



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Georgia Lord
Vice Mayor Sheri Lauritano
Councilmember Joanne Osborne
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo
Councilmember Wally Campbell
Councilmember Bill Stipp
Councilmember Sharolyn Hohman

Meeting Location:
Goodyear Justice Center
14455 W. Van Buren St.,
Suite B101
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Monday, August 31, 2015

6:00 PM

Goodyear Justice Center

Immediately following the Work Session that begins at 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION BY MAYOR LORD

3. ROLL CALL

Council Present 7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Lauritano, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Councilmember Stipp attended the meeting by teleconference.

Staff Present: City Manager Brian Dalke, City Attorney Roric Massey, and City Clerk Maureen Scott

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1** [CO 206-15](#) Recognition of Legislative District 4 Legislators, Sen. Lynne Pancrazi, Rep. Lisa Otondo, and Rep. Charlene Fernandez, for their recent awards from the Arizona League of Cities and Towns for being friends of Arizona cities and towns. (Rob Bohr, Governmental Relations Manager)

Governmental Relations Manager Rob Bohr welcomed the State Senator Lynne Pancrazi and State Representatives Lisa Otondo and Charlene Fernandez to the meeting. The three legislators were recognized as "Friends of Cities and Towns" during the 2015 Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference earlier this month. Bohr stated they have been extremely responsive to the needs of Goodyear's staff and citizens. They have also been willing to attend various local events and serve on local committees. Mayor Lord presented each of the legislators with a recognition award on behalf of the City.

Council expressed their thanks to the legislators for taking an interest in the City and its residents and stated the City is eager to work with them as well.

Senator Pancrazi said it has been an honor to represent Goodyear for the past three years. She stated it is her job to ensure she hears the needs of the communities and to represent their interests. She thanked the Council for its recognition.

Representative Otondo thanked the Council and stated that it is an honor to represent Goodyear. Goodyear is experiencing tremendous growth, and she is extremely impressed at how the City is managing it. She looks forward to continuing her work with the City.

Representative Fernandez thanked the Council for its recognition. She stated they have learned a lot from Goodyear and looks forward to the future.

- 4.2** [CO 203-15](#) Chris Gallagher, the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Awards Chairman, will present the Partnership Award to the West Valley Trail Alliance and Newland Communities for the Goodyear Pump Track. (Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director)

Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Torres announced the the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association recently recognized the organizations that partnered to create the Goodyear Pump Track. He introduced Recreation Coordinator Chris Gallagher, the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Awards Chairman.

Gallagher stated the Partnership Award is presented annually and is the toughest award to receive due to the number of nominations that are received. The award was awarded jointly to the City of Goodyear, Newland Communities, and the West Valley Trail Alliance on August 11, 2015. He presented the awards to Pete Teiche of Newland Communities and the members of the West Valley Trail Alliance who were in attendance: Ruben Ortiz, Jeramie Goodwin, Chris Alvarez, John Peters, Bill Klingburg, and Kim Doud.

Council thanked all who were involved for their efforts and stated that the Pump Track project is an honor for the City and will be an inspiration for other cities to follow.

In response to a question from the Mayor, Torres stated that they are currently working on Phase 2 of the project, which will consist of an advanced bike course; construction will begin in the fall.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS/APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None.

6. CONSENT

Councilmember Osborne requested Item 6.1 be removed from the Consent Agenda to be voted on as a separate item.

MOTION BY Councilmember Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Osborne, to

APPROVE Consent Agenda Item 6.2. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6.2 [15-5656](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the dedication of a Public Utility and Access Easement across a portion of Tract C of Canyon Trails Unit 2, within the alignment for La Ventilla Way.

7. BUSINESS

6.1 [15-5599](#) FINAL PLAT FOR LA VENTILLA PHASE 2

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Lauritano, SECONDED BY Councilmember Campbell, to APPROVE the Final Plat for La Ventilla Phase 2 subdividing 17.73 acres into 107 single family court home lots and 11 tracts generally located west of Sarival Avenue and north of West Bellevue Street and 166th Avenue within the Canyon Trails Planned Area Development (PAD), subject to stipulations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes 6 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Lauritano, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Nays 1 - Councilmember Osborne

7.1 [15-5613](#) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

Grants Administrator Christine McMurdy, and Jorge Luna, service planning manager with Valley Metro, presented. McMurdy stated the IGA being considered this evening is the result of Council studies that were completed in the past as well as feedback provided by the Council at its retreat in November 2014. It will facilitate the expansion of the Zoom Circulator into Goodyear; allow the City to utilize Proposition 400 funds designated for Dial-a-Ride and ADA-certified transportation use only; and introduce the ADA Platinum Pass Program.

Zoom Circulator:

The proposed extension will begin at the Goodyear Community Park, where the route currently terminates. The buses will proceed southbound on Litchfield Road, and eastbound on McDowell Road to the end of the Palm Valley Boulevard cul-de-sac, making stops along the way. They will then turn around and follow the route in reverse before rejoining the Zoom route as it exists today.

Valley Metro's methodology in choosing the proposed route was to determine how they can make an adjustment while preserving the 30-minute service window. They want to gauge whether it is possible to increase ridership without the need to purchase an additional bus or make other extensive changes. Valley Metro looks at commercial destinations and local activity centers along the route. The City of Avondale has received requests for the Zoom to

add a stop at the Target store at Litchfield and McDowell Roads. In addition to Target, they will also be adding stops at the Abrazo West Campus, and the Palm Valley Rehabilitation Center.

Service hours will be Monday through Friday from 5:21 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., and Saturday from 5:47 a.m. to 6:44 p.m. There is no Sunday service. The fare is fifty cents. The buses can accommodate up to 22 passengers, in addition to two wheelchairs and two bicycles.

The cost of the extension for FY2015-16 is \$66,248, and the funding will be a mix of 50% Federal Avondale/Goodyear Urbanized Area Funds combined with a 50% match from Goodyear Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF II) funds. This amount is to cover the portion of the route along Thomas Road, which has been paid for up to this point by the City of Avondale. With the extension, Goodyear will be responsible for covering the cost of these miles. Valley Metro is still in the process of finalizing mileages and IGAs with the cities of Avondale and Tolleson, so staff will be bringing an additional IGA to Council in October, around the time the service is scheduled to begin on October 24.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Funds:

The City is entitled by Proposition 400 to receive ADA Public Transportation Funds (PTF), which can be used to pay for Dial-a-Ride costs. The City received \$22,473 in FY2014-15, and will receive \$23,372 in FY2015-16. There isn't a huge cost to this program (approx. \$6,000 was spent during the last year.) The City of Phoenix, which provides Dial-a-Ride service to the southwest valley, is in the process of finalizing its costs, and staff expects to receive the invoice within the next week or so. Staff intends to provide a report to Council in the near future which will give an overview of how Dial-a-Ride is currently structured and what the service will look like in Goodyear. Also included will be information regarding cab service and voucher service.

Valley Metro is finalizing a regional Dial-a-Ride study. The study has identified a number of changes that can be implemented to improve the service. Also, staff has heard from residents who expressed that they have needs which Dial-a-Ride cannot meet.

The current IGA is authorizing the City to use the PTF funds as needed. If the City decides to expand Dial-a-Ride service, these funds would be the first to be used, followed by LTAF II funds, and revenue from the digital marquees. No general fund monies are involved at this point.

ADA Platinum Pass:

The Platinum Pass Program allows for ADA-certified customers, who already qualify for the Dial-a-Ride service, to instead use fixed route bus service at no cost to them. The current fixed routes are Route 17 (along McDowell Road to PebbleCreek Parkway) and Route 3 (along Van Buren Street to Central Avenue). They may also transfer to the light- rail system. The program provides cost avoidance for the City and the customer. Valley Metro deducts the fixed route bus fare (\$2.50 per ride) from the City's ADA PTF allocation.

Luna stated Valley Metro has been working with its partners and member agencies to develop

transit standards and performance measures. The standard of service is to maintain a 30-minute service window on all routes throughout the system. Performance measures include increased ridership, increased boardings per mile, and increased boards per revenue mile. He emphasized that each mode of service (e.g. express, fixed route, circulator) have different thresholds it must meet. He stressed that the transit authority prefers to give circulator routes a two-to-three year break-in period to allow residents to become comfortable with the dependability of the service. Over time, ridership will increase, and there will be requests for additional service to be added.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

***Questioned whether PebbleCreek is being served by Dial-a Ride.** McMurdy replied Dial-a-Ride is not currently available in PebbleCreek, which falls outside of the federal mandate that Dial-a-Ride service must be provided up to three quarters of a mile further than fixed route services.

***Excited to have the Zoom service extended into Goodyear. Believes there is a desire for it in the community.**

***What is the ridership projected to be from the Zoom route extension?** Luna replied ridership is affected by factors such as marketing, interest and accessibility. He stated ridership on Zoom increased dramatically after the service window was reduced from 80 minutes to 30 minutes.

***What is the City receiving from this extension?** McMurdy re-iterated the City is extending the route approximately two miles (south on Litchfield Road from the Goodyear Community Park and east on McDowell Road to Palm Valley Boulevard).

***Requested that the local transit schedules be forwarded to Council and the homeowners associations.**

MOTION BY Councilmember Hohman, SECONDED BY Vice Mayor Lauritano, to AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transit Authority (RPTA) to establish responsibility for the provision of transit services in Goodyear. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7.2 [15-5651](#) APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT YUMA ROAD AND CANYON TRAILS BOULEVARD

City Traffic Engineer Luke Albert stated a work session was presented to Council in April 2015, during which staff discussed that a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Yuma Road and Canyon Trails Boulevard. Funding for this project was sought and approved in the FY2015-16 Capital Improvement Program. To expedite the process, City staff completed the design internally so that the project would be ready to proceed once the funds were available.

Project Manager Troy Tobiasson gave a timeline of construction. If approved this evening, a notice to proceed will be issued on September 8. Underground and foundation preparation will be performed in December, with the installation of the poles and mast arms following in January 2016. Activation of the signal would occur in February 2016, and the project will be

wrapped up in March 2016.

MOTION BY Councilmember Pizzillo, SECONDED BY Councilmember Campbell, to APPROVE a budgeted expenditure of \$472,299.84 for traffic signal equipment, city permits, and award of a construction contract for installation of a traffic signal at Yuma Road and Canyon Trails Boulevard. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**7.3 [15-5653](#) **PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN RANCH
PARCEL 9.8****

Planner III Karen Craver presented. The property being platted is located at the current western terminus of Calistoga Drive. The plat provides for the division of 38 acres into 106 single family residential lots, with a 7,200 sq. ft. lot size. The proposed lot width (60 feet) and depth (120 feet) will exceed the City standard of 60 feet by 100 feet.

There are open space areas, trails, and a pocket park included on the plat. It also provides for the extension of Calistoga Drive to just past the second of two access streets into Parcel 9.8. Calistoga Drive, as well as the internal streets of Parcel 9.8, will be dedicated to the City. The homeowners association will maintain all open space tracts, amenities, and right-of-way landscaping. The plat is compatible with the surrounding development and is consistent with the Estrella Mountain Ranch Villages VII and IX Planned Area Development, the City's General Plan, the City's Subdivision Regulations, and the Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. City staff and the Planning and the Zoning Commission are representing approval of the plat subject to the stipulations in the staff report.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

***Thanked Newland Communities for continuing to develop the Estrella area. Continued growth is needed to encourage more restaurants and retail to locate to the area.**

***Will this community be permitted to use the new residents club that is being constructed?** Pete Teiche of Newland Communities stated dues paid by residents entitle them to use all amenities in the community.

MOTION BY Councilmember Osborne, SECONDED BY Vice Mayor Lauritano, to APPROVE a preliminary plat for Estrella Mountain Ranch Parcel 9.8, subdividing 38.15 acres into 106 single family residential lots and 13 open space, landscape, and drainage tracts, generally located on the north side of West Calistoga Drive, west of South 184th Avenue, within the Estrella Mountain Ranch Villages VII and IX Planned Area Development (PAD), subject to stipulations. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**7.4 [15-5658](#) **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A NOISE****

RE-EVALUATION STUDY

Engineering Director Rebecca Zook presented. Council is being requested to approve an IGA for a noise re-evaluation study to be located north of Interstate 10 (I-10) from Estrella/PebbleCreek Parkway to State Route 303 (SR-303L). Over the past five months, there have been numerous meetings between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and City staff. As a result of these meetings, we were able to move forward with selecting a contractor; DME Consultants, LLC, was chosen to perform the study, which began on August 20. She presented a diagram showing the proposed locations of the monitor stations, which will be installed over the next two-to-three weeks. The majority of the stations will be located north of McDowell Road in PebbleCreek and Palm Valley Phase 8. Additional monitors will be placed immediately north of the I-10. Staff is currently working with the homeowners associations and residents to secure access to the areas that are necessary. The total cost of this study is not to exceed \$50,000. The City will provide the funds upfront, but will be reimbursed by ADOT once the work has been completed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

***Will the monitors themselves pick up conditions as they exist today? Is there the capability of modeling for potential future conditions?** Chet Monh with DME Consultants, LLC, replied during the first phase of the project, the equipment will monitor the existing conditions from I-10 and McDowell Road, including the loudest parts of the day. Phase Two will involve using the Federal Highway Administration approved Traffic Noise Model Version 2.5 to address future conditions, which will include full build out of the I-10/SR-303L traffic interchange and the addition of rubberized asphalt.

***When was the initial evaluation completed?** Zook responded the original evaluation was completed in 2010, and there was additional testing completed in November 2014. The current study will be a true re-evaluation of the original study.

***What is the timeframe to complete the study?** Zook expects to receive a draft report in approximately three weeks.

***Thanked staff for responding to comments from residents and for working with the homeowners associations.**

***Asked whether the study will analyze the potential impact of other noise mitigation techniques, such as sound walls, layered landscaping, etc.** Zook replied there are numerous mitigation measures that can come out of a noise study. Staff looks at all options.

***Asked if the monitoring stations will be located in the same locations as in the original study, and are homeowners who have filed noise complaints also included?** Zook stated there are twelve monitor locations, which include residences, and staff has been working with the homeowners associations to identify homeowners who are interested in participating.

MOTION BY Councilmember Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Osborne, to APPROVE the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (JPA 15-0005343) with the State of Arizona (State), acting by and through its Department of Transportation, to provide funding in the amount of \$50,000 for a noise re-evaluation study. The study is to be conducted along the north side of Interstate 10 (I-10) from State Route 303 (SR-303L) to Estrella/PebbleCreek Parkway. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7.5 [15-5659](#) **COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR REPAIR OF A LOW FLOW CROSSING ON BULLARD AVENUE SOUTH OF RIGGS ROAD**

Engineering Director Rebecca Zook presented. Also in attendance were Wendy Villa and Jeff Allmon representing Pinnacle West/Arizona Public Service (APS).

Council is being asked to approve a cost sharing agreement with APS to construct a low flow crossing on Bullard Avenue, south of Riggs Road. This agreement is related to another overarching agreement with APS that was approved in 2000. At that time, the City paved a number of roadways that were either City-owned or for public use. For approximately fourteen years, from the time of original construction of these roadways to September 2014, the City performed routine maintenance as needed in order to fulfill the obligations in the agreement with APS.

The 100 year storm event in September 2014 caused significant damage to Riggs Road and Bullard Avenue, which included the low flow crossing on Bullard Avenue immediately south of Riggs Road. The damage was beyond what is considered normal maintenance. At that point, staff determined that the City does not have the appropriate right-of-way and began communicating with APS regarding the repairs and the absence of right-of-way. Both parties are ready to move forward with the cost sharing agreement to make as-necessary repairs to the roadway and also potentially move forward with a 15-year extension of the maintenance agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

***Could the repairs have been covered under FEMA due to the fact that the 100-year storm was declared a federal disaster?** Zook stated staff did pursue the possibility of receiving federal funds, but this turned out to be an unviable option.

***How heavy is the traffic on this roadway?** Zook replied this is a rural road and is used primarily by farmers and homeowners in the area. It is not heavily used by vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

***Concerned that it has been a year since the storm yet the damaged has not been repaired.** Zook stated the City did not have the right to repair the road as it is not a City right-of-way. Staff has approached Newland Communities to obtain a temporary construction easement to allow for the work to be completed and also hope to obtain a permanent right-of-way to maintain this area along with one-and-a-half miles of Bullard Avenue and five miles of Riggs Road that are not currently in the City right of way.

***Appreciate APS is willing to share the repair costs with the City. Riggs Road is used by homeowners in the area, and the City can no longer afford to have the liability of the road being in disrepair.**

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Lauritano, SECONDED BY Councilmember Pizzillo, to APPROVE a cost sharing agreement with Arizona Public Service Company (APS) for

construction of a low flow crossing on Bullard Avenue immediately south of Riggs Road for an amount not to exceed \$60,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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:

None.

2. Manager's Summary of Current Events and Reports

The Manager may provide a brief summary of current events; however, there can be discussion only on the following matters:

1. Manager's Update on Council Related Matters:

City Manager Dalke stated that City offices will be closed on Monday September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

2. Update of Legislative Issues:

None.

3. Staff Summary of follow up action required:

None.

4. Council members may direct inquiries to staff:

None.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

09/14/15	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
09/14/15	Regular Meeting	Immediately following the Work Session
09/14/15	Special Meeting	Immediately following the Regular Meeting
09/21/15	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
09/28/15	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
09/28/15	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, 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 August 31, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

SEAL: