

Meeting Minutes

Resident Bond Public Works Subcommittee

Regular Meeting

November 26, 2024 | 4:02 p.m.
Chandler City Hall
175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, Arizona
[Webex](#) virtual Meeting



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
Duane Lidman
Heidi Paakkonen
Spike Lawrence

Staff Attendance

John Knudson, Public Works & Utilities
Director
Dan Haskins, Capital Projects Manager
Liz Denning, Public Works Financial Services
Supervisor
Ryan Peters, Strategic Initiatives Director
Jason Crampton, Transportation Planning
Manager
Raquel Diaz, Management Assistant

Absent

Action Agenda Item No. 1

1. Move to approve the Minutes of the Public Works Bond Subcommittee Meeting #4 held on November 12, 2024, and authorize the Chair to approve the final meeting minutes of November 26, 2024.
2. Move to approve the Public Works Bond Subcommittee project recommendations and prioritizations as presented and submit them to the Bond Steering Committee.

Action Agenda Item No. 1 Motion and Vote

Chair Heumann action agenda or consent agenda, we have two items on the agenda, approval of the minutes and improving the Public Works Subcommittee Project recommendation. Motion to approve the November 12th meeting minutes: **SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER HEIDI PAAKKONEN** moved; Seconded by **SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER HAWKINS**. Any opposed? None.

Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

CHAIR HEUMANN next item is to move to approve the Public Works Bon Subcommittee Project Recommendations and Prioritizations as presented and submitted to them to the Bonds Steering Committee.

Discussion

CHAIR HEUMANN shared in the PowerPoint presentation the Budget Priority Breakdown Spreadsheet. The only thing I would like to add is that I want to make sure that we really are looking at the biggest priority for the city should be needs, not wants. With money being limited and getting tighter, we need to prioritize the items in our last meeting, my philosophy is making sure we're taking care of what we have.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LIDMAN said I looked over the Excel spreadsheet, and I like the way it's laid out with the previous year's funding, the new bond requests, the grant capital, and everything else has a good layout it and everything looks good to me.

CHAIR HEUMANN said Great, thank you. Any other comments from anybody on this item?

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PAAKKONEN said no, the justifications make sense. My only question was, do we need to frame those a little bit in a more detailed way, articulate them a little bit more clearly, or will this achieve what we want in terms of capturing what our work reflects and what we want our recommendations to represent? Does that make sense? **CHAIR HEUMANN** said yes, it does. What we try to do on stuff like this is not get so specific that it ties the hands of staff as well. The first one, additional funding as requested and available street repaving leaves it open, the maintenance of existing infrastructure, again leave it open, the traffic signals leaves it open. We're not saying let's do Warner obviously for a traffic light, but I also like I said, I want to make

sure in the notes to the master committee, there's a statement that this committee decided that the most important thing is our needs, not wants, and it's prioritized based on that information. Your callout is a correct idea, you don't want to make it so specific that you tie hands on certain projects. **SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PAAKKONEN** said yeah, and not to miss an opportunity to impart what we were thinking and where we landed on our justification. I want to make sure.

CHAIR HEUMANN asked Mr. Knudson if we could put a statement at the bottom of that or as a cover sheet that the full intent of the Public Works Bond Committee is that needs are the priority, and this list is prioritized based on needs and not wants. Can we do something like that? Mr. Knudson said Yes, we sure can. And if you remember, the prioritization one through thirteen was based on what we talked about in the last meeting. We talked about aging infrastructure, safety, and then corridor capacity as the three guiding principles: aging infrastructure, safety, and corridor. That's how we came up with the prioritizations.

CHAIR HEUMANN asked the Secretary to note that the Public Works Bond Committee has prioritized from the list aging infrastructure, safety, and corridor improvements with the greatest emphasis on needs and not wants.

CHAIR HEUMANN asked does that work for everybody?

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PAAKKONEN said I like that, thank you.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LIDMAN said Yeah, I'm good with that.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LAWRENCE said Yeah, I'm ok. Awesome.

CHAIR HEUMANN said Okay, I need a motion to approve this with the additional comments that we want added to this.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LIDMAN: I move to approve the Public Works Bond Subcommittee Project Recommendations and Prioritization as presented and with additional comments by the Chair and submit them to the Bond Steering Committee.

CHAIR HEUMANN said Awesome, do we have a 2nd?

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LAWRENCE said I'll second that.

CHAIR HEUMANN asked Any more comments on this? No comments were made. If not, we'll have everybody in favor say I? All members said I. Any Opposed? None were made.

CHAIR HEUMANN said I want to thank everybody for the committee's work. I think we did a really good job. I think I really appreciate everybody participating and being involved with this. With that, I will adjourn the meeting.

Public Comment

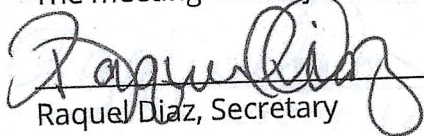
None.


Calendar

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.


Raquel Diaz, Secretary



Rick Heumann, Chair