

MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL CHAMBER
December 16, 2008

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 7:00 p.m.

Following a moment of silence, Councilmember Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Barrett; Vice Mayor Cathy Carlat; Councilmembers Ron Aames, Joan Evans, 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; Stephen Bontrager, J.P. de la Montaigne, Andrew Granger, Bill Mattingly, Brent Mattingly, Grady Miller, Larry Ratcliff, John Schell, Sandy Teetsel, Glen Van Nimwegen, Kris Lambertus, James Mason and Rhonda Simmons.

Audience: Approximately 25 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.

PRESENTATION:

1. Certificates of Appointment to the following Board and Commission members:

Mayor Barrett and Vice Mayor Carlat presented Certificates of Appointment to the following Board and Commission members:

MarleeJean Johnson appointed to the Arts Commission;
Gil Vasquez appointed to the Arts Commission;
Shelby Duplessis appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; and
Kelly Shea Jasper appointed to the Youth Advisory Board.

Clerk's Note: Nancy Golden was not present to receive her certificate of appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

2. Presentation by Grant McKinnes, Regional Manager of GE Water, for technology used at the Butler Drive Water Reclamation Facility.

Stephen Bontrager, Utilities Director, provided an overview of the Butler Drive Water Reclamation Facility and introduced Grant McKinnes, Regional Manager for GE Water.

Mr. McKinnes presented an award of appreciation to the City for partnering with them in the Butler Drive Water Reclamation Project. Mayor Barrett accepted a token of appreciation from GE Water on behalf of the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

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CONSENT – New Business:

Mayor Barrett asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Leone requested that Agenda Item 10C be removed for a separate discussion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Leone, seconded by Councilmember Aames, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 10C. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

1C Appointments, Boards and Commissions

RESOLUTION 08-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH WELTY, MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, TO THE JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF OFFICE.

RESOLUTION 08-161

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPOINTING KEVIN KADLEC TO THE JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF OFFICE.

RESOLUTION 08-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPOINTING TISHA TULLE-WEBBER TO THE JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF OFFICE.

RESOLUTION 08-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPOINTING MICHAEL D. BAILEY TO THE JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF OFFICE.

RESOLUTION 08-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPOINTING CODY M. HALL TO THE JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF OFFICE.

Approved the recommendations from the Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions Appointments and the Arizona State Bar's Board of Governors pertaining to the following appointments and adopted **RES. 08-160** through **RES. 08-164** as presented.

As appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County:

Adopted **RES. 08-160** accepting the appointment of Joseph Welty, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge, as a regular member to the Judicial Selection Advisory Board to a term to expire December 2012, as designated by The Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell, Presiding Judge.

As recommended by the Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions Appointments:

Adopted **RES. 08-161** appointing Kevin Kadlec, as a regular public member, to the Judicial Selection Advisory Board for a term to expire June 2012; and

Adopted **RES. 08-162** appointing Tisha Tulle-Webber, as a regular public member, to the Judicial Selection Advisory Board for a term to expire June 2011.

As recommended by the Arizona State Bar's Board of Governors:

Adopted **RES. 08-163** appointing Michael D. Bailey, as a regular member, to the Judicial Selection Advisory Board for a term to expire December 2012; and

Adopted **RES. 08-164** appointing Cody M. Hall, as a regular member, to the Judicial Selection Advisory Board for a term to expire December 2011.

2C Code Amendment, Chapter 2, Fees

ORDINANCE NO. 08-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE PEORIA CITY CODE (1992) BY AMENDING SECTION 2-199, TABLE 2-199 PERTAINING TO FEES; CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-202, TABLE 2-202 PERTAINING TO CITY CLERK, FEES; PUBLIC RECORDS; MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Adopted **ORD. 08-36** amending Chapter 2 of the Peoria City Code (1992 Edition) pertaining to fees charged by the City Attorney and City Clerk.

3C Rezoning, 75th Avenue and Jomax Road

ORDINANCE NO. 08-37

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ZONING PROPERTY FROM SR-43 (SUBURBAN RANCH) TO R1-12 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Adopted **ORD. 08-37** approving the rezoning of 1.98 gross acres generally located on the southeast corner of 75th Avenue and Jomax Road from Suburban Ranch (SR-43) to R1-12 (Single-Family Residential) (Z 08-01).

4C Rezoning, 77th Avenue Alignment and Happy Valley Road

ORDINANCE NO. 08-38

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ZONING PROPERTY FROM GENERAL AGRICULTURAL (AG) AND SR-43 (SUBURBAN RANCH) TO SR-35 (SUBURBAN RANCH) ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Adopted **ORD. 08-38** approving the rezoning of approximately 45.33 gross acres generally located at the southwest corner of the 77th Avenue alignment and Happy Valley Road from General Agricultural (AG) and Suburban Ranch (SR-43) to Suburban Ranch (SR-35) (Z 07-08).

