

Meeting Minutes

Resident Bond Public Works Subcommittee

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2024 | 4:00 p.m.
Chandler City Hall
175 S Arizona Ave., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Heumann at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Attendance

Chair Rick Heumann
Chris Dobson
Jennifer Hawkins
Terri Kimble
Spike Lawrence
Duane Lidman
Heidi Paakkonen

Staff Attendance

John Knudson, Public Works & Utilities
Director
Ryan Peters, Strategic Initiatives Director
Jeremy Abbott, Public Works & Utilities
Assistant Director
Dan Haskins, Capital Projects Manager
Raquel Diaz, Management Assistant
Liz Denning, Public Works Financial Services
Supervisor
Kelly Schwab, City Attorney
Matt Dunbar, Budget & Policy Director
Dana DeLong, City Clerk
Josef Kennis, Wastewater Facilities Manager
Toni Smith, Marketing & Communications
Manager

Absent
None

Discussion

1. **Chair Huemann** introduced the meeting and after introductions, he introduced John Knudson and asked him to proceed with his presentation.
2. Open Meeting Law/Conflict of Interest Training, & Public speaking protocol

City Attorney Kelly Schwab and City Clerk Dana DeLong presented information regarding Open Meeting Law. Ms. Schwab explained as public sub officials you are subject to meeting law. Ms. Schwab went through the basics of how to have a meeting that complies with Arizona law and how not to violate Arizona law. Ms. Schwab provided a PowerPoint presentation showing bullet points of the Open Meeting Law. Dana DeLong also provided a PowerPoint presentation on How Do We Have a Legal Meeting, how to post Agendas, the official record of a meeting, who can make comments, when can you make comments, conflict of interest, and what is a record.

3. Financial Overview

City Budget & Policy Director Matt Dunbar presented a PowerPoint presentation and explained the Finance Overview. Mr. Dunbar explained the current 10-Year CIP Council Guidelines and our 2024-2034 Capital Improvement Plan, a breakdown of the Chandler property tax rate comparison, and discussed our Statutory debt Capacity and Total Outstanding Debt. The City has maintained AAA Bond Ratings from Moody's, Fitch, and S&P rating agencies, resulting in low-cost of borrowing which correlates to lower taxes and utility rates. Mr. Dunbar discussed the GO Bond Funded Project needs for the 10-year CIP plan. Mr. Dunbar provided:

- 1: Full project listing (all subcommittees)
- 2: Your subcommittee project in the current CIP with recommended adjustments.

Mr. Dunbar asked if there were any questions.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DOBSON asked are your bonds ever dissolvable? Mr. Dunbar responded they are.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DOBSON asked if we have a year, and Mr. Dunbar responded some are only eight years in length. The length depends on what are needs are, sometimes we have a year where we have access to secondary revenue flowing in so we will do a six-year bond, and with the first year looking askew, we pay half of it off in year one. We adjust how we pay off those bonds based on what secondary property taxes are doing and what bonds are going up. We look each year with several groups and analysts and say to them here this is, and what you can do with early calls on these bonds and save some money.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DOBSON asked if we use a specific underwriter, are the underwriters local or from New York? Is there a Local representative in the local area? Mr. Dunbar responded it depends on what we are doing, often if it is a bid, where the underwriting is a bid and sometimes it's selected and we select a key underwriter with a secondary and have two or three that work with us on the underwriting on those bids but it depends on what the market is doing and we have financial advisors that help since they have a good pulse of the market, and we don't know where to go competitive or how are we going to do this. Typically, they are from New York but have a local representative in Chandler and Scottsdale.

4. CAPA Representative – Social media, Media attending meetings, website

Marketing & Communications Manager Toni Smith explained Communication and Public Affairs (CAPA) update process and how to update the community on the web page, news media, and social media. PowerPoint presentation was provided.

5. Department Overview

Public Works and Utilities Director John Knudson provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained from a department perspective. Mr. Knudson indicated if you would like to request a tour of one of our plants, give our department a call and we can schedule a private tour. Overview of how Public Works fits into the plan, Public Works and Utilities and who we are, Transportation Policy and who we are, Transportation Master Plan, and overview of Projects. Mr. Knudson explained connectivity and how everything done with transit, roadway, active transportation, and ADA improvements is important and how there are federal laws that require us to build certain infrastructures and accommodate those with disabilities. Mr. Knudson explained Economic Vitality without a good utility system and road system the economy in the city can't function properly, and neighborhoods as well.

Mr. Knudson introduced some colleagues Dan Haskins, Capital Projects Manager. Josef Kennis, Wastewater Facilities Manager, and Jeremy Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Assistant Director.

Mr. Knudson introduced Strategic Incentives Director Ryan Peters. Mr. Peters provided a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Transportation Policy and 4 main areas which are Transportation Planning and Programming, Public Transportation, Active Transportation, and ADA Compliance. The Transportation Master Plan which was adopted in 2019 and an update to the proposition of the 400 extension is now Prop 479. Through this update, residents were asked what they wanted to see in Chandler, and the Survey results for Modes of Travel were presented in the PowerPoint. Mr. Peters provided information on capacity constraints and areas of concern for areas without improvements.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DOBSON asked to have copies of this presentation sent to him, Mr. Knudson responded in future meetings we will have hard copies for everyone.

Mr. Peters discussion ensued with the Bicycle/Pedestrian recommendations, bike lanes on all arterials, shared use path signalized crossings at all arterial roads, added new shared use paths and separated bike lanes, and interconnected network of on-street and off-street Facilities. Funding a Transportation Project uses State funding, regional funding, Federal Funding, Bond Funding, Impact Fees, or Local General Funds.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER KIMBLE wanted to add clarification that proposition 479 does not include light rail for Chandler. Mr. Peters responded that it does not include new light rail funding across the valley, only to maintain what has been built.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBER HUEMAN added that Prop 479 has worked out with all 30 cities and counties the terms that the West side needs more roads, and different reasons but you can see that the West valley needs more freeways than the East Valley needs, so it is a tradeoff for the whole valley. Mr. Peters continued with proposed projects in Chandler and referred to the PowerPoint.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER KIMBLE asked if Prop 479 doesn't pass, will we re-convene as a committee? Mr. Peters responded Yes, the city will reconvene, there will be a whole strategic move for that, discussion ensued.

CHAIR HUEMAN added, let's hope it will pass.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LAWRENCE mentioned he loved seeing the progress in Chandler and asked what the massive pipes on Chandler Blvd. are, and if it was part of Intel. Mr. Knudson said no, it's not part of Intel. Mr. Knudson discussed the 66-inch sewer project and the General overview of this year's CIP improvement plan.

Public Comment

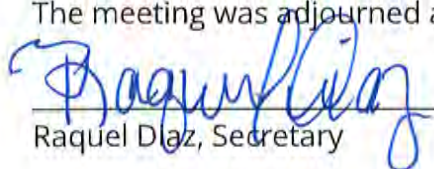
None.

Calendar

The next Resident Bond Public Works Subcommittee meeting will be held on October 15, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the Chandler City Hall 5th floor large conference room.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


Raquel Diaz, Secretary


Rick Heumann, Chair