

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held in the Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street, on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

1. OATH of Office for Councilmember Nora Ellen

Nora Ellen was joined by friends and family and given the Oath of Office by her son, Representative J.D. Mesnard.

2. OATH of Office for Councilmember Jack Sellers

Jack Sellers was joined by his son, Eric and given the Oath of Office by Presiding City Magistrate R. Michael Traynor.

3. OATH of Office for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

Jay Tibshraeny was joined by his wife Karen and daughter Lauren and given the Oath of Office by Presiding City Magistrate R. Michael Traynor.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JAY TIBSHRAENY.

The following members answered roll call:

Jay Tibshraeny	Mayor
Jeff Weninger	Vice-Mayor
*Rick Heumann	Councilmember
Jack Sellers	Councilmember
Nora Ellen	Councilmember
Trinity Donovan	Councilmember
Kevin Hartke	Councilmember

*Councilmember Heumann participated telephonically.

Also in attendance:

Rich Dlugas	City Manager
Pat McDermott	Assistant City Manager
Mary Wade	City Attorney
Marla Paddock	City Clerk

INVOCATION: Councilmember Kevin Hartke

ACTION:

B1.ELECTION of Vice Mayor for a one-year term from January 11, 2013, through January 9, 2014.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR TIBSHRAENY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR WENINGER TO NOMINATE JACK SELLERS TO FILL THE TERM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0) ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

CURRENT EVENTS:

A. Mayor's Announcements

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY announced the 18th Annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday, January 19th in the courtyard of the Chandler Public Library Downtown.

The budget survey is available on the City's website through January 15. The results will help develop budgetary priorities for the 2013-14 budget.

The Mayor introduced his wife Karen, daughter Lauren and brother Mike. He also noted in attendance: former councilmember and current Legislator Bob Robson, Gila River Indian Community Governor Greg Mendoza, Representative J.D. Mesnard, former Mayor Jerry Brooks, former councilmember Martin Sepulveda, and East Valley Institute of Technology Board member Garry Hays.

Mayor thanked the residents for electing him to another term as mayor. Mayor named several initiatives and public outreach events that have occurred over the past two years. He announced an upcoming mini HOA Academy on February 12 and a Homeowner Connect to be held in the Fall.

He stated the Council has been diligent on the economic development front with the addition of University of Arizona, Arizona State to the downtown area.

Mayor said the Council will soon address the most treasured assets – The Price Road Corridor.

Mayor said one of his earlier initiatives was CareerConnect – a job fair to connect businesses with residents seeking employment.

The city currently has AAA bond ratings from all three rating agencies – only one other city in the state can lay claim to that.

He recognized the several awards received by Chandler – 10 Best Run Cities by Wall Street Insider website, 100 Best Places for Young People, and one of the Top 50 Places to Live that was attributed by Money Magazine. Recently, GangPlank, a local business was honored as one of the Coolest Places in America to work by Business Insider.

He acknowledged the work of the many employees of the City employees and City Council members.

Other notable events he reported were: visit by President Obama, 2012 Centennial Celebration, Intel expansion of research and development facility.

B. Councilmembers' Announcements

VICE MAYOR JACK SELLERS recognized the attendance of former Mesa Council member Joanie Newth and her husband. He acknowledged his son Eric and his son's daughter Bailey. He thanked the citizens, staff and council members who have offered their support during his recent challenging months.

The Mayor noted that Councilmember Heumann had been sworn in on Friday.

COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN stated that the Council has worked well together. He thanked staff for doing the work of carrying out the policies of the council.

COUNCILMEMBER ELLEN thanked the residents for her election. She stated that her focus was on the economy to ensure prosperity. She stated that everyone has gifts and talents that will help the city prosper. She recognized her son, Representative J.D. (Javin Daniel) Mesnard. She recognized councilmembers Weninger and Hartke for their assistance to her campaign; and her campaign manager Linda Cortwright. She acknowledged her father and mother, and daughter Juel who were not in attendance.

COUNCILMEMBER WENINGER congratulated the continued service and leadership of the returning and new council. He announced that he and Councilmember Heumann are working on bringing forth an issue soon.

COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN offered her congratulations to each.

COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE echoed the congratulations. He announced a film showing on Saturday at the Center for the Arts entitle Nicky's Family: The Power of One. He noted the upcoming Celebration of Unity event, and the Sports Hall of Fame event on February 9th.

Councilmember Hartke expressed his appreciation to the members of the Police and Fire Departments who would be taking warm clothing and blankets out to the homeless members of the community.

SONG: *God Bless America* – sung by Victor Hardy

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

Approved: January 24, 2013

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 Chandler, Arizona, held on the 10th day of January 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of January, 2013.

City Clerk