5C Grant, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement

RESOLUTION NO. 08-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPT AN AWARD OF A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON DRIVING OR OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ABATEMENT, GRANT PROGRAM.

Adopted **RES. 08-165** authorizing the City of Peoria Police Department to accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement Grant Program to enhance DUI enforcement efforts (LCON20108); and approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from the Proposed Grants Contingency Account to the DUI Abatement Grant Fund Overtime Account.

6C Grant, Governor's Office of Highway Safety, West Valley DUI Taskforce Program

RESOLUTION 08-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$40,000 410-FUNDING DUI TASK FORCE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM WEST VALLEY DUI TASK FORCE GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, FOCUSING ON OVERTIME TO CONDUCT ENFORCEMENT DETAILS IN THE CITY OF PEORIA.

Adopted **RES. 08-166** authorizing the City of Peoria Police Department to accept a grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for 410-Funding to participate in the West Valley DUI Taskforce Program (LCON20208); and approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$40,000 from the Proposed Grants Contingency Account to the Occupant Protection Enforcement Program Grant Overtime Account.

7C Intergovernmental Agreement, Peoria Unified School District, School Resource Officers, Peoria High School and Sunrise Mountain High School

Authorized the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Peoria Unified School District to assign two Peoria Police Officers to the campuses of the Peoria and Sunrise Mountain High Schools as School Resource Officers (LCON20308).

8C Intergovernmental Agreement Addendum, Peoria Unified School District, Sunrise Mountain High School Library Joint Use

Authorized the City Manager to execute an addendum to the intergovernmental agreement with the Peoria Unified School District for the continued joint use of the Sunrise Mountain High School Library for a period of three months commencing on January 1, 2009 (LCON05902D).

9C Contract, Point Engineering, Bell Park Sound Wall, Union Hills Drive, 83rd Avenue to 84th Avenue and Lake Pleasant Parkway, 87th Avenue to 99th Avenue

Awarded a contract in the not-to-exceed amount of \$154,580 to Point Engineering for the noise study, design and post-design services of the Bell Park Sound Wall along Union Hills Drive between 83rd Avenue and 84th Avenue and along Lake Pleasant Parkway between 87th Avenue and 99th Avenue (LCON20408).

10C Easement, S & M Old Town Properties, Old Town Mural Project

Clerk's Note: This item was heard separately at the end of the Consent Agenda.

At the request of Councilmember Leone, this item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

In response to questions from Councilmember Leone, Grady Miller, Communications and Public Affairs Director, stated this easement agreement covers the use of the wall of a building located along 83rd Avenue, south of Washington Street, and there is no exchange of money from the City or payment for other services. After 15 years, the City will negotiate a contract for the use of the wall for additional time. Under the terms of the easement agreement, the easement transfers to the property, and is recorded as such with the deed of the property. If the property is sold, the mural will remain on the property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Vice Mayor Carlat to approve an easement agreement with S & M Old Town Properties for the Old Town mural project to be

located on a building located along 83rd Avenue, south of Washington Street (LCON20508).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

11C Deeds and Easements, Various Locations

RESOLUTION NO. 08-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ADOPTING A RESOLUTION FORMALLY ACCEPTING DEEDS AND EASEMENTS FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF PEORIA.

Adopted **RES. 08-167** accepting deeds and easements for various real property interests acquired by the City and previously recorded by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office.

12C Designate Roadways, Establish Rights-of-Way, Various Locations

RESOLUTION NO. 08-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC STREETS, TO BE OPENED AND MAINTAINED BY THE CITY.

Adopted **RES. 08-168** designating various real properties to be used as City roadways and authorize the establishment of public rights-of-way to be opened and maintained by the City as a public street.

13C Condominium Plat, 93rd Avenue Medical Offices, 93rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road

Approved a Condominium Plat for 93rd Avenue Medical Offices, located near the southwest corner of 93rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road, subject to stipulations (Project R080051).

14C Authorization to Hold an Executive Session

Authorized the holding of an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion and consultation with legal counsel for legal advice on issues pertaining to the acquisition of the stock of the New River Utility Company.

