



## 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 Laura Kaino

Meeting Location:  
Goodyear Municipal Court  
and Council Chambers  
14455 W. Van Buren St.,  
Suite B101  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

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Monday, June 3, 2019

5:00 PM

Goodyear Municipal Court and Council  
Chambers

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#### 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Campbell, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Lauritano, Councilmember Stipp, Councilmember Hampton, and Councilmember Kaino

Staff Present: City Manager Julie Arendall, Deputy City Attorney Sarah Chilton and City Clerk Darcie McCracken

#### 3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3.1 [2019-6604ws](#) Council will receive a presentation regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transportation service, current service coverage in Goodyear and options for serving other parts of Goodyear. (Christine McMurdy, Engineering Administrative Services Supervisor)

Engineering Director Rebecca Zook introduced Engineering Administrative Services Supervisor Christine McMurdy and the Manager of Accessible Transit Services with Valley Metro, Rob Brooks.

Mr. Brooks spoke about the American with Disabilities Act and that it is a Civil Rights Law. He stated that it is required to provide transit service to the extent possible and paratransit is geared to someone who, due to a disability, is unable to use regular transit services.

Council asked how someone is certified as disabled to be able to use the service. Mr. Brooks responded that their office would pay to have the individual come to the Valley Metro office to go through the process. He added that it is a requirement to have a process in place to make the determination.

Mr. Brooks reviewed the requirements for paratransit services which included being available within

3/4 mile of a transit route and available during the time that the service runs. The service is available on a next day basis and can be pre-scheduled as well as being a shared ride. The rides cannot be limited based on priority, purpose or number of rides and the ride can cost only two times the cost of a regular ride.

Mr. Brooks spoke about the Goodyear routes. He continued with details on the new program in effect in FY20 and covered the service and cost projections. He spoke about Community Connectors that connected neighborhoods with transit and other activities.

Ms. McMurdy spoke about the growth in the Goodyear area and the federal funds that allowed services to grow in the city. She addressed ZOOM and how the city is moving forward very conservatively. Ms. Zook spoke about the POGO and that the city of Peoria did a tax to cover transportation projects.

Mr. Brooks spoke about the Valley Metro RideChoice program which provides for one point of contact who then sends the appropriate type of transportation. Ride options include Lyft and taxicabs and is limited to 50 trips per month at a price of \$3 per mile for up to an eight-mile trip and \$2 a mile after the 8 miles.

Council inquired on how the payment is achieved. Mr. Brooks stated that the customer puts a credit card or check on file and the payment type is charged the day of travel. He added that cash is not the preferred method of payment.

Mr. Brooks reviewed the service types, cost to customer and cost to Goodyear for four examples of distances.

Council confirmed that the costs listed were for a one-way trip. Mr. Brooks confirmed. Council commented that a person could take the connector to meet with the regular transit lines to move forward with the rest of their trip. Mr. Brooks confirmed that as well.

Council asked what would reduce the number of transit lines. Ms. McMurdy spoke about Valley Metro putting together the information to evaluate each of the routes with the cities involved. She added that there is a public process to reduce transit lines.

Ms. Zook reviewed the recommendation of staff to start a two-year RideChoice Pilot program to start October 1, 2019 for the cost of \$200,000 per year. Additionally, starting in 2020 conducting a transit study with the city of Avondale to look at future transit options. She added the fund accounts that would be used to cover the costs associated with each.

Mr. Brooks spoke about the pilot program and the factors of the number of trips and the number of trips that require a wheelchair accessible vehicle. He spoke about ensuring that service is sufficient for the need.

Mr. Brooks spoke about outreach efforts to provide a "roadshow" to bring the certification process out to the community.

Council asked if the recommendation was a two year pilot in addition to a study. Ms. McMurdy confirmed that a study is being requested as well. She added that a study would have a robust response in the Goodyear community.

Mayor Lord recessed the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor Lord reconvened the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

- 3.2      [2019-6575ws](#)      Staff will present information for Council discussion regarding personal preparedness and what to expect should the Emergency Operations Center be activated. (Julie Syrmopoulos, Emergency Manager; Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief)

Mayor Lord introduced Fire Chief Paul Luizzi and Emergency Manager Julie Syrmopoulos. Ms. Syrmopolous began the presentation by reviewing what is defined as an emergency. She briefly outlined the Emergency Management cycle which includes Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery. Ms. Syrmopolous outlined the factors to determine an emergency and what would necessitate a coordinated response to a large event.

Chief Luizzi covered the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operations types from 1 through 5. 1 would be a local response with 5 being a coordinated federal level response. Ms. Syrmopolous reviewed the organizational chart for type 3 activations or higher.

Ms. Syrmopolous reviewed the policy group needed for Type 2 activations or higher. She added what governs in an emergency, which includes city documents such as City Charter and city code, and includes state documents and statutes, and federal documents and mandates.

Ms. Syrmopolous covered how to be prepared for an emergency which included storing water and food for up to seven days, a communication plan, making provisions to shelter in place and ensuring that staff is notified when Council is out of the state and/or the country.

Chief Luizzi reviewed the Do's and Don'ts for Council which included preparedness, advocating for the community and not to engage in independent messaging or going to the scene of an emergency and not to commit city resources.

Council asked who the Public Information Officer (PIO) would be in an emergency. Chief Luizzi said that as a scene grows then it would move from the city's PIO to the police and fire PIOs and could result in a coordinated effort of all three based on the incident.

Council recognized the previous responses of emergency management to storms in the last year.

Mayor Lord spoke about a recent honor she received which was an Honorary Doctorate in Public Administration from Franklin Pierce University. She added that it was conferred for recognition of her professional accomplishments and service to her community. Mayor Lord commented that she considered this as recognition for the Goodyear team although it could only be conferred upon an individual.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council, upon roll call vote, may convene into Executive Session as posted for the following:**

- 4.1 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4): Discussion and consultation with the City Attorney for legal advice and direction for contracts subject to negotiation, Microsoft Infrastructure Development Agreement.

**MOTION BY Vice Mayor Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Pizzillo, to CONVENE into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

**5. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Lord adjourned the Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

**6. RECONVENING OF WORK SESSION**

Mayor Lord reconvened the Work Session at 7:43 p.m.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 7:43 p.m.

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Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

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Georgia Lord, Mayor

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