

DRAFT MINUTES

**CITY OF GLENDALE
CITIZEN BOND ELECTION COMMITTEE
GLENDALE CIVIC CENTER
5750 W. GLENN DRIVE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301
OCTOBER 11, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted.

Members Present: Lisa Baker, Committee Chair
Jim Brodnax, Committee Member
Helena Johnson-Bodine, Committee Member
Connie Kiser, Committee Member

Members Absent: Alicia Rubio, Committee Member
Michael Socaciu, Committee Vice Chair

Other Attendees: Vicki Rios, Assistant City Manager
Levi D. Gibson, Director, Budget and Finance
William DeHaan, Greenburg Traurig

Committee Member Johnson-Bodine asked if the meeting was on Zoom. Ms. Rios said it was not being recorded on Zoom. Committee Member Johnson-Bodine recalled comments made at the last meeting by the Vice Chair regarding challenges with the Zoom technology and Ms. Rios indicated that the technology for Zoom would be better at this new meeting location. Committee Member Johnson-Bodine said the public should have been able to view the meeting online tonight since they were voting on Questions 1 and 2 and it was very disappointing it was not happening.

3. Citizen Comments

Mr. James Ho, of the Cholla District, made the following comments:

My name is James Ho, and I am a resident of the Cholla district. With less than one month to go before the election day, I'm hoping that this meeting will provide answers to residents who've expressed their questions and concerns about the project list for Question 1. In both the May and August Bond Committee meetings, you were presented with a sample list of fifteen street reconstruction projects. The City explained that the sample list was being provided because the pavement condition study was underway, and the results of the study would be used to create the actual list of projects. At the September 12th Council workshop meeting, the City provided an update on the pavement management program and informed the Council that fifty-four miles of our city streets are already in a failed condition and will require reconstruction. These streets would presumably be reconstructed using the \$82 million from Question 1. After this workshop meeting, I noticed that a new document was posted to the City's G.O. Bond website titled 'Bond 2023 Question 1 Detailed Project Listing.' This document had twenty-two specific projects instead of the fifteen sample projects that were previously presented. The document has since been revised to include CIP project numbers that link each of these twenty-two projects to the City's published Budget Book. Additionally, the document doesn't say the word 'sample' anywhere on the page. When I saw this new list, I thought that it represented the actual list of projects that would be completed using the \$82 million from Question 1. I think any reasonable voter would think the same thing. Again, the document titled 'Bond 2023 Question 1 Detailed Project Listing', contains twenty-two specific projects with CIP project numbers as posted to the official G.O. Bond

website and does not contain the word ‘sample’ anywhere on the page. However, the City has since clarified that the Bond 2023 Question 1 Detailed Project Listing is actually yet another list of sample projects. This is extremely confusing to voters, and I hope that the City’s presentation tonight will provide the answers that voters are looking for. Thank you.

4. Approval of August 2, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Member Jim Brodnax, second by Committee Member Helena Johnson-Bodine, to approve the Citizen Bond Election Committee August 2, 2023 meeting minutes as written.

**Aye: Lisa Baker, Committee Chair
Jim Brodnax, Committee Member
Helena Johnson-Bodine, Committee Member
Connie Kiser, Committee Member**

**Other: Committee Member Alicia Rubio (ABSENT)
Committee Vice Chair Michael Socaciu (ABSENT)**

Passed

5. Overview of the Streets Projects Listed on the Glendale Bond 2023 Website

Presented by: Vicki Rios, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Rios gave a detailed presentation, including information on the following:

- What Types of Projects Will Be Funded by Question 1?
 - Located on the FAQ’s on the Bond 2023 website
 - This was the list shown to the Bond Committee, in May and August
- Projects Requiring Additional Voter Authorization
- Glendale Bond 2023 Website – Bond 2023 Question 1 Detailed Project Listing
- Glendale Bond 2023 Website – Updated Bond 2023 Question 1 Detailed Project Listing
 - Includes CIP Project Number and correction to a project description
 - All the projects on the original list and the revised list were shown to the Bond Committee