Note: Executive Session was held after the adjournment of the 7:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15R Park West Improvement District No. 0801, Loop 101 Frontage Road, Olive Avenue to Northern Avenue (Item 4C, October 21, 2008)

Brent Mattingly, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of improvements to Park West, Loop 101 Frontage Road, from Olive Avenue to Northern Avenue. Mr. Mattingly explained that in October staff brought before Council an agenda Item that would have been a preliminary step in the formation of an improvement district at Park West. As that item was coming to Council, there were financial concerns raised concerning General Growth Partners, the major developer and partner in that development agreement. Those issues have been ongoing, including filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding their financial capacity. The Finance Department is working with the City's legal department to review the development agreement. Staff recommends Council continue this item indefinitely pending that analysis.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Evans to carry over indefinitely the Notice of Intention to Order the Improvements for Park West Improvement District No. 0801.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

16R PUBLIC HEARING - General Plan Amendment, Land Use Plan, 135th Avenue and Dixileta Drive (Item 29R, May 16, 2006)

RESOLUTION NO. 08-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN OF THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA; AND PROVIDING FOR SEPARABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Barrett informed that, at the request of the developer, staff has requested this agenda item be carried over until February 3, 2009.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Evans to carry over until February 3, 2009 a request to amend the Land Use Plan of the Peoria General Plan for 640± acres located at 135th Avenue, south of Dixileta Drive from Residential Estate (0-2 du/ac) to Residential Low (2-5 du/ac).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

17R PUBLIC HEARING - General Plan Amendment, Land Use Map, Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway

RESOLUTION NO. 08-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN OF THE GENERAL PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEPARABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Report/Public Comment:

Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Director, gave an overview of the request to amend the General Plan Land Use Map for a site encompassing approximately 4.78 gross acres located north of the northwest corner of Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway from Residential/Low (2-5 du/ac, target 3.0 du/ac) to Office (GPA08-09). The General Plan Amendment is to change the land use map from residential low, which allows 2 to 5 units per acre, target of 3 units per acre, to an office designation. The request for approval is based on the fact that wording is in the General Plan that locates major retail commercial cores at intersections such as Happy Valley and Lake Pleasant. In addition, the General Plan talks about office nodes along Lake Pleasant Road, one being at Pinnacle Peak, one being at Yearling Road.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Barrett opened the Public Hearing and asked if any Councilmember or citizen wished to comment on an amendment to the General Plan Land Use Map for a site encompassing approximately 4.78 gross acres located north of the northwest corner of Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway from Residential/Low (2-5 du/ac, target 3.0 du/ac) to Office.

Having no requests from the public to address this item, Mayor Barrett declared the Public Hearing closed.

Council Action: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Hunt to adopt **RES. 08-170** to amend the General Plan Land Use Map for a site encompassing approximately 4.78 gross acres located north of the northwest corner of Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway from Residential/Low (2-5 du/ac, target 3.0 du/ac) to Office (GPA08-09).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

18R Rezoning, Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway

ORDINANCE NO. 08-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA REZONING PROPERTY FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG) TO INTERMEDIATE COMMERCIAL (C-2) ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Glen VanNimwegen, Community Development Director, provided an overview of a request to rezone a site encompassing approximately 4.78 gross acres located north of the northwest corner of Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway from Suburban Ranch (SR-43) to Planned Area Development (PAD). This request would amend an existing PAD, which includes the Bade Project to the south. The reason for the PAD is to allow some restrictions on the property, which is part of the rezoning. There was one issue at the Planning and Zoning Commission, the adjacent property owner mentioned a concern with joint access on the north corner of the site. The concern is with safety of their patients going and coming to the hospital. Staff believes these issues will be dealt with as a part of the site plan approval, which is being reviewed at this time. Staff will continue to have ongoing discussions with both property owners.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Aames to adopt **ORD. 08-39** rezoning a site encompassing approximately 4.78 gross acres generally located north of the northwest corner of Yearling Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway from Suburban Ranch (SR-43) to Planned Area Development (PAD) (Z06-17A.2).

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

19R PUBLIC HEARING - Liquor Licenses, Various Locations

Staff Report/Public Comment:

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk, reported that the properties had been posted in accordance with Arizona law, all fees were paid, all reviewing Departments recommended approval, and no comments were received from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Barrett opened the Public Hearing and asked if any Councilmember or citizen wished to comment on requests for:

- (a) A new Restaurant Liquor License (Series 12) for Auld Dubliner, located at 9780 W. Northern Avenue Suite 1110. Applicant: Kevin A. Kramber. LL#10013655; and
- (b) A new Restaurant Liquor License (Series 12) for Blu Burger Grille, located at 9828 W. Northern Avenue Suite 1700. Applicant: William Nasralla. LL#10013684.

Having no requests from the public to address this item, Mayor Barrett declared the Public Hearing closed.

Council Action: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Carlat, seconded by Councilmember Leone, to recommend approval to the State Liquor Board for:

- (a) A new Restaurant Liquor License (Series 12) for Auld Dubliner, located at 9780 W. Northern Avenue Suite 1110. Applicant: Kevin A. Kramber. LL#10013655; and
- (b) A new Restaurant Liquor License (Series 12) for Blu Burger Grille, located at 9828 W. Northern Avenue Suite 1700. Applicant: William Nasralla. LL#10013684.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None.

Reports from the City Manager:

1. Council Calendar

Carl Swenson, City Manager, notified Council of a change in the standard calendars provided in the packet related to the meeting on January 6, 2009. In discussing the meeting agenda with the Mayor, it was concluded a brief study session would be warranted on January 6th to discuss a proposed budget amendment, which will be on the Regular Agenda.

2. Reports with Presentation

a. City Web Site Redesign

Kris Lambertus, Information Technology Development Services Manager, provided an overview of the new Web site development and design for the City of Peoria. Ms. Lambertus stated the focus for redesigning the Peoria Website was based on what citizens are looking for when they come to the Web site to do business with the City. A new Content Management System allows maintenance of the Web site to be in the hands of the departments. The new Web site will go live on December 17th.

Vice Mayor Carlat stated the City's Web site is where many get their first impression of the City and the old Web site did not represent the City at all. The old Web site was not progressive and contemporary and navigation was also difficult. Vice Mayor Carlat complimented staff on the redesign of the Web site.

b. Planned General Obligation Bond Sale

Brent Mattingly, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the sale of General Obligation Bonds for use in capital projects. In February 2009, the City plans to issue approximately \$60 million in General Obligation Bonds. Some of the projects that would be included in the bond sale are several park and trail projects, street projects, drainage and the Municipal Court expansion.

In response to questions from Councilmember Evans, Mr. Mattingly explained that the \$60 million will be available to the City as of the date the bond transaction closes, and the money will be used for the current projects that need immediate financing. Bond sales are planned so that the money from the sale of the bonds is used over a 12 to 24-month period. Repayment of the debt is made over the next 20 years, with principal and interest payments each year.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Carlat, Mr. Mattingly explained that over a 20-year period, the principal and interest payments are structured so they will be relatively level. In the past, the City used funds from good financial years and applied them to debt.

Reports from City Council:

Councilmember Leone congratulated Centennial High School, Coach Taylor and the players for winning the State Title for the 3rd year. The winners of the gingerbread contest were announced at the Festival in Downtown Peoria; Councilmember Leone was a judge for the gingerbread contest. Councilmember Leone congratulated those involved in the Downtown Festival and reported on other City of Peoria activities he attended. On Monday nights, the Library holds the "Melodies at the Library" at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Leone encouraged citizens to attend, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Hunt provided highlights from the Downtown Holiday Festival and the Shop with a Cop event. Theater Works will be showing *Miracle on 34th Street* and the *Christmas Story*. Councilmember Hunt stated Theater Works' youth is performing at Park West every Saturday. At the Broadway Dinner Theater, on December 20, will be the *Elves and the Shoemaker* performance. Councilmember Hunt wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holiday.

Councilmember Aames stated he also participated in Shop with a Cop, which was a very good charitable event where needy children get to choose presents for themselves and their family. The most exciting part for the kids was riding in the cop cars and the sirens. Councilmember Aames reminded that the light rail is opening in Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa on December 27th

Councilmember Pearson stated Wal-Mart was very generous in contributing about \$3,000 in toys to three different service organizations, and they sponsored a Santa's Helper Program. Councilmember Pearson congratulated the Police Association for another successful Shop with a Cop Program. Councilmember Pearson wished residents and Council a Happy Christmas and Holidays.

Councilmember Hunt recognized Chick fil-A for their contributions as a corporate partner.

Councilmember Evans stated the Shop with a Cop event was successful. Councilmember Evans also discussed the seriousness of underage drinking and the lasting, lifelong effects it can have. Councilmember Evans stressed the importance of not drinking and driving. Councilmember Evans encouraged everyone to enjoy their holidays and to have a Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor Carlat stated the Shop with a Cop event touched everyone. It was a remarkable event. Vice Mayor Carlat thanked the police officers and their wives for taking part in the event.

Vice Mayor Carlat invited people to a street fair on Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. at Happy Valley Road and 75th Avenue. The party is to be held prior to Happy Valley, Phase 1 opening for traffic on December 22nd.

Reports from the Mayor:

Mayor Barrett stated it was his honor and privilege to go to the Pentagon in Washington D.C. to meet with the Secretary of the Air Force concerning the F-35 and the efforts being made in Arizona to bring that aircraft to Luke Air Force Base. Mayor Barrett gave an overview of his visit to the Pentagon. Mayor Barrett stated he was there to express the support for the Air Force from the West Valley cities; to show concern for the people stationed at Luke Air Force Base; and to assure that Luke Air Force Base is occupied. If successful, the F-35 will come to Luke Air Force Base in approximately 2010 to 2012, and that will secure the mission of Luke Air Force Base through 2050.

Mayor Barrett encouraged people to shop in Peoria, as it is very important that the tax money come back to the City. Mayor Barrett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 16th day of December, 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2009.

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk