

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held on Friday, May 2, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tibshraeny at approximately 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present:

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

### **Opening Remarks – Mayor Jay Tibshraeny**

Mayor Tibshraeny thanked Budget staff, Directors, the City Manager and his office for continuing to identify cost savings and other efficiencies.

The Mayor noted that Chandler continues to be in a good position today because of years of good budgeting and sound fiscal policies and decisions. Slow growth is better than no growth. This process continues to be very transparent with the Budget Survey, Budget Connect, two Budget Workshops, and public meetings like this.

### **Introduction – City Manager Rich Dlugas**

Mr. Dlugas welcomed everyone to the presentation of the Proposed 2014-15 Budget and 2015-2024 Capital Improvement Program. He stated the budget reflects Chandler's continued commitment to provide high quality services to the community in the most cost effective manner while maintaining the City's long term financial viability. The Budget Executive Summary book provided with the proposed budget includes his full budget message for the 2014-15 Budget. Mr. Dlugas highlighted the budget theme, "Fiscally Strong & On The Move".

### **Overview of Budget – Dawn Lang & Greg Westrum**

Management Services Director Dawn Lang and Budget Manager Greg Westrum provided an overview of the budget including revenue, capital costs, and General Fund balance.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if people will be paying less property tax with the new valuations and 9 cent reduction than they were paying 5-6 years ago. Ms. Lang stated that is correct.

### **Transportation and Development – RJ Zeder**

Transportation and Development Director RJ Zeder presented the budget for the Transportation and Development Department.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked how the planning can be set in place so that future Councils and future staffs have the ability to have Light Rail in Chandler, hopefully down Arizona Avenue. The Mayor stated he would be more than glad to go meet with Councilmember Cavanaugh at Mesa and share the cost of the study as that will need to be in place before you can get in line for any kind

of funding. Completing this with or without Mesa would be the most urgent item, and what we would do beyond that in terms of increasing our transit services in the City.

The Mayor commented that needs to be done so that we are in line for whenever they do the next vote on expanding transit. He suggested Council and staff discussions about a 3-5 year plan working within our current means for increasing our commitment to fund transit. Additionally, looking within our means to bring more bus service or rapid transit service to Chandler, but also to set the stage for the future for Light Rail to come into Chandler. Mr. Zeder responded staff would be pleased to work on a short and long term plan with the goal specifically to bring the Light Rail down Arizona Avenue and more broadly transit service in general. He added staff had been working very hard on the planning side with Valley Metro and neighboring cities and is interested in proceeding with that planning. Alternative analysis is really the next step for the goal in bring Light Rail down Arizona Avenue.

Vice Mayor Heumann added that while light rail is very important, we need to make sure that the density is there for promoting high density residential, high density employment along that corridor to make sure that Light Rail is successful. We need to take a look overall at our overall transit services.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the HURF number that is in the budget based on what we were getting or is the number based on the new budget that was approved by legislature. Mr. Zeder replied it is a projection that Ms. Lang and the Budget Staff put together. Ms. Lang added the HURF budget is about \$13 million. This is just the portion that is dedicated to the operations side. We also have some going to debt service as well as capital.

Councilmember Ellen said she thought it would be good to do a study on Light Rail ourselves and not wait for Mesa as she did not want to be dependent on another city.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if funding for part of that study was already in last year's budget. Mr. Zeder replied that is correct.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked the status of the acceleration of lanes on Santan, the HOV lanes, or general purpose lanes. Mr. Dan Cook stated regarding HOV lanes, all HOV lanes in Chandler are done. The next phase would move into Gilbert and Mesa. The general purpose lanes on the Price Freeway are in an early design phase with ADOT, with a construction date of 2019-2020. He noted he was working with Patrice Krause to get the construction advanced.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if that was a lane each direction. Mr. Cook stated on Price Rd. they would be building the additional lines on the outside. There is room under the bridges, so there would have to be some embankment changes. On the Santan it would be on the outside as well.

In response to Vice Mayor Heumann, Mr. Cook stated there is still Prop 400 money.

### **Planning – Jeff Kurtz**

Planning Administrator Jeff Kurtz presented the budget for the Planning Division.

Councilmember Sellers said he would suggest another major accomplishment for the Planning Division is their role in helping to complete the Price Road corridor study.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked the status on electronic plan review in trying to expedite and how we can streamline the process. Mr. Kurtz said that is really a cross between the IT and the rest of the Transportation and Development department. There is an ongoing program. Information and

Technology Director Steve Philbrick stated the project is currently in the design phase, doing business analysis with Planning to figure out how we are going to put it together. There needs to be an upgrade to Accela, the system used for permitting and inspections. That will be done this summer with a plan to move forward late this year or early next year with the electronic document management and electronic document review.

### **Municipal Utilities Department – Dave Siegel**

Municipal Utilities Director Dave Siegel presented the budget for the Municipal Utilities Department which includes Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Reverse Osmosis.

Ms. Lang commented when it comes to the Wastewater Fund, we are planning rate increases every other year in our financial projections and that is mainly due to the fact that there are some enormous projects in the future that we have to gradually bring that rate up, otherwise we would have a very large increase that would be difficult for citizens to absorb all at once.

Vice Mayor Heumann commented that the water rates are going to go up, even if we did nothing all. We are improving our infrastructure which is so important because water is our life blood. He said citizens need to be made aware that water is a precious commodity and because of things like the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and Central Arizona Project (CAP) water those are costs that are going to go up automatically.

Councilmember Weninger said he is a supporter of green waste programs.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked that the aesthetics of the new treatment plant on Queen Creek and Price be well done. Mr. Siegel said he and Assistant City Manager, Marsha Reed, attended an HOA board meeting and gave them a commitment that the aesthetics will look good.

Councilmember Sellers added that as you do those expansions and upgrades, you are also affecting very significant efficiency improvements

### **Fire – Assistant Fire Chief Tom Carlson**

Assistant Chief Tom Carlson presented the budget for the Fire Department.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked the estimated completion of the fire station. Assistant Chief Carlson said the preconference was held. The bid should come to Council hopefully in June. After that we are looking at 240 days to completion - February or March 2015.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked about the reduction in hours for firefighter training from 80 hours last year down to 46 hours to reflect the required training from national standards. Assistant Chief Carlson said as part of the medical health task force, we are limited to so many hours during the day and can only take so many units out of service. We looked at expanding roles that are going forward in the future and what can we do in a 24 hour day to make that available. We look at our training, ISO rating and our accreditation and determined a lot of this can be done more in station through videos and our goal for our training division is to send out more stuff to do in station. Overall the training will not be changing.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked about the contingencies number of \$1.2 million. Assistant Chief Carlson replied it is mainly grant contingencies. When we apply for them and they don't get funded in the same fiscal year.

### **Police – Chief Sean Duggan**

Chief Sean Duggan presented the budget for the Police Department.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked the location of the canine facility. Chief Duggan said it is at the south substation. It is a 300 square foot housing facility, so when the officers are not available they can leave their dogs there in a climate controlled facility.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if the offset for the School Resource Officers (SRO) is 50% of \$347,573. Chief Duggan replied yes.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if we pay Gilbert or provide staffing that is scheduled at the Gilbert/Chandler Holding Facility. Chief Duggan said payment will not be made to Gilbert. We are partners in the fees. We will pay our shares of the cost fee to operate the facility. We will be able to use that facility 24/7 and it is a shared cost initiative between Chandler and Gilbert.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if there will physically be a Chandler Officer there or will there be a generic officer that we are all contributing to. Chief Duggan said there will be employees from both cities. Chandler uniforms working alongside Gilbert uniforms.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked what is the \$251,162 O&M offset. Chief Duggan said that is the amount of money we anticipate saving by not having to book at the \$287 an hour booking rate at the county jail. We book about 1,800 people a year and a great deal of those are booked at the county jail. By not having to book at the county jail we are saving \$287 every time we take someone to the Gilbert/Chandler Facility.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the savings is the \$251,162 which is that \$287 plus another \$135,000. Chief Duggan replied no because it is subtracting our fees and its subtracting the full-time employee that we are asking for. Ms. Lang clarified that is just the O&M offset in the initial year, but ongoing they are going to have \$135,000 a year.

Councilmember Donovan clarified that \$251,162 is just the cost that we pay to Maricopa County; it is not incorporating the other savings that you mentioned of the time that it takes of the officers to not be here as they are driving someone. Chief Duggan replied it includes savings on booking costs and fuel savings, but it does not take into account every time you channel officers out of their area of responsibility. So it is an incredible efficiency savings and an enhancement, because the officers can conceivable leave the prisoner at the Gilbert/Chandler Facility and respond to their area within 5 minutes to most parts of the city, rather than hours if having to book at the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave jail.

Councilmember Weninger asked if all people would go here or is it dependent on the crime. Chief Duggan explained it's a temporary holding facility, so no longer than 24 hours. Based on the severity of the crime, we will transport them to the county jail as they currently do using detention officers and wagon transports, not individual officers.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if the legislature eliminated DROP a few years ago or is there still eligibility to get into drop. Chief Duggan said DROP no longer exists for new employees. If you have less than 20 years, there were some restrictions. People with 20 years and above were grandfathered in. This happened about 2 years ago.

Councilmember Donovan said page 11 of the booklet shows a decrease in controlled substances analysis case turnaround due to low staffing. This year we were able to get someone who had that expertise and the right staff and we were able to increase our numbers quite considerably. She asked if this position (Forensic Service Section Criminalist) will help with some of this too. Chief Duggan said that is the desire.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked what the Latent Print and Latent Print contract services were. Chief Duggan explained when officers and detectives take fingerprints at a crime scene they are processed at a laboratory. They are identified and then certified by another latent print analyst. Those prints are then entered into Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). That is where we find prints anywhere nationally based on the FBI search system. Every time a prisoner is booked the prints are compared to the AFIS database.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if there is a 2 year backlog and will this clear it up. Chief Duggan said the plan is to clear this up or at the least have a significant impact on the backlog.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked what are some of the public safety outreach programs that money can be used for from weapons proceeds. Chief Duggan listed Victim Services Outreach, Easy Child ID program, Youth Academy (held 3 times year), Wilderness Academy, and a variety of forensic science initiatives and also some fire programs.

#### **City Magistrate – Michael Traynor**

Presiding City Magistrate Michael Traynor presented the budget for the City Magistrate Department. There were no questions.

#### **Community Services – Mark Eynatten**

Community Services Director Mark Eynatten presented the budget for the Community Services Department.

Councilmember Donovan asked if the educators know the museum school trunk education fee is being proposed. Mr. Eynatten replied they were actually involved in the development of it and in also recognizing there was a fee attached to it. Mr. Eynatten said it is a whole new program.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Heumann, Sandy Munoz-Weingarten explained the tours conducted at the Environmental Education Center, which we charge for, are for any kind of groups in which we introduce them to the Environmental Education Center, the programs and services that we offer in general, orientation, and we provide specialized training for in-depth environmental education. Ms. Munoz-Weingarten said it does take staff time to prepare.

Councilmember Sellers asked for clarification between individual and group personal training. It sounds like we are charging less for group training than individual. Mr. Eynatten said that is fairly standard. If you are getting one-on-one personal training service, in the market you will pay more than if there are 2, 3, or 4 people in the group because you are not getting same amount of attention as an individual. The group fee is per person.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the turf grass is working and is it going to be expanded to more parks. Mr. Eynatten said ideally we could spend 5 times that amount of money, but this gives us a good leg up on increasing our level of maintenance and change in our maintenance practices. We will end up with a strong strand of grass that will help us deal with the wear issues that we have.

Councilmember Hartke asked if this proposed number will give us better aesthetics and improve durability. Mr. Eynatten said there would be better aesthetics. As far as getting more use out of the fields, there would need to be more control over the amount of use because our athletic fields run 12 months of the year. What this will do is allow us to be able to better withstand that amount of use.

Councilmember Hartke asked if modifying the season on some of the groups work well from your perspective with the existing program. Mr. Eynatten replied it has made a big difference.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if all of the plants under warranty at Roadrunner Park. Mr. Mickey Ohland replied yes.

Vice Mayor Heumann inquired if the additional swim lessons funding for is for beginning lessons. He felt beginning lessons should be as cost neutral or zero. Ms. Sheri Passey said that is for all levels in addition to adding lessons at Nozomi Aquatic Center in the spring and fall. It's adding additional classes at the Hamilton Aquatic Center at night, as well as additional classes at the Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center.

Vice Mayor Heumann commented it is very important that beginning classes are offered at little or no cost, because it could save a life.

Councilmember Donovan asked about the scholarship program for swim classes. Ms. Passey responded there is the Goodwill scholarship based on who is financially eligible to receive. We have partnered with SRP and receive a grant to provide 2 free swim sessions, one in January/February at the Hamilton Aquatic Center, and 1 in March at Arrowhead pool. We are seeking other opportunities as well to provide additional lessons.

Councilmember Donovan asked if the free classes offered between January and March, are limited and fill up quickly. Ms. Passey said they are very popular and they fill up. They are advertised through Breaktime Magazine, through social media, aquatic newsletter, and webpage.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked why the number has dropped for library revenues. Ms. Brenda Brown said the County did away with the library reciprocal payment and put all the money into the library assistance program.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the new Polaris system is a one-time purchase or would that be our cost if we paid for it every year. Ms. Brown said there is a migration fee when you first implement them and is the \$285,000 that you heard, the ongoing value that we will be receiving and that the county will be paying the maintenance fee of \$80,000. Of the \$600,000 number, that includes the \$285,000.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the \$285,000 is for this past year or for 2014-15. Ms. Brown said it is a one time we are actually implementing it in July.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked how much is sent to the county in terms of dollars out of the funds that go to the county. Ms. Brown said about \$1.1 million.

Vice Mayor Heumann commented that even with all the in-kinds and the best scenario, we are still a donor city and in a good year we are getting back about 60 cents on the dollar. Ms. Brown stated that is for 14-15, typically it is more like 40% or less than 40%. But we have definitely increased our percentage over the last 3 years.

Councilmember Weninger asked how much of an impact would expanding field space on the southern part of Tumbleweed Park have. It was said that it would fit 2 full soccer field and 1 youth soccer field. Mr. Eynatten replied it would give us about 8 acres of just open green space that would be available for practice, so it would have a tremendous impact.

Councilmember Weninger asked if there would be a need for additional parking. Mr. Eynatten said staff is looking at incorporating temporary parking.

Mr. Eynatten added that another option staff has looked at is adding two game quality fields at Chuparosa Park that would not be lighted.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked about parking. Mr. Eynatten said there would be a need for additional parking, but we are not advocating lighting those fields because of the proximity to the apartment complex.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the Tumbleweed acres used for Ostrich Festival parking. Mr. Eynatten said they are. Staff is comfortable that if those fields are taken it could handle the parking, but it would take about two weeks to get them back into practice ready fields.

#### **Mayor & Council, Communications & Public Affairs – Nachie Marquez**

Assistant City Manager Nachie Marquez presented the budget for the Mayor & Council and Communication & Public Affairs. There were no questions.

#### **City Manager – Marian Norris**

Assistant to the City Manager Marian Norris presented the budget for the City Manager's Office. There were no questions.

#### **Buildings & Facilities – Kris Kircher**

Facilities Maintenance Manager Kris Kircher presented the budget for Buildings & Facilities. There were no questions.

#### **Economic Development – Chris Mackay**

Economic Development Director Chris Mackay presented the budget for Economic Development.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked what is transpiring with the Covance facility. Ms. Mackay said currently we do 4-5 tours a month for people interested in buying or repurposing the building. So far we have not found the right buyer.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if that building be conducive to a veterinarian school. Ms. Mackay agreed it would be a phenomenal opportunity for a veterinarian school.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if we, in cooperation with a broker, put some kind of mailing out to veterinarian schools to see if there would be interest in locating a veterinarian campus in Chandler. Ms. Mackay said she will immediately work with the City Managers. We have a list together and we track different colleges on a regular basis. We will put a marketing package together immediately and get them out to those schools.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked how viable is a Conference Center? Ms. Mackay said there have been meetings with two potential candidates of the conference center developer and they would develop the hotel. It is moving along well, however nothing is committed as of today. They are doing their due diligence

Vice Mayor Heumann asked how many different programs does Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) bring to our City and what would you say our return on investment is. Ms.

Mackay replied our return on investment is about \$46.00 for every \$1.00 we invest to them. We have 11 locates that came from GPEC.

### **Downtown – Chris Mackay**

Ms. Mackay presented the budget for Downtown.

Mayor Tibshraeny commented that the bar needs to be set high on the high density residential expansion. It is one thing to have residential in downtown, we all want to have more residential in downtown, but we also want to add value to downtown. In terms of the quality and the construction and how sustainable that will be in the long term. We want it to add value and be an asset. Ms. Mackay said they are working closely those particular tenants.

### **Airport – Lori Quan**

Airport Administrator Lori Quan presented the budget for Airport.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if the 40% of take offs and landings are coming from out of the area Ms. Quan replied

Vice Mayor Heumann said there needs to be a way to figure out the true economic impact of the airport. The million dollar general fund cost as an end price, what is the subsidy to be expected for next year to keep that fund whole. Ms. Quan said she would have to provide that later.

### **Human Resource – Debra Stapleton**

Human Resources Director Debra Stapleton presented the budget for Human Resources.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if success is being seen with the Wellness Program. Is this something over the next few years you can show tangible results that show things, like cholesterol levels down and weight loss that you can bring back to Council. Ms. Stapleton stated that is what the Return on Investments Analysis (ROIs) will do. To try to get more of a handle on what programs are successful and where we want to put all of our efforts. This compliance will help us provide more tangible information.

Councilmember Donovan asked if the new medical Request for Proposal (RFP) will include the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) contract that is with another vendor. Will we also be looking at doing a RFP for that as well? Ms. Stapleton said we have not done the RFP for the pay flex, this is just for the medical. We are considering that at this point, but have not look at that as part of this.

Councilmember Donovan clarified there is a timeline for the medical but not for the FSA and pay flex. Ms. Stapleton replied not at this point.

### **Information Technology – Steve Philbrick**

Chief Information Officer Steve Philbrick presented the budget for IT.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if tablets were being looked at. Mr. Philbrick replied it is definitely in place and definitely something we are looking at.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the Internet Explorer security issue affected us at all and was it something we monitored. Mr. Philbrick said the city was not affected. There is a patch out and our security team has been watching to make sure we are not seeing any issues.

### **ITOC – Steve Philbrick**

Mr. Philbrick presented the budget for ITOC. There were no questions.

### **Neighborhood Resources – Jennifer Morrison**

Neighborhood Resources Director Jennifer Morrison presented the budget for Neighborhood Resources.

Councilmember Donovan asked if the Code Inspector position correlates to the Housing and Human Services (HHSC) recommendation of half time funding of code inspection focused on some of lower income neighborhoods. Ms. Morrison said it does not. This is a brand new position for next year, 100% funded by the General Fund. We are looking at strategies internally to pay that person all the while communicating to HHS with the message that they should prioritize City requests when it comes to neighborhoods.

### **City Clerk – Marla Paddock**

City Clerk Marla Paddock presented the budget of the City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked for elections, do we pay per registered voter. Ms. Paddock replied that is correct as far as the amounts paid to the county.

Vice Mayor Heumann – Do we pay for the primary and the general elections if we are not participating in the election. For instance, if everything is decided in the primary do we have to pay for the general. Ms. Paddock said we do not have to pay for that, however there is still an expense because once we commit to being an onsite early voting site for the primary, we would continue to be one for the general so there would be an expense for that.

Councilmember Hartke asked how are we doing with keeping up or handling backlog of document storage. Ms. Paddock replied we are keeping up and gaining efficiencies. We are full staffed right now however during certain times of the year it becomes more difficult.

Councilmember Hartke asked about the passport record, and asked if that is just a traditional spike in the spring that is more accentuated this year or what can you attribute that to. Ms. Paddock said January through May are typically the busiest months. We saw a spike in 2007 and 2008 so we see those same people coming back, especially for children, because if you applied for a child passport back then it expired in 5 years.

### **Law – Kay Bigelow**

City Attorney Kay Bigelow presented the budget for Law.

Councilmember Sellers asked about the \$5 million liability self-insurance fund. Ms. Bigelow said that is for the payment for the cost and any damage award that the City would pay under its self-insurance. If we have liability that is where the damage award would come out of that fund as well as payments for outside council, expert witnesses, and the cost of running the case. It also pays for 4 staff positions, 2 risk management positions, a litigator, and a paralegal.

### **Management Services – Dawn Lang**

Management Service Director Dawn Lang presented the budget for Management Services.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked about the PEPPI, when we are talking about T&D and a customer has a large duty fee how is that going to work when they pay with a credit card. Ms. Lang said for

T&D the credit card fee will be paid for by the customer. So if the customer chooses to use a credit card they would have a percent that would be tacked on to the total bill.

Councilmember Ellen asked if a customer will be able to pay their water bills with credit cards. Ms. Lang said people have been able to pay their bill previously with a credit card, but the information could not be stored. With this enhancement the customer will now be able to store credit card information, banking information, and be able to set it up as auto pay. For utilities, that fee will actually be absorbed by the City and it will go into the overall rate setting for the enterprise funds.

Councilmember Ellen confirmed there are other departments where customers have to pay a fee if they use a credit card. Ms. Lang confirmed that was correct.

Councilmember Ellen asked if that included Recreation. Ms. Lang said Recreation is under a different solution than the PEPPI project. They are under the new Activenet project that they are implementing and those fees are also going to be absorbed by the City.

In response to questions from Councilmember Sellers, Ms. Lang said there will be notifications that come out that say your bill is ready for payment. If you are on auto payment that will automatically happen and the dollar amount will be in your notification. It will also allow you to view or print your invoice online and has the ability to store up to 36 months of invoices.

Councilmember Donovan said in terms of the banking fees it would seem beneficial to the banks to have us as a customer and that we should not have to pay fees because we have such high balances. Ms. Lang responded that staff recently went out on RFP for our banking contract which awarded to Chase. There are a lot of different fees, such as armor car pick up and utility lock box, which are extended services. Our banking fees themselves are pretty minimal and there are a lot of various fees that they do waive. We meet with them on a quarterly basis and we will continue to watch for opportunities to have fees waived.

Vice Mayor Heumann said another negotiating point would be the merchant fees, especially once the new billing system is up and running, and if we are taking more credit card payments.

#### **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Greg Westrum**

Budget Manager Greg Westrum presented a general overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Projects, Funding Sources and impact on the tax levy. There were no questions.

#### **Buildings & Facilities CIP – Kris Kircher**

Facilities Maintenance Manager Kris Kircher presented an overview of the CIP for Buildings & Facilities. There were no questions.

#### **Information Technology/ITOC CIP – Steve Philbrick**

Chief Information Officer Steve Philbrick presented an overview of the CIP for IT/ITOC.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked what is agenda management analysis. Mr. Philbrick replied money has been set aside to start looking in sizing and figuring out what we need to do to implement a more electronic agenda management. It will be tied into things like tablets. The entire process would become automated throughout the city. This is money that would be used for consultants.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if this would be operational in FY15-16. Mr. Philbrick said probably towards the end of FY15-16 depending on the information we get back and how intense it is to

implement. There are examples out there on what has worked and has not worked, so we are going to work from those.

### **Economic Development CIP – Chris Mackay**

Economic Development Director Chris Mackay presented an overview of the CIP for Economic Development.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked what the reason is for the \$500,000/year maintenance is on the Downtown Redevelopment Program. Ms. Mackay replied the City owns a number of sites in Downtown Chandler, and there is landscape maintenance and gravel maintenance that have to happen, as well as things that may break that come up through the year. If we do not use that fund during the year it will roll back into the general fund.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the Commercial Reinvestment Program needs to be a re-evaluated as it has been in place now for 7 or 8 years. Ms. Mackay said it was modified in 2009 at this Council's direction to allow it to do demolition of underperforming retail. We can now turn underperforming retail into office or residential. We will work with Planning and Development and/or our intergovernmental liaison to re-review the program and report back to Council.

Vice Mayor Heumann referred to the Washington Street design, and asked is there a plan in place for Arizona Avenue from Frye to the 202 area. He said that section seems a higher priority than Washington because of commercial development that can go there. Ms. Mackay reported a staff team is researching what would be necessary to take it from Frye to 202 or to Pecos. Staff wants to assign some cost to back up the information to Council.

Councilmember Hartke commented that Washington is a good complement if the infrastructure and things that need to happen to further develop Arizona Avenue, since they are so close. He stated the focus needs to be the improvement between Pecos and Frye on Arizona Avenue, because that has become a gateway to our City.

Councilmember Hartke referred to the land acquisition and demolition, and asked if there are some open properties to potentially purchase for Washington Street. He asked if the funding that starts in FY 2015-16, is just a place holder for other potential projects as we see them or are there current plans. Ms. Mackay explained the \$500,000 in land acquisitions has been traditional through our budget process to have that reserve when opportunities present themselves. There are no properties currently identified that we would be acquiring. In the past, if not used, it had actually rolled forward. In FY 2015-16 it is at Council's discretion as to whether it rolls forward or if it will be absorbed back into the general fund.

### **Airport CIP – Lori Quan**

Airport Administrator Lori Quan presented an overview of the CIP for the Airport.

Mayor Tibshraeny said replacing the fuel tank is a very important issue. Staff needs to stay on top of it to make sure that there is no lagging of us have the ability to sell fuel at the airport. If we need a bigger tank in terms of capacity we should take care of this now rather than later.

Councilmember Sellers commented that a significant thing here is that a majority of the projects require very little investment on the part of the City, but the key is we have to have the funds available for our share in order to take advantage of the grants when they become available.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked what the pay back is on fixing the fuel tank. Would installing a bigger tank make us sell more fuel. Ms. Quan said this has been discussed over time with Management Services, but they have not talked about upsizing the tank beyond what it is. Currently we have a 12,000 gallon tank. We can get back to you on that.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked for the number of CIP projects in FY 2014-15 in terms of safety versus capacity and what our share is and what does it cost for our total subsidy to the airport. He inquired if the CIP side added additional subsidy to that. Ms. Lang responded that the subsidy for 2014-15 includes \$722,000 in capital related general fund dollars to the airport enterprise.

Vice Mayor Heumann clarified that of the \$700,000, \$260,000 is on the operating side. Ms. Lang said \$263,000 is for operating on top of the \$782,000 for capital.

Councilmember Sellers said he assumed that \$750,000 would mostly be capital improvements and asked if that would increase the value in the airport. Ms. Lang replied that is true. The biggest expense of that \$722,000 is the fuel tank. The others are some match on grants that if they do not go through; the money does not get spent.

Mayor Tibshraeny said he hopes we are encouraging other Fixed-based operators (FBO) to get business into our airport. Ms. Quan said we are always seeking those types of partners to get involved at our airport.

#### **Community Services CIP – Mickey Ohland**

Park Development and Operations Manager Mickey Ohland presented an overview of the CIP for Community Services.

In response to a question from Mayor Tibshraeny, Mr. Ohland said there are no further plans for aquatic facilities in Chandler.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if there have ever been any discussions on an indoor aquatic facility whether it be public or private in Chandler. Mr. Ohland responded when Tumbleweed Rec Center was being looked at we had to consider an indoor aquatic facility as part of that. That project as it was built was about a \$15 million dollar project and the aquatic facility would have added another \$12 million dollars to it at that time. We can certainly take a look at that in our future CIPs.

Mayor Tibshraeny said that should be looked at with that private group that is looking to do some kind of water recreational amenity. There could be an opportunity of partnerships on something like that.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked given the close proximity of Homestead North and South Parks, what is the purpose of both. Mr. Ohland said Homestead North is more of a traditional neighborhood park. Homestead South is more open space, not a traditional park.

Vice Mayor Heumann – Has any consideration been given to a public or private partnership to add uniqueness so it is not something that is just open space. Mr. Ohland said South could have some drainage issues, but we can look at adding more uniqueness.

