

City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall - Council Chambers
1900 N. Civic Square
Goodyear, AZ 85395



Monday, February 24, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pizzillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: **Mayor Joe Pizzillo; Vice Mayor Wally Campbell; Councilmember Brannon Hampton; Councilmember Laura Kaino; Councilwoman Vicki Gillis; Councilmember Benita Beckles; Councilmember Trey Terry**

Staff Present: City Manager Wynette Reed; City Attorney Roric Massey; Acting City Clerk Jasmine Pernicano

[Councilmember Terry participated by telephone.]

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION BY COUNCILMEMBER HAMPTON

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF JEFF MERCY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH GOODYEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief of Police Brian Issitt recognized Deputy Chief Jeff Mercy for his years of service and highlighted various points in his career.

Deputy Chief Mercy expressed gratitude to be able to serve the community. Council expressed appreciation for his years of service and congratulated Deputy Chief Mercy on his retirement.

2. **2024 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR RECOGNITIONS**

Citizen of the Year – Bonnie Lewis

Corporate Citizen of the Year – Friends of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center

Youth Citizen of the Year – Ameera Singh

Mayor Pizzillo presented proclamations recognizing Bonnie Lewis as the 2024 Citizen of the Year, the Friends of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center as the 2024 Corporate Citizens of the Year, and Ameera Singh as the 2024 Youth Citizen of the Year. Assistant to the Mayor, Rosalva Zimmerman, read the proclamations.

Bonnie Lewis, representatives of the Friends of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center, and Ameera Singh expressed their gratitude to the City and the Goodyear community for the recognition and ongoing support.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Jeff Redmon, Goodyear resident, expressed various concerns related to flight patterns, roadwork and freeways, warehouses and apartments, open space, campaign signs, volunteer programs, and the overall communication and follow up from the city.

Julie and Levi Haines, Goodyear residents, thanked the city for the quick follow up regarding Goodyear Little League and sports fields.

CONSENT

MOTION BY Councilmember Brannon Hampton, SECONDED BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell to APPROVE Consent Agenda items 3 through 8. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting. (Jasmine Pernicano, Acting City Clerk)

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHOENIX AND THE CITY OF GOODYEAR FOR USE OF FIRE APPARATUS

RECOMMENDATION

Approve IGA with City of Phoenix and providing authorization and direction to take actions and execute documents necessary to carry out the intent of the agreement. (Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief)

5. AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUISITIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR THE CIP#42058 MCDOWELL ROAD MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2447 FINDING THAT ACQUISITION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO MCDOWELL ROAD BETWEEN DYSART ROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 694 FEET WEST OF LITCHFIELD ROAD TO DYSART ROAD. A MATTER OF PUBLIC NECESSITY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO

ACQUIRE SUCH INTERESTS BY DEDICATION, DONATION, PURCHASE OR THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Kimberly Romero, Real Estate Supervisor)

6. **ARIZONA CRASH INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH ADOT**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to provide City of Goodyear access to the Arizona Crash Information System and Crash Records Information System. (Erik Cesek, Assistant City Traffic Engineer)

7. **AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR THE ESTRELLA PARKWAY AND BALLPARK VILLAGE BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2448 FINDING THAT ACQUISITION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF ESTRELLA PARKWAY AND BALLPARK VILLAGE BOULEVARD IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC NECESSITY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO ACQUIRE SUCH INTERESTS BY DEDICATION, DONATION, PURCHASE OR THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE . (Kimberly Romero, Real Estate Supervisor)

8. **AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR APPROVED CIP PROJECT # 30015 - FIRE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the expenditure of funds up to \$1,760,500 for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project #30015 – Fire Resource Management Facility. (Steve Scinto, Director of Engineering)

In response to Council inquiry, Director of Engineering Steve Scinto clarified that the item was included in the approved budget and did not require an increase in funding for the project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **USE PERMIT FOR A CONVENIENCE USE (CONVENIENCE STORE WITH A GAS STATION)**

Mayor Pizzillo opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m.

Senior Planner Justin Gabrielson presented a request for a use permit for a convenience store with a gas station at the southwest corner of MC-85 and South Estrella Parkway. He reviewed the surrounding area, project site proposal, zoning requirements, and the results of traffic studies conducted by the applicant. Mr. Gabrielson explained that the project includes a 5,312-square-foot convenience

store, an 8,176-square-foot auto fuel canopy area with 10 gasoline fueling pumps, accommodating up to 20 vehicles, and a 2,554-square-foot truck fueling canopy area with three semi-truck fueling bays, serving up to three semi-trucks at a time. He clarified that no truck stop services will be provided, and overnight parking will not be allowed. He then outlined the public participation process, which included a citizen review meeting. He noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission considered the item at its February 12, 2025, meeting and recommended forwarding approval to the City Council.

There being no public comments, Mayor Pizzillo closed the Public Hearing at 5:44 p.m.

Council discussed the proposal and confirmed that this project is not a truck stop and expressed support for the stipulations. In response to Council inquiry regarding State Route 30, Development Services Director Katie Wilken explained that the site's location would not impact driveway access to this location.

Mr. Gabrielson explained that there will also be an expansion of lanes on South Estrella Parkway and West Broadway Road. He also noted that the applicant met with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to review these plans, which were found to be acceptable, and that the stipulations were included prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

MOTION BY Councilmember Laura Kaino, SECONDED BY Councilmember Benita Beckles to APPROVE the Use Permit request for a Convenience Use (QuikTrip convenience store with a gas station) on a 5.13-acre portion of a 15.19-acre parcel (APN 500-06-040B) located at the southwest corner of MC-85 & South Estrella Parkway, subject to stipulations. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

BUSINESS

10. AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF GOODYEAR CITY CODE TO ADOPT REVISED POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISH CITY AUDITOR PROGRAM

Finance Director Jared Askelson presented a request to amend city code to establish the Audit Committee and City Auditor Program, as outlined in the city's strategic plan. He explained that the ordinance includes creating a City Auditor position and forming an Audit Committee to replace the Council Audit Subcommittee, which will oversee the audit plan, audit reports, corrective actions, and Council reporting.

Council discussed the committee's reporting structure, the audit plan, and the timeline for recruiting the position and developing the initial audit plan. Mr. Askelson clarified that this internal audit program is separate from the annual comprehensive financial report audit and anticipates posting the recruitment soon, with the initial audit plan expected by summer. He added that the Audit Committee will adopt bylaws setting the structure, roles and responsibilities of the committee.

Acting City Clerk Jasmine Pernicano read Ordinance No. 2025-1628 by title only.

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Brannon Hampton to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1628 AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ADMINISTRATION OF GOODYEAR CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION, 3-1-10 CITY AUDITOR, AND NEW ARTICLE 3-18 AUDIT COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZATION OF FULL-TIME POSITION AND BUDGET AMENDMENT, THE PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS, SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

11. RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND THE CITIZEN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS AND TEMPORARILY ASSIGN A TASK

Public Works Director Sumeet Mohan presented the request to amend the Citizen Water Advisory bylaws to add stormwater duties and temporarily assign a task to review and provide recommendations on solid waste rates. Mr. Mohan provided an overview of the committee, and discussed the solid waste rate review process.

Acting City Clerk Jasmine Pernicano read Resolution No. 2025-2449 and 2025-2450 by title only.

MOTION BY Councilmember Laura Kaino, SECONDED BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2449 APPROVING THE AMENDED BY-LAWS OF THE CITIZEN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING STAFF TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION AND BY-LAWS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE and ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2450 TEMPORARILY ASSIGNING THE CITIZEN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SOLID WASTE RATES. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

12. AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PACKAGE FOR VANTAGE DATA CENTERS

Senior Planner Kyle Abbott presented the Comprehensive Sign Package for the Vantage Data Centers and explained that the amendment would allow for the addition of a monument sign at the southeast corner of W. Van Buren Street and N. Bullard Avenue and adjustments to quantities, locations, and types of signs within the property.

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Benita Beckles to APPROVE the amended Vantage Data Centers AZ Campus Comprehensive Sign Package dated November 19, 2024, subject to stipulations. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

Council reported on various events taking place in the city. No action was taken. Councilwoman Gillis reported that she was appointed to serve on the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee. Councilmember Kaino reported that she attended a Congressional Dialogue on the Colorado River with Representative Greg Stanton.

City Manager Wynette Reed reported on a successful Spring Training opening weekend, which drew over 11,000 attendees, and the city's hosting of SkaterCon10, with more than 1,500 skaters. She expressed gratitude to staff from multiple departments and highlighted Goodyear Police Officer Zach Rand, who was featured on video at the event.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

March 3, 2025

Council Meeting

5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pizzillo adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Jasmine Pernicano, Acting City Clerk

Joe Pizzillo, Mayor

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING of the city of Goodyear, Arizona, held on February 24, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2025.

SEAL:

Jasmine Pernicano, Acting City Clerk