

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held in the Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago St., on Thursday, May 20, 2013.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m.

The following members answered roll call:

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

Also in attendance:	Rich Dlugas	City Manager
	Pat McDermott	Assistant City Manager
	Mary Wade	City Attorney
	Nanette Kahl	Acting City Clerk

ACTION:

FY 2013-14 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY explained the purpose of the meeting and indicated that the approved budget amendments would be included as part of the budget, which would be adopted by the Council at their next meeting. He indicated that Council has submitted ideas and requests to utilize the budget monies for the citizens of Chandler.

BUDGET MANAGER GREG WESTRUM stated this meeting was to discuss the amendments that were incorporated in the May 15, 2013 memo. He mentioned that the proposed budget was presented on May 3, 2013, at the Budget Briefing; and informed Council that any changes would be incorporated into Resolution 4685 on Thursday's agenda. He reported the Council Contingency funds total \$400,000.00; \$325,000.00 in one time funds and \$75,000.00 in ongoing funds, and may be modified but indicated that the changes must balance. The total proposed amendments would utilize \$219,000.00 of the \$325,000.00 one-time contingency funds and \$75,000.00 of the \$75,000.00 ongoing contingency funds available, if all were approved.

If Council wishes to approve any of the proposed amendments, a motion will need to be made at this meeting. Any budget amendments that are approved will be incorporated into the Auditor General Report. Approval of any amendments will also require revision of the Tentative Budget adoption item on the Thursday, May 23, 2013 Council meeting agenda. A revised Tentative Budget Adoption memo will be posted prior to the May 23rd meeting.

After the adoption of the Tentative Budget, staff will publish the revised Auditor General's report in the Arizona Republic Newspaper on June 6 and 11, 2013. According to State law (A.R.S. 42-17105), the total of the Final Adopted Budget cannot exceed the total of the published estimates of the Adopted Tentative Budget. The Final Adopted Budget total can be less than the Tentative Budget, but it cannot be more.

USE OF ONE-TIME COUNCIL CONTINGENCY REQUESTS

1. Budget Amendment – Turf Maintenance (Submitted by Councilmember Heumann)

Additional Information: Funding to conduct a test on fields maintenance with additional fertilizer and treatments to better maintain the fields due to the extensive use of the ball fields. This is the second year of the project.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN TO AMEND PROPOSED FY 2013-14 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$20,000 FROM ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS (101.1290.5924) TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PARK MAINTENANCE COST CENTER (101.4530.5420) TO CONDUCT FIELD MAINTENANCE TESTING WITH ADDITIONAL FERTILIZER AND TREATMENTS TO BETTER MAINTAIN THE FIELDS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

2. Budget Amendment - Park Shade Structures (Submitted by Councilmember Heumann)

Additional Information: This would cover the cost of shading the last two parks in need of shade structures, Desert Breese and Folley parks.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN TO AMEND PROPOSED FY 2013-14 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$70,000 FROM ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS (101.1290.5924) TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES, EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PARK IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIRS CIP (401.4580.6611.6PR049) TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL TWO ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SHADE STRUCTURES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE-MAYOR SELLERS.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

3. Budget Amendment – Transit Route 56 (Mayor Tibshraeny & Councilmember Donovan)

Additional Information: Tempe and Phoenix are re-aligning Route 56, beginning in July 2013. The new route includes a small segment (3/4 mile) in Chandler along Priest Drive and Ray Road (see map on Attachment 1). Although this is a short addition to the fixed route transit service in Chandler, there are several benefits to the City of Chandler. The route gets excellent ridership (2.4 boardings per mile vs. Chandler average of 1.0 boardings per mile). The new alignment will take Route 56 passengers into Chandler, where they can access major shopping and employment centers in the City. Additionally, Chandler residents will now have a new connection to several employment opportunities and other destinations in Tempe and Phoenix, such as Arizona Mills, Phoenix Zoo, and Desert Botanical Garden. Route 56 also provides connections to light rail and several bus routes in Tempe and Phoenix.

The new Route 56 is scheduled to start on July 22, 2013. One-time funding is proposed for FY 2013-14. Chandler is pursuing alternative funding to fund the operations of this route with Proposition 400 funds beginning in FY 2014-15.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN TO AMEND PROPOSED FY 2013-14 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$99,000 FROM ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS (101.1290.5924) TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, TRANSIT SERVICES COST

CENTER (101.3340.5219) TO FUND ADDITIONAL SERVICE ON ROUTE 56. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR TIBSHRAENY.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

4. Budget Amendment – Central Business District Adaptive Reuse Zoning Code Development (Submitted by Mayor Tibshraeny)

Additional Information: In the Central Business District, we are finding numerous instances where older buildings could be creatively reused and reinvented; however, standard zoning code setbacks, landscaping, parking and fire sprinkler requirements are often dissuading these users. A consultant could help staff review existing codes and advise if revising existing code or writing a new zoning section might best address these issues.