#### **Fire CIP – Assistant Fire Chief Tom Carlson**

Assistant Fire Chief Tom Carlson presented an overview of the CIP for Fire.

Vice Mayor Heumann noted on the new rescue vehicle, there are ongoing expenses listed. He asked if this took into account the fact that we won't be sending out a big truck anymore or is just

the pure expense for that 2 man truck. Assistant Chief Carlson replied this is just the pure expenses for the 2 person truck.

Vice Mayor Heumann said after the completion of this pilot program, will you will be able to see and report on the difference in savings when sending out this truck versus the other truck. Assistant Chief Carlson said that is the intent.

### **Police CIP – Chief Sean Duggan**

Chief Sean Duggan presented an overview of the CIP for Police.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the new radios for fire and police would be on the same bandwidth. Chief Duggan said that system already exists. This is a completely new mandate from the FCC to become more efficient and radio frequencies that are available nationwide.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if this is a federal unfunded mandate. Chief Duggan said it is unfunded, but at the end of the day it is a good thing for public safety because we will have access to more frequencies in the future.

### **Municipal Utilities CIP– John Knudson**

Senior Utilities Engineering Manager John Knudson presented an overview of the CIP for Municipal Utilities including Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked if the Water Rights Settlement is a one time or ongoing. Mr. Knudson replied it is a one-time payment.

Vice Mayor Heumann confirmed that is the last tribal settlement Mr. Knudson confirmed it is.

### **Transportation and Development CIP – Dan Cook**

Transportation Manager Dan Cook presented an overview of the CIP for Transportation and Development.

Councilmember Weninger said he has heard nothing but rave reviews on the LED lights. The clarity of the light is very good without it bleeding as much. As some of these come available, he asked if staff didn't want to mix the different kinds of lights. Mr. Cook said for the short term, we are going to replace in kind. We will use up our inventory. Generally we are going to do our upgrades in neighborhoods or blocks of neighborhoods at the same time so it is uniform.

Councilmember Hartke asked the construction completion date for Alma School/Chandler. Mr. Cook said likely the fall of 2016. Start would be in the spring of 2016.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked where the storm water runs to on the Downtown Storm Drain Improvement. Mr. Cook said this would bring it down to Chandler Blvd and Arizona Ave.

Vice Mayor Heumann asked for an update on the Western Canal project. Mr. Cook reported there is a Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) study with other communities in the valley and the railroad to look at various crossings including this one and finalizing that study on the MAG process. We are ready to kick off our design as well and then construction in FY 2015-16.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if the Gilbert side has improved on the Western Canal project. Mr. Cook said the Gilbert sidewalk is missing in that area. We have coordinated with Gilbert and they will participate on it.

Councilmember Hartke asked if other valley cities are using the flashing yellow lights project. Mr. Cook replied that other cities around the valley are using them but probably at more selected areas. We are the first city to be more citywide in the valley and probably the state.

Councilmember Hartke said people seem confused by these and asked if there was education being done. Mr. Cook said the signage has been adjusted and stated he believed the change is helping in those locations. As people drive it more they become accustomed to what it means and get used to the flashing yellow fairly quickly. Ms. Marquez added that a tremendous amount of communication was distributed through Cityscope and our website as well.

Councilmember Ellen said she remembered seeing signage above the light to explain it, but she was not sure which city. Mr. Cook said Chandler has done that too.

In response to a question from Mayor Tibshraeny, Mr. Cook explained every signal that is connected to the traffic management center, is adjustable at the traffic management center. We have a few that aren't connected yet, and we would have to go make those manually.

#### **Planning – Jeff Kurtz**

Jeff Kurtz presented an overview of the CIP for Planning.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked regarding the Update Master Plan project, if the vote will occur in 2018 for that committee. Mr. Kurtz said 2018.

Councilmember Hartke asked if we are supposed to do this every 10 years. Mr. Kurtz said Statute suggests that we do it every 10 years.

Councilmember Hartke asked if there was a penalty accrued if it is not passed the first time through. Mr. Kurtz said that is correct. The existing one is still valid.

#### **Wrap up – Dawn Lang**

Adjournment: The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: January 8, 2015

#### 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 May 2, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2015

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City Clerk