

**MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
PINE ROOM, CITY HALL  
March 3, 2009

A **Special Meeting and Study Session** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 4:01 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; John F. Wenderski, Deputy City Manager; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk; Andy Granger, Bill Mattingly, Grady Miller, Steve Prokopek, Larry Ratcliff, Wynette Reed, Thomas Solberg, Sandy Teetsel, Jeff Tyne, Glen Van Nimwegen and Rhonda Simmons.

**Audience:** Approximately 5 members of the public were present.

**Note:** The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the City Council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests; in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business, and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

### **CONSENT – New Business:**

#### **1C Authorization to Hold an Executive Session**

Motion was made by Councilmember Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Leone, to authorize the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of:

- a. Discussion with legal counsel for legal advice on pending litigation in State v. Maricopa County, et al (Maricopa County Superior Court CV2008-019301); and
- b. Discussion with legal counsel for legal advice on pending litigation in the City of Phoenix v. Turken decision-(City North Case) Arizona Court of Appeals decision.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Note: Executive Session was held after the adjournment of the 4:00 p.m. Special City Council Special Meeting and Study Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council on the Consent Agenda, Mayor Barrett adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Mayor Barrett convened the **Study Session Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 4:03 p.m.

## **STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

**Subjects for Discussion Only:**

1. Permit Process Customer Service Improvements

Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Department Director, presented an overview of research conducted to improve customer service that will affect the plan review and permitting processes.

Dan DeMaio, Fire Marshall, reported on a study of the Fire Prevention Division that included the development process area.

Dennis Marks, Building Safety Manager, summarized the challenges of the development process and outlined the qualities sought by developers. Mr. Marks described process enhancements being implemented and noted there will be continual monitoring to further improve the system.

2. Arts and Culture Master Plan

Grady Miller, Communications and Public Affairs Director, introduced Jerry Allen, principal of the consulting firm of Jerry Allen and Associates; Andre Licardi, Cultural Arts Coordinator; and Linda Ballance, a member of the Arts Commission.

Mr. Allen provided the results of an assessment conducted by his firm of the cultural assets and arts of the community. Mr. Allen explained four key aspects of cultural planning and program development—direct economic impacts, indirect economic impacts, quality of life and opportunities for children and youth.

Mr. Allen highlighted existing programs and presented the following recommendations:

- Contract with an artist to identify art opportunities in the City's Capital Improvement Program
- Develop a temporary art program
- Explore extending an art requirement to private development
- Public art placement at major entryways to the City

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Mr. Miller reviewed the Peoria Arts Fund and furnished short-term costs for recommendations that could be undertaken over the next two years with the existing Arts Fund balance and estimated Arts Fund revenue.

Discussion ensued on various components of the Arts and Culture Master Plan and the financial implications to the City.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting and Study Session of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 3rd day of March, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2009.

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk