

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Approve a one year extension of the Avondale Moose Lodge Special Use Permit, extending the date to March 14, 2019.

6.7 [2018-6307](#)**RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH****PROPOSED ACTION:**

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1861 PROMOTING FAIR HOUSING AND RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

6.8 [2018-6308](#)**ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF PUBLIC SIDEWALK, UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENT FROM VHS OF SOUTH PHOENIX, INC.****PROPOSED ACTION:**

Accept the Dedication of a Public Sidewalk, Utility and Access Easement from VHS of South Phoenix, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

6.9 [2018-6318](#)**APPROVING A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PREMISES FOR THE GOODYEAR BALLPARK****PROPOSED ACTION:**

Approve a request from Nathan Torres, agent for the Goodyear Ballpark, for a temporary Extension of Premises/Patio Permit for liquor license # 05073027. The Goodyear Ballpark is located at 1933 S. Ballpark Way, Goodyear, Arizona (Generally located north of the northeast corner of Estrella Parkway and Lower Buckeye Parkway).

**7. BUSINESS**7.1 [2018-6306](#)**AUTHORIZING THE STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR THE RIO SALADO PROJECT****PROPOSED ACTION:**

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Statement of Intent for the Rio Salado Project.

Long Range Planner Joe Schmitz presented. There are currently efforts being made by Senator John McCain's office to expand the limits of the Rio Salado Project, and promote and inject life into the project. The plan will expand the project from Tempe, east to Granite Reef Dam, and west to include the El Rio Project, just past State Route (SR) 85.

There has been a group of stakeholders formed to talk about critical issues such as funding sources, economic development, community, and water resources. Discussions have also centered around establishing a River Management Framework that would include a River Authority that would be made up of governmental entities, a revitalization corporation that would be non-governmental, and a Friends of the River type of foundation.

A Committee Resolution is being introduced in Congress to support the Rio Salado Project. This would give the Army Corps of Engineers access to funds to do an overview of the entire corridor, and identify work that has been done. This will open up the opportunity for the project to access federal

resources through the Urban Waters Federal and Ambassador Partnership. This would allow an ambassador to be assigned to the project who would help coordinate with other federal agencies.

The Statement of Intent (SOI) is comprised of the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Phoenix, Mesa, and Tempe, as well as the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community and Maricopa County. It states that the members share a vision for the Rio Salado Project and agree to work together toward promoting the project. A "Rio Salado Authority" could be formed to promote development of projects consistent with the goals for the river corridor expressed in the SOI. This would require no monetary commitment other than staff time resulting from participating in the project.

The "Rio Reimagined" Public Launch Event is scheduled for March 30, 2018. The event will be held at the Tempe Center for the Arts - Lakeside Room from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A signing ceremony will be held during the event for the SOI documents. They will also recognize the Federal Engagement Project by the US Army Corps of Engineers. A project video will be shown and they will introduce the project website.

Mr. Schmitz reported that preparing the SOI was complicated by the fact that twelve attorneys were required to review it. The formal final version of the agreement may change somewhat, however, any changes would be non-substantive changes. If there are any substantive changes, staff will bring the agreement back for Council approval.

**MOTION BY Councilmember Hampton, SECONDED BY Vice Mayor Campbell, to AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Statement of Intent for the Rio Salado Project, as may be modified with non-substantive changes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes**      7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Campbell, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Lauritano, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hampton

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **1. Comments, Commendations, Report on Current Events and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, staff or members of the public.**

Council attended or reported on the following:

- >Councilmember Campbell thanked the paramedic crew who recently transported her to the hospital.
- >Councilmember Pizzillo also thanked the paramedics who recently assisted him when he was very sick.
- >Update on Luke Air Force Base from several Generals in Washington, D.C.
- >Luke Air Force Base West Valley Council Corridor meeting.
- >National League of Cities meeting on the Census.
- >AMWUA (Arizona Municipal Water Users' Association) meeting.
- >Congratulated staff for receiving an award for the Wellspring Park.