



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Work Session

Mayor Georgia Lord
Vice Mayor Wally Campbell
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo
Councilmember Sheri Lauritano
Councilmember Bill Stipp
Councilmember Brannon Hampton
Councilmember Vacant

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

Monday, June 11, 2018

Goodyear Justice Center

Immediately following the Community Facilities District Meeting that begins at 4:45 PM

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session to order at 4:54 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Campbell, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Lauritano, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hampton

Staff Present: City Manager Julie Arendall, City Attorney Roric Massey and City Clerk Darcie McCracken

3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3.1 [2018-6305ws](#) Council will receive a presentation regarding the status of the following ADOT projects: SR 30 - Loop 303 to Loop 202 and Loop 303 - SR 30 to I-10

Engineering Director Rebecca Zook introduced Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Community Relations Project Manager Gabby Kemp, Loop 303 Project Manager Trisha Brown, and City Traffic Engineer Luke Albert.

Ms. Kemp stated that there is an upcoming public hearing scheduled at the Goodyear Ballpark for citizens to learn more about the Loop 303 preferred alternative 2C south, from Van Buren Street to MC85.

Ms. Brown presented on the corridors that were evaluated for Loop 303. This process began in 2005, and there have been many studies done since then. This preferred alternative moved the piece of State Route 30 (SR 30) that goes from Perryville Road to Sarival Road into the Loop 303 study. Ms. Brown reported that ADOT looked at two alignments for the SR 30, south designation, which parallels a few miles south of Interstate 10 (I-10) near the river. Power lines in this area were used to determine the north and south designations.

Ms. Brown stated that in addition to the alternatives, there is also a no-build alternative. No-build alternatives are used to compare the condition of the area if the freeway was never there.

Ms. Brown stated that ADOT follows the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) process for their environmental analysis of the project. NEPA ensures that ADOT includes the public in the process. Ms. Kemp stated that there have been many public meetings/forums held since 2006, with about 400 comments being submitted from the public. A public hearing is scheduled at the Goodyear Ballpark on June 27 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. to inform the public of the preferred alternative and receive their input. The team shop and the ballpark suites will be used for videos and interactive visual animations. Ms. Kemp stated that ADOT has used many forums to publicize this event through ads, postcards, the NextDoor app, email blasts, and letters to partnering agencies/towns.

Ms. Brown stated that after public comments are received they will be incorporated into the documents. They will finalize the environmental assessment and design concept sometime this summer. Right-of-way acquisition and final design are anticipated to occur in 2019. Construction is funded for FY 2020.

Ms. Brown reported on the SR 30 reliever route to I-10. This study began in 2005 but was impacted by the economic downturn and was resurrected in 2011. There were four build and no-build alternatives which were taken to the public for comment in January 2015. The north alternative was favored by the public and was initiated. Ms. Brown stated that between 2015 and 2018 more analysis was conducted and a hybrid alternative was developed. This recommended build alternative will be taken to the public for comment in the fall of 2018. Ms. Brown stated that there is still a no-build alternative.

ADOT will finalize the Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report in the summer of 2019. The right-of-way acquisition will take place in 2020 to 2021, and construction of Phase I will begin in 2022.

Ms. Kemp recapped their efforts of public involvement for this project. They will ensure residents are informed of the public hearing in the fall of 2018 so they can participate in the project.

Council Discussion:

> **Council asked if Loop 303 goes around Estrella Mountain Ranch.** Ms. Zook stated that the western bend is in line with the proposed alignment. It is within the right-of-way that the city has purchased and is headed in the southwesterly direction.

> **Council asked if SR 30 ends at Loop 202 or if it is past that point.** Ms. Brown stated that Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) will lead the study from Loop 202 to the Interstate 17 Durango Curve. Ms. Brown stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) is not out yet but will probably be out by summer or fall of this year.

> **Council asked how the parallel road system will work in relation to SR 30.** Ms. Kemp stated that ADOT was tasked with alleviating the traffic on I-10 and the study they conducted requested

public input. The public wanted a hybrid alternative to best fit this need.

> **Council asked how many lanes SR 30 will have.** Ms. Zook stated that ADOT and MAG do their studies to align roadways to alleviate traffic. Ms. Brown stated that Phase I will be a two-lane at grade roadway, which can accommodate a future four-plus-one roadway. Ms. Brown stated that the two-lane at grade roadway means it will have traffic lights but no interchanges.

> **Council asked if this was tied to Proposition 500.** Ms. Brown stated that Phase I is tied to Proposition 400.

> **Council thanked ADOT for the presentation.**

> **Council asked what year Loop 303 will be completed.** Ms. Brown stated that Loop 303 is funded to Lower Buckeye Road. Ms. Brown stated that it will come back into Cotton Lane. Sometime in the future the system interchange will need to be funded. SR 30 needs to be funded and built which will determine the date and is unknown at this time.

> **Council asked what the plan is for the interchange of Loop 303 and SR 30.** Ms. Brown stated that the interchange is not funded at this time so it would tie into a local road, which could possibly be MC 85.

> **Council asked when the remaining southbound lanes of Loop 303 will be opened.** Ms. Brown stated that once the freeway is extended south, the lanes will be needed to merge traffic.

> **Council asked why ADOT built a one-lane egress from I-10 to Loop 101 traveling north and south.** Ms. Brown stated that ADOT has learned their lesson and is not building one lane off ramps anymore.

> **Proposition 500 will be used to fund the next phases and staff can provide Council with information from the MAG meetings.**

- 3.2 [2018-6366ws](#) Staff is seeking Council direction regarding the review of compensation for City Council.

City Clerk Darci McCracken and Human Resources Director Lyman Locket presented. Mayor Lord wanted to bring this item forward to attract the most talented prospects for filling future Council seats. Mr. Locket stated that the last update of council compensation was in November 2006 and took effect in June 2007. During that time, Council formed the Citizens Personnel Committee to review compensation.

Ms. McCracken stated if Council moves forward with a citizens committee to review the compensation information, there are about 16 applications of interested people who would like to serve on a board or commission. Ms. McCracken stated that she and Mr. Locket could review the applications and select approximately five people to serve on a short-term ad hoc committee. Ms. McCracken stated that the committee would review compensation information and determine if an increase is warranted. The committee recommendation could be brought back for Council consideration in the fall. Ms. McCracken stated that there is a time constraint based on the charter, which states that any change must take place 120 days prior to the next general election. The next general election is scheduled for May 21, 2019, and 120 days prior to that is January 21, 2019.

Council Discussion:

> **Council asked if there was anything preventing them from making it effective for the 2021**

election? City Attorney Roric Massey stated that typically an ordinance is effective 30 days after the adoption and he will research further.

> **Council asked why Buckeye was not included in the study.** Mr. Locket stated that these are the same cities as used in the prior evaluation. If a committee were to be formed we could add Buckeye to the future study.

> **There was concern over using benchmark cities that have larger populations than Goodyear; however a committee could review this data and provide new ideas.**

> **Council asked what the elected official retirement system was.** Mr. Locket stated that some elected officials have the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan. Goodyear is not able to join; however other options could be reviewed.

> **Council stated that other cities have pensions and would like the study to look at all the comparisons.**

> **Would like the study to review which cities are in a district format versus being elected at large like Goodyear.**

> **Councilmember Stipp had zero interest in raising Council salaries and does not favor a study being conducted.**

> **Council asked if there were any other charter changes that need to be studied.** Mr. Massey stated that this is not a charter change. The city charter does specify the process for Council salaries.

> **Council asked if charter changes could be discussed at a future retreat.** City Manager Julie Arendall stated that a Council retreat has been scheduled for October 5 and 6 and if Council would like to review charter changes at this time it could be added to the retreat agenda.

> **There was a Council consensus to move forward.**

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 5:44 p.m.

Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____