



# Downtown Campus Reinvestment Project: Time Capsule

City Council Workshop January 13, 2026





# Agenda

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1. Update on Current Time Capsule
2. Council Options for Next Steps



# 1985 Time Capsule

Mayor George Renner speaks at ground-breaking ceremonies for Glendale's city complex.

## Glendale breaks ground for new municipal complex

By Lori Baker  
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GLENDALE — When Glendale residents open a time capsule in the year 2010, they will find a 100-year-old cement slab.

It is a portion of a sidewalk that was laid in 1910 — the year the city was incorporated — in front of Glendale's first municipal offices.

The time capsule will be located in the city's new municipal complex, which is being built at the site of the original City Hall between Glendale Avenue, Glenn Drive, 58th Drive and 59th Avenue.

Nearly 400 Glendale residents and employees participated in ground-breaking ceremonies last week for the \$6.8 million building and parking garage. A register of their signatures will be included in the time capsule.

The city will seek additional items for the time capsule in September, officials said.

The new municipal facility is expected to meet the city's needs

through its 100th birthday. The late city manager, Stan Van de Putte, who spent hundreds of hours planning the new city hall, will be commemorated.

A bronze bust of Van de Putte will hang in the office complex lobby. A group of Glendale residents raised the funds for the art work. Van de Putte died a year ago after 22 years as city manager.

Tibbrazny Brothers Construction of Phoenix is expected to finish the four-level, 430-vehicle parking garage in October and the five-story, 90,070-square-foot office building in June 1984. The company was the low bidder among 10 bids. It will construct the buildings for \$1.8 million less than the engineer's estimate.

Several city offices have been relocated temporarily while construction is under way. The engineering, planning and building inspection offices are at 6402 W. Glendale Ave and the Youth Services and Victims As-

sistance offices are at 7025 N. 58th Ave.

Other city offices will continue to operate in the old City Hall until the new facility is completed.

The old City Hall will be demolished and council chambers and an amphitheater will be constructed.

A model of the city hall is available in Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The building complex has been designed by the architectural firm of Varney, Sexton, Lunford and Aye.

Landscaping plans call for 58th Drive to be closed between Glendale and Glenn Drive. The complex will have trees, shrubs and grass landscaping to be incorporated to incorporate the east to incorporate Murph Park and Velma Teague Library.

The new City Hall is being financed by bonds sold by the non-profit Glendale Municipal Property Corp. Bonds will be paid off through installments backed by city excise taxes.



An architect's model shows how the city complex will look.

The Phoenix Gazette

## Glendale looks ahead, prepares time capsule for 2010 centennial

By Lori Baker  
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GLENDALE — A present has been left for future generations in the patio-level sidewalk at City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Forty-six items have been sealed in a time capsule, which will be opened in 2010 as part of the city's centennial celebration. After items are added, it will be resealed and opened again in 2110.

The time capsule was part of the anniversary June 18 of the 75th anniversary of the city's incorporation.

One of the items in the capsule is a letter from George Renner, who has been mayor since 1980. He wrote:

"You are our heirs. With eyes that see but dimly into the future, we trust that our vision has provided you with the basis for a sound community. The issues with which we are dealing today — transportation, energy and the scarcity of

water — are not easily resolved. We have attempted through our planning to make your life better.

"It is my most sincere hope that we have left you a community where the quality of life is high, a community where families, businesses and industry share their goals to the mutual betterment of all, a community where there is pride in our cultural and ethnic heritage. A community that is distinct, that is uniquely Glendale."

A photographic journal about country Western singer Marty Robbins, who grew up in Glendale, also was placed in the capsule. The journal was published by his twin sister, Mamie Minotto.

Another item in the capsule is a book written this year by first-graders in Susan Coons' class at Bicentennial Elementary School, which features drawings about why the

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children like Glendale. Also in the capsule is Glendale's strategic plan, which maps the city's future through 2010. The plan, which was written by 34 citizens and nine city employees, includes about 300 goals to improve the city's image, quality of life, revenues and development.

Other items include a brick from the old City Hall, which was torn down in November 1984; past and present Glendale city seals; a map of the city; a Glendale Historical Society member list; Glendale clubs and organizations listings; GAIN (a citizens' group that started in 1984) membership; the 1985-86 preliminary budget; the 1984-85 annual budget; and the city's 1984 annual report.

And issues of *The Glendale Star*, *The Phoenix Gazette* and *The*  
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# 1985 Time Capsule





# Options for 1985 Time Capsule

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1. Open and display contents
2. Keep closed and reinstall next to new time capsule
3. Open and display contents for limited time before reinstalling next to new time capsule

# Coming Soon...

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# Discussion/Questions