

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
PINE CONFERENCE ROOM  
April 15, 2011

A **Budget Study Session Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Avenue in open and public session at 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Bob Barrett; Vice Mayor Cathy Carlat; Councilmembers Ron Aames, Joan Evans, Carlo Leone, Dave Pearson, and Tony Rivero.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Brent Mattingly, Finance Director; John Imig, Director of Information Technology; Wynette Reed, Human Resources Director; Jeff Tyne, Interim Community Services Director; Katie Gregory, Interim Management and Budget Director; Scott Whyte, Economic Development Director; Sherine Zaya, Office of Communications; Claudia Luján, City Manager's Office.

**Audience:** Approximately twenty members of the public were present.

After a moment of silent reflection, Councilmember Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Budget Workshop**

**Clerk's Note:** The complete Proposed FY 2012 Budget is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Human Resources – Health Insurance**

Wynette Reed, Human Resources Director, and Bobbie Kimelton, Human Resources Manager, outlined the cost for health insurance for the City's employees. With no plan changes, there will be a fifteen percent increase in health insurance premiums for FY 2012. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of an on-site clinic to help modify behaviors, provide control over disease management, reduce claims, and Point of Service utilization.

**City Clerk**

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk, and Rhonda Geriminsky, Chief Deputy City Clerk, provided the FY 2012 proposed budget for the Clerk's office. Discussion ensued regarding major functions of the Clerk's department, providing transparency in municipal government, cost of service, and performance measures.

**Office of Communications**

Sherine Zaya, Acting Communication's Manager, described the three areas in the Communications Department: public information, web site, and Channel 11. Budget changes, reductions, and opportunities were discussed.

**Economic Development**

Scott Whyte, Economic Development Director, reviewed the Business and Real Estate Development Division, Building Development Division, and Site Development Division.

Discussion ensued regarding the staffing levels within Economic Development and the department's proposed budget for FY 2012.

### **Non-Department Budget**

Jeff Tyne, Interim Community Services Director, outlined the total budget for non-departmental expenses. Discussion ensued regarding recommended changes, legal services for public defendants, copier services, general fund internal investment fees, LEED credentialing services, City Manager performance evaluation, training for Boards and Commissions, membership dues, not-for-profit program, community relations, and Council district funds.

Mayor Barrett called for a recess at 12:14 p.m. Councilmember Rivero left at 12:14 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:51 p.m.

### **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Mr. Whyte and the team of Ed Striffler, Dan Nissan, Peter Christianson, and Kirk Haines reviewed the Economic Development CIP, capital budget follow-up, accomplishments, construction projects, design projects, utility undergrounding and community works update.

Councilmember Rivero returned at 2:19 p.m. Mayor Barrett called for a break at 2:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:31 p.m.

### **Engineering**

Andy Granger, Engineering Director, detailed the Engineering Department's proposed FY 2012 budget. Engineering services, architectural services, traffic engineering, right-of-way inspections, and property acquisition and administration all fall within this Department. Discussion ensued regarding costs and reductions.

### **Intergovernmental Affairs**

John Schell, Intergovernmental Affairs Director, and Tammy Shreeve, Intergovernmental Affairs, stated that the services provided through this office include regional planning activities, governmental relations, policy development, grant administration, Mayor and Council support. Discussion ensued regarding specific line items in this proposed budget and Council assistants.

### **Planning and Community Development**

Chris Jaques, Interim Planning and Community Development Director, reviewed the budget for the Community and Strategic Development, and Neighborhood Revitalization department. Activity that has affected this department include the transfer of housing to the Housing Authority of Maricopa County (HAMC), Federal and State budget implications, and development case trends. Karen Imig, Community Development, described the City's not-for-profit funding for the Boys & Girls Club, Community Legal Services, Central Arizona Shelter Services, and Foundation for Senior Living.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the Budget Study Session of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011.

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Wanda Nelson, City Clerk