



**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
November 1, 2022**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on November 1, 2022, at 8:30 AM by virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Members Present:

Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member
Marilyn DeRosa, President, Director - Eng/Trans
Tom Duensing, Treasurer, Financial Svcs Director
Jeff Tamulevich, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director
Craig Hayton, Community Services Dep. Dir.
Nancy Baker, Downtown Tempe Authority Member
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Dep. Comm. Dev. Dir. of Planning
Donna Sullivan-Hancock, Dep. Comm Dev. Dir of Building Safety
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Fin. Analyst Comm. Dev.
Shawn Wagner, Dep.Com. Svcs. Dir Parks & Rec
Craig Caggiano, Water Resources Manager
Sarah Adame, Executive Assistant, Comm. Dev.

Members Absent:

Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member

Guests Present:

Jennifer Gray, JDM (Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep)
Nick Woodruff, Irgens (Landowner Member 2)
Jarett Brock, Cousins Properties (Landowner Member 2)

Meeting convened at 9:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

Regular meeting minutes from August 16, 2022

Mr. Patrick Panetta called for a motion to vote on approval of the regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Marilyn DeRosa, President, Director - Eng/Trans, motioned to approve.

SECOND: Jeff Tamulevich, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director, seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

AYES: Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member, Marilyn DeRosa, President, Director - Eng/Trans, Tom Duensing, Treasurer, Financial Svcs Director, Jeff Tamulevich, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director, Craig Hayton, Community Services Dep. Dir., Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep, and Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: 2, Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep, Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2, and Gordon Cresswell, Public Member

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Budget Update – Roger Hallsted

Annual savings for last year was \$475,000. Current Operating budget before the infrastructure replacement is \$2,804,975, and the combined budget for CFD O&M Expenses is \$3,138,500. Cost of security is spent at 82.2% to date because the payment to the DTA for security has been paid. Also, the cost for Liability Insurance Premium is at 104.6%, which has been paid for the year. The update on liens: there are thirty-four (34) liens on past and current debt owed for CFD. A residence owner has advised there have been some postal issues in their areas.

Agenda Item 4 – Town Lake Operations – Craig Caggiano

Water Quantity - Year to date the lake has used 1200-acre feet of makeup water. This amount varies from year to year. 1200-acre feet is an average amount. The cost \$250 per acre feet comes out to \$300,000. Regarding the Colorado River Shortage, tempe.gov/water has a large amount of information pertaining to this topic. This past November, the Department of Interior put out a notice of intent to complete and expedite environmental assessment on what changes to the Colorado operations might mean in next year. Tempe's water resources are working on planning for every possible situation. In 2023 water resources will be in a Tier 2A of drought contingency plan which results in a six (6) acre foot reduction to Tempe. It is not that much because of the size of our cap allocation and because of how it is broken down.

Water Quality – the lake is running well.

Agenda Item 5 - Community Services & Special Events – Craig Hayton and Shawn Wagner

Event season is back –

November

- Splash & Dash: 11/5
- Walk to Save Animals: 11/5
- Veterans Day Parade: 11/11
- 2nd Sunday on Mill Ave: 11/13
- Lantern Walk: 11/18
- Ironman: 11/19-20 / ASU Homecoming
- Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade: 11/25

December

- Tempe Festival of the Arts: 12/2-4
- Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade: 12/10
- 2nd Sunday on Mill Ave: 12/11
- Pro-am Beach Volleyball Championship 12/17 & 18

November 13, 2022, the Tempe Center for the Arts will have a new partnership with the Arizona Theater Company. In the 2023-2024 season the Arizona Theater Company will be moving into the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA). The Arizona Theater Company was formerly homed at the Herberger Theater in downtown Phoenix and performing to over 100,000 people per year.

The river bottom clean-up project is a comprehensive effort. There are many people living at the river bottom on both the west and east side of the town lake and there is a large amount of vegetation that has continued to over grow. This is a no trespassing zone. A management team has been created to provide structure for several operating groups in the city to address this clean-up. Human Services department worked with 3rd party partners to go down into the river bottom to advise the people living there that enforcement would begin at the beginning of September. Now, staff has been able to clear most of the river bottom from the Town Lake dam to the 143 freeway, and all City of Tempe property on the east side from the Town Lake dam to the 101 freeway. About 2/3's of people accepted services from these groups to get help. As follow up, for city owned property portions west of the town lake, the City Forester, Richard Akins, has worked with environmental and some contractual obligations such as US Fish and Wildlife Safe Harbor agreement that the city has which requires the city to maintain the area as suitable habitat for several protected bird species. Community Services has gone and picked up hundreds of tons of trash, debris and excess vegetation that should not be there in this area. The plan is to keep working this clean up sustainably each year so that it is maintained. The area east of the Tempe Market Place is a little bit more difficult when it comes to jurisdictions. Town lake operation is currently working through who would be responsible for coming through with the clean-up of debris and vegetation.

Community Services is working with the city's risk management team on ways and opportunities to make the lake safer. Hopefully, by the next meeting there will be more information to share.

An advantage from this whole project for the town lake river bottom: over the years in the stilling basin concrete structure just below the dam there is a lot of floating debris and trash that is backing up there. This trash is coming from the area that the clean-up project is addressing. The clean-up project will help reduce the cost of lake maintenance as the trash and debris is cleaned and maintained from the river bottoms.

Agenda Item 6 – Downtown Tempe Update – Nancy Baker

Announcements:

- Tempe Festival of the Arts: 12/2-4
- Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade: 12/10

Agenda Item 7 – ASU Updates – Patrick Panetta

There was a grand opening for the multipurpose arena this month and ASU hockey started their season along with the Arizona Coyotes. No negative report regarding traffic for the Coyote games. Newly completed is the pedestrian over pass on University Drive and just before approaching Rural Road. The shade structure was recently installed over the top of the bridge. The Omni Hotel Conference Center is currently scheduled to open in April 2023, but it might be opening sooner in time for graduation events. There is a parking structure being built that will accommodate 275 spaces for the hotel conference center and the remaining 1000+ spaces will be used for daily use. This garage will not be a permitted garage so it will be open to the public. This parking garage should be completed by the end of the summer 2023.

Agenda Item 8 - Engineering and Transportation – Marilyn DeRosa

Engineering and Transportation worked with the DTA to get a mural on 7th and Forest through the Adaptive Street program. The mural imitates a curb bump out. In the next three (3) months there will be two (2) lighting improvements in the downtown areas. The projects will be replacing the lighting on the Mill Ave bridges and constructing infrastructure for festoon lighting for the downtown area. The festoon lighting infrastructure will be built on 6th Street and Mill Ave and on 4th Street and Mill Ave. Council approved a budget to create a streetscape project on Mill Ave. There is a conceptual plan of ideas for Mill Ave and Rio Salado. The city already has a 5th Street streetscape project that will include additional lighting, sidewalk treatments, new vegetation, changes to the parking with diagonal parking spaces with vegetation separations and an elevated street in front of Mission Palms and City Hall. This area will become more shaded and more pedestrian friendly.

The streetcar update: it is very popular. In the next couple of years there will be more street improvements such as shading and lighting.

There are no current improvement plans for the Scottsdale bridge currently due to Prop 400E. Staff is waiting for some changes in the State Legislator regarding the Prop 400E.

Agenda Item 9 – Public and Private Development Update – Ryan Levesque

Lincoln South Bank was recently approved by council. It is a 21-story building and located between Rural Rd. and McClintock Rd. There are 3 approved projects in this area.

The application process for the Tempe Entertainment District located at Priest and Rio Salado is underway. This will be the site for the Coyotes Area or entertainment facility along with a combination of office, hotel, and residential phased development sites. There are special hearings scheduled for this item. The Development Review Commission has a special hearing scheduled for Nov. 15, 2023, to give a recommendation of approval for General Plan Amendment, Zoning Amendment, and Planned Area Development plan to the City Council. City Council has two (2) special meetings on Nov. 22, 2023, and Nov. 29, 2023, to review for approval and possibly approve a development plan agreement. Another upcoming project in 2023 is on ASU property on University and Rural Rd.

Announcements

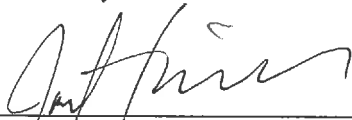
Jarett Brock, Cousins Properties (Landowner Member 2) appointment request is going to for approval by the Mayor November 3, 2022.

The next meeting will be on January 17, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.

Prepared by Sarah Adame

Reviewed by:



Jeff Tamulevich

Community Development Director

Secretary of the Commission