Ms. Rios distributed a list of CIP projects adopted by Council and noted that every one of the projects on the Detailed Project Listing, both original and updated, appear in the City’s current adopted CIP. She called attention to the CIP budget and said the project ‘Street Reconstruction Program’ had budgeted amounts which total \$81.5 million. She explained all of the projects on the list were included in this large category / project. She said the list given to the bond committee were sample projects, from a group of projects lumped together because they do not have bond authority. She said they were all contained together in one CIP project so staff could keep track of the particular projects and without \$82 million of additional bond authority, none of that project category would go forward. She said the Transportation Department provided the list of sample projects. She noted that if the bonds passed, projects in the lumped category would move to specific projects like the other ones on the CIP list. She said the list was meant to answer what types of projects would be funded by Question 1 and was not meant to be an all-inclusive list of projects. She said final projects would be determined by the Transportation Department’s recommendation, the PCI report, and by Council prioritization. She said the reason there were more projects on the website list was because the list included some carryover projects that were currently being worked on and used bond funding from previous authority.

Committee Member Johnson-Bodine asked if any of the projects lumped together would not have been approved by Council. Ms. Rios said the projects were approved as a lump sum amount by Council, in the approved budget. Committee Member Johnson-Bodine said this could be very confusing for a voter and appreciated the explanation by Ms. Rios.

6. CIP Prioritization Process

Presented by: Vicki Rios, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Rios provided information on the CIP Prioritization Process, which included information from the City's Budget Book and a response from a public records request on the issue.

- The Budget Book indicates that a project ranking matrix was developed and approved by City Council to apply to proposed G.O. Bond projects in the 10-Year CIP. The process was implemented during the FY19-28 CIP.
- The ranking criteria were detailed in the Budget Book.
- The Budget Book indicates once the G.O. Bond projects were ranked, their estimated project costs and ranking were applied to the available G.O. Bond capacity starting in FY21-22. It states that the current FY23-32 CIP program reflects the G.O. Bond projects that have made the highest priority out of all G.O. Bond projects submitted for the FY23-32 CIP program.
- The outcome of the ranking matrix showed Council's priorities, in terms of how much bond authority they wanted to use for streets, parks, and landfill, for example.

Ms. Rios explained the theory of the ranking matrix, reason for use, and why it was not used for FY23-32 CIP. She said staff attempted to use the matrix, but it did not work because there was no bond authority, and all of the streets received the same score. She said information about the PCI was needed in order to prioritize and make recommendation to Council. She shared an email from Mr. Kevin Phelps, City Manager, explaining that he made the decision in the City Manager's office to use departmental recommendations and Council priorities instead of the matrix.

7. CIP Project Budget Estimates

Presented by: Vicki Rios, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Rios provided information on the CIP Budget Estimates for Public Safety, with an explanation as to the revisions over time. She said budgets are estimates and updated frequently as least once annually. She said contracts are approved by Council and actual costs are not known until the project is completed, due to possible change orders. She provided follow up answers to questions regarding the Property / Evidence Forensics Lab, Fire Station #154, and the Main Public Safety Building project.

8. Staff Report

Mr. Gibson announced that Committee Member McConnell submitted his resignation to the staff early last week.

9. Committee Comments and Suggestions

Committee Member Johnson-Bodine said she was very concerned for the bond election results in November. She was concerned the residents were not able to use Zoom to view tonight's meeting, especially since the meeting facility had available cameras. She said there was confusion for the public and expressed concern for the outcome of the bond election.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member Connie Kiser, second by Committee Member Jim Brodnax to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

**Aye: Lisa Baker, Committee Chair
Jim Brodnax, Committee Member
Helena Johnson-Bodine, Committee Member
Connie Kiser, Committee Member**

**Other: Committee Member Alicia Rubio (ABSENT)
Committee Vice Chair Michael Socaciu (ABSENT)**

Passed

The Citizen Bond Election Committee meeting minutes of October 11, 2023 were submitted and approved this ____ Day of _____ 2023.

Levi D. Gibson
Director, Budget and Finance