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**MINUTES  
BOND COMMITTEE  
5850 W. GLENDALE AVE.  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301  
APRIL 15, 2026  
5:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Lisa Baker, Committee Chairperson.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Lisa Baker, Committee Member  
Joyce Clark, Committee Member  
David Giles, Committee Member  
Gary Hirsch, Committee Member  
Ian Hugh, Committee Member  
James Nguyen, Committee Member  
Cory Robinett, Committee Member

Also Present: Vicki Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Levi Gibson, Director, Budget and Finance

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Citizen Bond Committee Minutes of March 4, 2026.

A motion was made by Committee Member David Giles, motion was seconded by Committee Member James Nguyen

AYE: Committee Member Lisa Baker  
Committee Member Joyce Clark  
Committee Member David Giles  
Committee Member Gary Hirsch  
Committee Member Ian Hugh  
Committee Member James Nguyen  
Committee Member Cory Robinett

Passed

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a. INFORMATION: REVIEW OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND POLLING RESULTS

Presentation by Assistant City Manager Vicki Rios

- Survey conducted by Newbridge Strategy (400 Glendale registered voters; ±5% margin of error).
- Key findings:
  - Overall support for park bonds ranged approximately **47% in favor / 36% opposed**.
  - Support increases slightly (~50%) when voters are informed no property tax rate increase is required.
  - Library bonds showed similar support levels (~45% in favor).
  - **Top drivers of support:** water conservation, safety, recreation access.
  - **Top concerns:** affordability, taxes, trust in government spending.

### b. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: REVIEW OF THE CURRENT 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Presented by Levi Gibson, Director, Budget and Finance

- Overview of General Obligation (GO) bond capacity and timelines.
- Identification of areas needing new bond authority:
  - Parks (FY2027)
    - Parks and Recreation Commission recommended moving forward with a General Obligation Bond Election requesting additional Parks bond authority in November 2026.
  - Libraries (FY2028)
    - The Library Advisory Board recommended moving forward with a General Obligation Bond Election requesting additional Library bond authority in November 2026.
  - Government Facilities (FY2028)
  - Streets (FY2031)
- Operations Campus project (~\$49.2M) discussed, including:
  - Potential reallocation to enterprise funds if bonds are not approved.
  - Estimated water rate impact example: ~\$0.61/month per account.

Committee Discussion Themes:

- Strong support expressed for:
  - Including the Operations Campus in a future bond election
  - Completing Heroes Regional Park and Aquatic Center
- Concerns raised regarding:
  - Scope and cost of the Heroes Park project (~\$83M estimate).
  - Need for clearer project descriptions for voters
- Staff confirmed:
  - Additional detail and recommendations on ballot measures will return in May

A motion was made by Committee Member David Giles, motion was seconded by Committee Member Cory Robinett Motion to accept the recommendation of the Library Advisory Board to hold a November 2026 Bond Election

AYE: Committee Member Lisa Baker  
Committee Member Joyce Clark  
Committee Member David Giles  
Committee Member Ian Hugh  
Committee Member James Nguyen  
Committee Member Cory Robinett

NAY: Committee Member Gary Hirsch  
Passed

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AYE: Committee Member Lisa Baker  
Committee Member Joyce Clark  
Committee Member David Giles  
Committee Member Gary Hirsch  
Committee Member Ian Hugh  
Committee Member James Nguyen  
Committee Member Cory Robinett

Passed

A motion was made by Committee Member Ian Hugh, motion was seconded by Committee Member James Nguyen Motion to recommend that City Council hold a November 2026 Bond Election.

AYE: Committee Member Lisa Baker  
Committee Member Joyce Clark  
Committee Member David Giles  
Committee Member Gary Hirsch  
Committee Member Ian Hugh  
Committee Member James Nguyen  
Committee Member Cory Robinett

Passed

## 6. STAFF REPORT

- Committee recommendations will be presented to City Council on **April 28, 2026**.
- If Council concurs:
  - Staff will return in May with:
    - Proposed ballot measures
    - Project lists
    - Final bond amounts
- Deadline to submit to County: **early May 2026**

This report allows the City staff to update the Committee. The Committee is prohibited from discussing or acting on any of the items presented by the staff since they are not itemized on the Bond Committee agenda.

## 7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Request made for:
  - Detailed presentation on Heroes Regional Park
  - Historical investment and original commitments
  - Full project scope prior to final recommendations

## 8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Citizen Bond Election Committee will be held on May 20th at 5:30 p.m., at a location TBD, due to a scheduling conflict at the Civic Center

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Committee Member James Nguyen, motion was seconded by Committee Member David Giles Motion to adjourn the meeting

AYE: Committee Member Lisa Baker  
Committee Member Joyce Clark

Committee Member David Giles  
Committee Member Gary Hirsch  
Committee Member Ian Hugh  
Committee Member James Nguyen  
Committee Member Cory Robinett

Passed

The Citizens Bond Election Committee meeting minutes of April 15, 2026 were submitted and approved this 20th day of May, 2026.

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Levi D. Gibson  
Executive Officer