

**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
April 9, 2019**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on April 9, 2019, 8:30 AM, at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member
Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin. & IT Director
Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director
Keith Burke, Community Services Deputy Director
Lori Foster, Downtown Tempe Authority Member
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep

City Staff Present:

Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Fin. Analyst Comm. Dev.
Alex Smith, Dep. Comm. Dev. Dir. of Special Projects
Ryan Levesque, Dep. Comm. Dev. Director of Planning
Chris Thompson, Dep. Building Safety, Dir
Marilyn DeRosa, Dep. Pub Works Dir- City Eng/CapInt
Craig Caggiano, Water Utility Operations Manager
Craig Hayton, Parks Manager
Sarah Adame, Executive Assistant, Comm. Dev.

Members Absent:

Jason Meszaros, Landowner Member Area 2 Rep
Steven Methvin, Interim President/Dep. City Mgr-COO
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner

Guests Present:

1 ASU Student in attendance for observation

Meeting convened at 8:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting January 15, 2019

Mr. Patrick Panetta called for a motion to vote on the minutes.

MOTION: Gordeon Cresswell, Public Member, motion to approve the minutes from January 15, 2019

SECOND: Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director, seconded the motion

VOTE: Approved 7-0

AYES: Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member, Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin. & IT Director, Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director, Keith Burke, Community Services Deputy Director, Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep, Gordeon Cresswell, Public Member

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jason Meszaros, Landowner Member Area 2 Rep, Steven Methvin, Interim President/Dep. City Mgr-COO, Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances – 1 ASU Student was in attendance.

Agenda Item 3 – Town Lake Operation – Craig Caggiano

The Town Lake water quality is good except for the water color, which is caused by excess debris due to higher water levels. Most of the debris has been removed. The new buoy line has been relocated to accommodate several water events. There are plans to move forward with the maintenance and repair of the aging docks. Engineering will be overseeing the contracts and vendors that keep the docks cleaned and operating properly.

Agenda Item 4 – Rio Salado Implementation Plan – Craig Hayton

The Rio Salado Implementation Plan was presented at the Work Study Session on April 4, 2019 and will be delivered to Council for adoption. The implementation plan has 5 guiding principles: connectivity, understanding public ownership of Rio Salado, shade, sustainability, and opportunities. The Implementation Plan will guide developments to be consistent with programming opportunities by ensuring better active uses and open spaces. The plan includes enhancements and improvements needed for the park. Funding for these items will be identified and related departments will review their budget for available funds that could be applied to the project. Additional funding resources would be in grants, gifts, land sales, and development impact fees. The various funding sources would also help prioritize the lists of opportunities and aid in selecting potential projects that focus on the entire masterplan. Collaboration between sponsorships, public-private partnerships, and private developers would also provide funding for essential projects. The Rio Salado Implementation Plan will continue to develop by issuing a Request for Information for these items: (1) creating the top two activity zones, (2) establishing design guidelines, and (3) exploring public-private partnerships.

Agenda Item 5 – Budget Update – Roger Hallsted

Historical and current operating and maintenance budget versus the Rio Salado Community Facilities District expenses budget was presented to the Commission for a recommend approval for the next fiscal year 2019-2020 budget. The new proposed fiscal year budget shows a slight increase of 2.2% in the total operating budget compared to the last fiscal year budget. The increase involves several new items that needed additional attention such as an increase to the lake surface shoreline cleaning that is over 18%.

There are 2 supplemental requests that were granted. First, the Tempe Beach Park Turf Management supplemental is a continuation from last year's budget. This is a nutrient and exercise program for the turf. The second supplemental is new and supports the new manager position that oversees the Rio Salado downtown park areas. This accounts for 1/3 of the budget for additional personnel.

An additional increase to the budget is for water replacement costs. Water replacement costs increased to \$295,000.00 this FY2018/19 and is projected higher for next FY2019/20 at \$304,500.00. Salt River Project recently increased the rates of delivery. The budget of the replacement water is based on the past usage estimate of the average annual costs. In the next fiscal year, there are funds available in the fund balance to assist with the costs if a dry year occurs.

- MOTION:** Keith Burke, City Member, Community Services Director motioned to recommend an approval of the budget as drafted.
- SECOND:** Gordon Cresswell, Public Member seconded the motion.
- VOTE:** Approved 7-0
- AYES:** Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member, Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin.& IT Director, Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director, Keith Burke, Community Services Deputy Director, Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep, Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** Jason Meszaros, Landowner Member Area 2 Rep, Steven Methvin, Interim President/Dep. City Mgr-COO, Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner

Agenda Item 6 – Downtown Tempe Update – Lori Foster

During the first quarter of 2019, four street-level businesses closed, and four street level businesses opened. Currently there are a total of 176 street-level businesses and 72% are local and independent.

The 42nd Annual Spring Tempe Festival of Arts was held in March and attendance exceeded expectations. The vendors reported high sales and people appeared to enjoy the food and all the amenities. The 6th Street Market will be closing this Sunday, April 14, 2019, after operating for 3 years. The DTA reports that 52 vendors will be attending this Sunday for the closing of this event.

Streetcar construction will begin May 13, 2019. Mill Avenue northbound of University will be closed. The DTA is aiding the merchants on Mill Ave with special promotions during this time. During the last week in June, there will be an event called Tempe Heat week, which is a celebration of summer and the Streetcar construction. This event will encourage the restaurant merchants within a 3 to 5-mile range of downtown to create meal promotions to attract customers. The DTA will also be taking photos of some the Streetcar stops and creating a Streetcar history walk.

Agenda Item 7 – Special Events Update – Keith Burke

Special Events revealed that the USA triathlon was a huge success with participants from around the nation. The triathlon is planning to come back to Tempe next year.

Pat's Run will be here in a couple weeks. There will also be smaller running events held at Papago Park and the Giuliano Park between now and Pat's Run. In addition, Special Events is planning and preparing for the 4th of July holiday events with the consideration of all the current construction activities.

Agenda Item 8 – Public and Private Development Update – Ryan Leveque & Alex Smith

Public and Private Development provided updates of 5 major active construction sites. The Jefferson Town Lake Apartments are nearly completed. Portions of the Watermark office and Aurora at Watermark Apartments will be completed by October. Idea Campus is currently under construction. There is also anticipation of a hotel proposal in TCA area.

The Hayden House is currently under renovation due to new construction just north of the building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36am.

Prepared by: Sarah Adame



Chad Weaver
Community Development Director
Secretary