He further added Council would need to determine the priority, as researching the overall project cost should not be performed until the City is ready to complete the project. Mr. Dahl explained there is money in the street reserve fund that can be moved around, depending on Council's priorities. Additional discussion followed as Council requested Mr. Dahl research the amount in the street reserve fund and the specific projects that are scheduled over the next three years.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

3) Resolution Authorizing the City to Apply for a Local Government Grant for a Restroom at Otto Caster Park. Mr. Caldwell explained the grant application is for a single stall restroom at Otto Caster Park. **MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY JONES, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 919, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PHOENIX TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADDITION OF A SINGLE STALL RESTROOM AT OTTO CASTER PARK AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE APPLICATION.** Mayor Bellah noted how beneficial a restroom would be for the park, as it is a play area utilized often.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, and Luz

MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES

ORDINANCES:

1) Second Reading and Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code, Adding Language regarding Vehicle and Trailer Parking. Mayor Bellah opened the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT:

No one spoke in favor of the amendment.

THOSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE AMENDMENT:

No one spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Mayor Bellah closed the public hearing at 8:51 p.m.

COUNCIL DELIBERATION:

MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 962, AMENDING SECTION 10.02.030 OF THE PHOENIX MUNICIPAL CODE, BY ADDING SUB-SECTION H; IN ACCORD WITH THE PHOENIX LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.
There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, and Luz

MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the March 31, 2015 City Council Workshop.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting. Councilor C. Bartell noted a correction to the April 6th minutes by stating the date for the upcoming Homecoming Parade is October 7, 2015. **MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY C. BARTELL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS CORRECTED.** There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, and Luz

MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES

STAFF REPORTS:

- 1) City Attorney's Report:
 - a) Attorney Kirchoff had nothing to report; however, he noted there will be an executive session held May 4, 2015. Further discussion followed regarding selling recreational marijuana if an individual has a medical marijuana cardholder.
- 2) City Manager's Report:
 - a) Mr. Dahl announced the first 2015/16 budget meeting will be held on Wednesday and Council's budget binders are at the back of the room to pick up.

Councilor S. Bartell expressed concern regarding Talent being nonresponsive about the money owed to Phoenix due to the dysfunctional meter and open water valve that caused Phoenix to be charged more than it should have been. As discussion continued, Councilor S. Bartell suggested contacting Talent's City Council if we do not receive a response within 60 days.

EXTENSION OF MEETING:

MOVED BY SOPHIE, SECONDED BY JONES, TO EXTEND THE MEETING UNTIL 9:30 P.M. There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Sophie, C. Bartell, Jones, S. Bartell, and Luz
MOTION APPROVED WITH FIVE AYES

COUNCIL ITEMS, COMMENTS/REPORTS:

- 1) Councilor Sophie gave an update on the MPO meeting, noting the main topic of discussion was to reduce the greenhouse gases.
- 2) Councilor Jones commented on the Spring Cleanup held the previous Saturday.
- 3) Councilor C. Bartell noted the Parks Commission is very excited about the upcoming events.
- 4) Councilor S. Bartell commented he is enjoying the excitement of everyone in town regarding everything that is happening with PHURA. Councilor Jones expressed concern for Ray's market closing, further discussion followed.
- 5) Mayor Bellah asked about whether anyone is hearing concerns about the road diet. Councilor Luz noted the people living in the mobile home parks are concerned they will not be able to get out of the driveway due to traffic congestion. Councilor C. Bartell expressed she went to 14 businesses along Main Street and 12 were not in favor of moving the street to one lane. She further explained the concern is that most of the businesses do not rely on citizens of Phoenix, as many are from out of town, and the traffic flow may deter the public from driving down Main Street and the fear is that they will lose a lot of customers and potential customers. Further discussion followed.
- 6) Mayor Bellah inquired about whether reservations for the park use requires a million dollar insurance. Mr. Dahl explained the only reason for requiring insurance is for large events.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janette Boothe

City Recorder/Assistant Finance Director