

**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
January 9, 2018**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on January 10, 2017, 8:30 AM, at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Don Bessler, President of the Commission/PW Director
Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin. & IT Director
Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep
Lori Foster, Downtown Tempe Authority Member
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner
Keith Burke, Community Services Deputy Director
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member

City Staff Present:

Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Fin. Analyst Comm. Dev.
Alex Smith, Dep. Comm. Dev. Dir. of Special Projects
Craig Caggiano, Water Utility Operations Manager
Ryan Levesque, Dep. Comm. Dev. Director of Planning
Sarah Adame, Executive Assistant, Comm. Dev.

Members Absent:

John Creer, Chairman of the Board/ASU Member
Jason Anzalone, Landowner Member/Area 2 Rep
Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director

Guests Present: NONE

Meeting convened at 8:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2017

Don Bessler called for a motion to vote on the minutes.

MOTION: Ken Jones
SECOND: Shelly Hearn
DECISION: Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances - None

Agenda Item 3 – Election of Vice President of the Commission

Don Bessler called for a motion to vote for the Vice President of the Commission.

MOTION: Ken Jones
SECOND: Ted Rabbin
DECISION: Approved

Agenda Item 4 – Town Lake Operations – Don Bessler

Mr. Bessler asked Craig Caggiano to give an update on the Town Lake.

Mr. Caggiano advised that the Town Lake has been maintaining the desired water level goal and has been at a stabilized water quality. The new electric/solar boat has been working well. It's has been doing a great job at picking up floating debris.

Mr. Caggiano informed the Board that he has been working with Procurement on contracts with vendors for maintenance on the dam. When the new downstream steel gate dam was created, the upstream dam was abandoned. Now, the upstream dam is effectively the Maricopa County Flood Control structure just west of McClintock Drive. It is currently being used as an upstream boundary. The City is in discussion with the County Flood Control District of Maricopa to allow the City to move more of the recreational programs there. Another concern is that the City is responsible for maintaining the levy walls. Mr. Caggiano has submitted for a 5-year Capital Improvement Project that would evaluate the grade control structure and add 4 more recovery seepage wells. Water is escaping the recovery wells and seeping in that section of the lake, making the water is a lost resource. Water can only be replaced by using Salt River Project water which is very expensive.

Agenda Item 5 – Budget Update – Roger Hallsted

Mr. Roger Hallsted gave the Board an update on the unreserved fund balance. Mr. Hallsted did a review of developments and projects on the lake showing Operation & Maintenance balances. He described the Community Facilities District land area and each property's land percentage of the CFD. This number is used to identify the annual assessment. If the property is vacant, then the other property's percent of the Operations and Maintenance budget is multiplied by 20%. While the land area is vacant, the City makes up the 80%. When everything is built out, Tempe's percentage of land should be about 40%. There are a few properties that are grandfathered into the district that don't pay an assessment, therefore Tempe is making up another 22.5%. The only way that they will be made to pay is if these properties rebuild or add on.

Mr. Hallsted reviewed what portions are attributed to each assessment. Mr. Ken Jones advised that it would be beneficial information, if each contributor could report their assessments on their individual financial statements as needed.

Mr. Clouch asked Mr. Hallsted to confirm that there is 47% of vacant land still "controlled" by the City of Tempe.

Agenda Item 6 – Downtown Temp Update – Lori Foster

Ms. Lori Foster is replacing Kate Border as a representative of the DTA. Ms. Foster gave a brief update that the DTA has finished their 4th quarter of events. She advised that next fall of 2018 will be the 50th anniversary for the Art Festival. There will be a celebration at that time. Fantasy of Lights had a great turn out this year with brighter lights. The Boat Parade on the Lake was very successful and more people continue to come each year. Each year, the DTA tries to start this event earlier and earlier in the day. This year there were double the amount of food trucks.

Ms. Foster announced that the 6th Street Market is held on Sundays.

Agenda Item 7 – Special Events Update – Keith Burke

Mr. Keith Burke gave an update on special events. He talked about an exciting 2018 year planned of special events for the Town Lake. In January, there will be the Rock and Roll Marathon with an additional 1-mile Fun Run. March 10th and 11th there will be the Oz Fest and they are estimating over 200,000 people to attend. A new event this year will be a 3-day music festival related to spring training and it will be called the Innings Festival. The Innings Festival will be held March 23rd through the 25th. There will be over 30 artists, 3 stages, and they are estimating over 25,000 people to attend each day. Later this year, the Lake will host the 2018 USA Swimming Open Water National Championship, May 4th through the 6th.

Staff is working with TCBB to bring back the Triathlon 2019-2020.

Agenda Item 7 - Public and Private Development Update – Ryan Levesque

Mr. Ryan Levesque gave an update on Public and Private Developments along the Lake.

- Watermark Office high rise is under construction.
- Watermark Residential has submitted for permits and is preparing to start construction on the west side of project.
- Villa Apartments is updating the garage facade elevations.
- Jefferson Town Lake is under construction. There are some infrastructure issues that are addressed by flood control to maintain access and improving the landscape.
- Hayden Flour Mill was approved by Council for adaptive reuse to the existing Flour Mill building and to add an additional building on the west end facing the Mill Ave site.
- A new hotel called the Hayden is in plan review. It is proposed to be on the northwest corner of College and 6th street. It will be 2 stories and about 60 condos on site. The public hearing processes will soon start in January 23, 2018 and the Council meetings are planned for February and March.

Mr. Bessler added that there are 2 public projects in the planning process. The first project will be to create a right turn lane on Rio Salado and Mill Ave bridge to help with the afternoon high traffic flow heading west to north. The second project in the planning stages to design intersection improvements of Rio Salado and Rural. Also, there is an ASU and City of Tempe joint study for traffic. In this study, there was an idea to create a pedestrian bridge or pedestrian separation in downtown Tempe.

Urbanization – Pedestrian traffic is a logistical challenge. For every 1.8 people you see walking, there is a car that is not seen on the road. Mr. Bessler introduced a term called mode shifting. Mode shifting is when a person that usually drives a car everyday changes to a different mode of transportation.

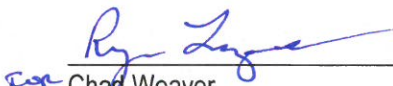
Mr. Bessler addressed a question from the board about the “green bikes.” Mr. Bessler informed the Board the difference between the orange and black bikes and the green bikes. He stated that the green bikes are from a company called The Grid. This company has a contract with the City which requires the company to dock them. As for the orange and black bikes, there are no contracts and no city ordinances that exist to prohibit the bikes from being left anywhere. This could be an item of topic on the next agenda for the board to talk about.

Next scheduled meeting is April 10, 2018
Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31th East Fifth Street

- MOTION:** Don Bessler
SECOND: Shelly Hearn
DECISION: Approved to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.

Prepared by: Sarah Adame
Reviewed by: Roger Hallsted



Chad Weaver
Community Development Director
Secretary