MOTION BY MAYOR TIBSHRAENY TO AMEND PROPOSED FY 2013-14 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$30,000 FROM ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS (101.1290.5924) TO THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL COST CENTER, PROFESSIONAL/OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES (101.1290.5219) TO FUND A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ADAPTIVE REUSE ZONE CODE DEVELOPMENT STUDY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

USE OF ONGOING COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

5. Budget Amendment-Transit Route 156. (Submitted by Mayor Tibshraeny & Councilmember Donovan).

Additional information: Route 156 is one of the two most productive routes in Chandler (along with Route 112, Arizona Avenue). The route provides service to an abundance of commercial and employment centers, such as Intel and Chandler Fashion Center. Additionally, the route provides connections to 10 different bus routes, enabling access to destinations throughout the region.

Weekdays: This additional funding would extend 4 early morning trips (2 Eastbound/2 Westbound) that currently originate at Dobson Road and Chandler Boulevard. By starting mid-route, these 4 trips currently exclude half of the route service area. Two westbound trips are proposed to originate at Chandler Boulevard and Gilbert Road and two eastbound trips are proposed to originate at Chandler Boulevard and 54th Street. (Chandler staff would work with Town of Gilbert and City of Phoenix on extending these services into their jurisdictions.) These trips currently begin at 6AM but only service half of the route's service area. Under the proposed additions, full service on Route 156 would start at 5AM instead of 6AM. Annual cost is \$29,000.

Saturdays: Add one early morning round trip on Saturdays (first trip would start at 7AM instead of 7:30AM). Annual cost is \$6,000.

Sundays: Add one early morning westbound trip on Sundays (first trip would begin at 7:15AM instead of 7:45AM). Annual cost is \$3,500.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN TO AMEND PROPOSED FY 2013-14 BUDGET BY \$38,500 FROM ONGOING GENERAL FUND COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS (101.1290.5924) TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, TRANSIT SERVICES COST CENTER (101.3340.5219) TO FUND ADDITIONAL SERVICE ON ROUTE 156, THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

6. Budget Amendment-Transit Route 72. (Submitted by Mayor Tibshraeny & Councilmember Donovan).

Additional Information: Route 72 is a high performing route in Chandler. Additionally, the route serves Rural Road, which is identified in Chandler's General Plan as one of three high-capacity transit corridors. In Tempe, service on Route 72 begins much earlier than the portion of the route within the City of Chandler. This service addition would bring Chandler service levels more in line with the Tempe portion of the route. It would also provide Chandler residents with an early morning commuting option to access employment in Tempe or other Valley cities.

Weekdays: Add 2 early morning northbound trips. Service would start at 5:05AM instead of 5:45AM. Annual cost is \$9,000.

Saturdays: Add 2 early morning round trips. Service would start at 7AM instead of 8AM. Annual cost is \$4,000.

Sundays: Add 1 early morning round trip. Service would start at 7:50AM instead of 8:20AM. Annual cost is \$2,500.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN TO AMEND PROPOSED FY 2013-14 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$15,500 FROM ONGOING GENERAL FUND COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS (101.1290.5924) TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, TRANSIT SERVICES COST CENTER (101.3340.5219) TO FUND ADDITIONAL SERVICE ON ROUTE 72. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HEUMANN.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

7. Budget Amendment-Transit Route 81 (Submitted by Mayor Tibshraeny & Councilmember Donovan)

Additional Information: Route 81 is one of the few routes in Chandler with no Saturday service. Tempe provides hourly Saturday service, which is easily extended into Chandler. In Tempe and Scottsdale, Saturday ridership levels are similar to weekday ridership levels. By adding Saturday service in Chandler, access to the employment and shopping opportunities provided at and around the Chandler Fashion Center on one of its busiest days of the week will be enabled.

Saturdays: Provide 60-minute frequency, 7AM to 8PM. Annual cost is \$21,000.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN TO AMEND PROPOSED FY 2013-14 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$21,000 FROM ONGOING GENERAL FUND COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS (101.1290.5924) TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, TRANSIT SERVICES COST CENTER (101.3340.5219) TO FUND ADDITIONAL SERVICE ON ROUTE 81. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Nanette Kahl, Acting City Clerk

Jay Tibshraeny, Mayor

Approved: June 13, 2013

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 20th day of May 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of June, 2013.

City Clerk