
Minutes
Rio Salado Enhanced Services Commission
April 19, 2023

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on April 19, 2023, at 2:00pm by virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams.

Members Present:

Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member
Shelly Seyler, President, Interim Director - Eng/Trans
Tom Duensing, Treasurer, Financial Svcs Director
Jeff Tamulevich, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director
Craig Hayton, Community Services Dep. Dir.
Jarett Brock, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Nick Wood, Landowner Member 2
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Dep. Comm. Dev. Dir. of Planning
Mike Baxley, Dep. Comm Dev. Dir of Building Safety
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Fin. Analyst Comm. Dev.
Shawn Wagner, Dep.Com. Svcs. Dir Parks & Rec
Alex Jovanovic, Dep Com Svcs Dir Parks & Rec.
Craig Caggiano, Deputy Municipal Utilities Director
Sarah Adame, Executive Assistant, Comm. Dev.

Members Absent:

Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
Nancy Baker, Downtown Tempe Authority Member

Guests Present:

Jennifer Gray, JDM (Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep)

Meeting convened at 2:00pm

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

Regular meeting minutes for January 17, 2022.

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

MOTION: Craig Hayton, Community Services Dep. Dir., motioned to approve.

SECOND: Jarett Brock, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep, seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved 8-1, 1 absent

AYES: Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member
Shelly Seyler, President, Interim Director - Eng/Trans
Tom Duensing, Treasurer, Financial Services Director
Jeff Tamulevich, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director
Craig Hayton, Community Services Dep. Dir.
Jarett Brock, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Nick Wood, Landowner Member 2
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gordon Cresswell, Public Member

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Budget Update – Roger Hallsted

Lake operation budget is at 92.7% spent. There are a few new projects this year that will be in our regular operating and maintenance budget. Working on reducing our fund balance to 25%. Our current balance is \$2.9 million; it should be around \$800,000.00. The projected budget for next year is pending for an approval from Council. The overall growth of the budget is about 2.9%. There are areas in the budget that adjusted slightly from last year. One of the areas is the CFD fund balance adjustment, which increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000 to help with the difference of budget and expense - usually related to replacement water. Also projected revenues from permits and use fees that reduce the actual budget is \$196,750. The total CFD budget then comes to \$3,232,000.

There is a new item directed from the city council that is focused on security. This would be security for the park areas that includes 180 man-hours per week. The security contingency line item has been created at \$250,000.00 and if that were to be used, it would be brought to the CFD Board (City Council) and noted to the Rio Salado Enhanced Services Commission. The budget would come from the fund balance should that need arise. It is not something that property owners are accessed.

Mr. Patrick Panetta called for a motion on a recommend approval of the budget FY23/24 as presented

MOTION: Jeff Tamulevich, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director, motioned to recommend approval

SECOND: Jarett Brock, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep, seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved 8-1, 1 absent

AYES: Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member
Shelly Seyler, President, Interim Director - Eng/Trans
Tom Duensing, Treasurer, Financial Services Director
Jeff Tamulevich, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director
Craig Hayton, Community Services Dep. Director
Jarett Brock, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Nick Wood, Landowner Member 2
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gordon Cresswell, Public Member

Agenda Item 4 - Town Lake Operations – Craig Caggiano

In March there were over 30,000 cfs inflows to the lake from the upstream. The permanent buoy line did get some damage. A call out to the vender has been made. No risks are involved at this time. The segments that need to be replaced are on order and should be here soon. Recently, Craig Caggiano was given the position of Deputy Municipal Utilities Director and will continue to work with this commission to report and handle issues as needed. On the operational side, the Town Lake support group has been nestled up inside appropriately in the Water Utilities department. Water quality and quantity is usually good when there is long range water flow. The pre-event screening of the water has passed test for all water events.

Agenda Item 5 – Community Services & Special Events – Craig Hayton, Alex Jovanovic and Shawn Wagner

Park Ranger and Lake Ranger program overview that will be presented to Council on April 27 at Work Study Session.

- Data – Driven Opportunities
- Mission & Benefits
- Programs & Approach
- Ranger Functions
- Supplemental Requests
- In-Process/Next Steps
- Questions & Discussion

Community Services Special Events Summer 2023

April

- ✓ 4/7: DTA Foodie Fri Yays
- ✓ 4/14: DTA foodie Fri Yays
- ✓ 4/15 Pats Run
- ✓ 4/21: DTA Foodie Fri Yays
- ✓ 4/26: Splash & Dash
- ✓ 4/28: DTA Foodie Fri Yays
- ✓ 4/30: Cactus Man Triathlon

May

- ✓ 5/5: Fat Tuesday Cinco de Mayo
- ✓ 5/5-6: CASA Cinco De Mayo
- ✓ 5/6: Fiesta de Taco
- ✓ 5/13: FroYo Run
- ✓ 5/14: Arizona Road Racers Run

June

- ✓ 6/3: DTA Tempe Pride Celebration
- ✓ 6/17: DTA Juneteenth Celebration

July

- ✓ 7/4 Kiwanis club will host this year's Independence Day celebration at Tempe Diablo Stadium, expect it to return to Tempe Beach Park in 2024.

Town Lake staff has been working on installation of life rings along and round Tempe Town Lake. Using a local company to produce and install. The tunnel light on the Loop 202 is fully operational now. Up and coming improvements coming around the marina such as artificial turf and resodding at the amphitheater. The Tempe Center for the Arts has a one-year contract for the 2023-year season with the Arizona Theater Company. The contract is up and will be going to the council for a five-year contract renewal.

Agenda Item 6 – Downtown Tempe Update – Nancy Baker

None.

Agenda Item 7 – ASU Updates – Patrick Panetta

Omni Hotel grand opening event is scheduled for April 27, 2023, at 9 am. Open for business on the 29th.

Novus – In the first quarter of 2024, Three Sam Fox Restaurants are opening in the Novus Corridor on Packard Drive and Rural Drive on site 3A. this site includes three restaurant pads, mini park, and a Marriot autograph bouquet hotel that will front Rural. The hotel may be completed in the fall of 2024, but the restaurants have targeted to be opening in the first quarter of 2024. In addition, across Rural on the east side is a multifamily project going up and should be at the same time in the first quarter of 2024. The creative office product on 4F should be almost completed soon on Rio Salado.

Agenda Item 8 - Engineering and Transportation – Shelly Seyler

Mill Avenue Refresh project is projected to go to council on May 11, 2023, to narrow down a couple of the concepts related to the trees and the sidewalks to get a better idea of what we want to bring out to the public. E&T is also working on the 5th Street project and making changes to the original design to safety hardening features near the police, court, and in front of city hall. Also, it is looking closer at the city garage design on the westside of city hall. Finally, working with DTA on a curb management study. The borders of that project are from University to Rio Salado to Farmer Ave to Collage Ave. and it is looking at what is the best use of our curb space. A firm has been brought on board to do an inventory what our current use and the demand is. The firm is also conducting surveys and group interviews next week. There will be information available soon. The firm will provide recommendations to the city council in August.

Agenda Item 9 – Public and Private Development Update – Ryan Levesque, Jeff Tamulevich and Mike Baxley

No updates.

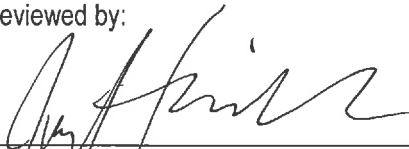
Announcements

2023 Boards and Commissions Event Invitation for questions contact Madalaine_McConville@tempe.gov.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Prepared by Sarah Adame

Reviewed by:



Jeff Tamulevich
Community Development Director
Secretary of the Commission