



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, April 28, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Updates & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

April 28, 2023 thru November 11, 2023

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Fri	Apr 28	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	2023 TIE Foundation Joseph P. Spracale Education Awards Event Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	Apr 28	5:30 p.m. – 7: 30p.m.	Dive into Diversity Fundraiser Location: Canopy Hotel 108 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	Apr 28	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Under the Stars - 14th Annual Performance Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium 2200 W Alameda Dr. Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 29	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Mayor’s Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event Location: Pyle Adult Recreation Center 655 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 29	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Breakfast with Berdetta Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 29	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Awards Location: JW Marriott Scottsdale 5402 E. Lincoln Drive Scottsdale, AZ
Mon	May 1	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Ralph Hoffman Plaque Dedication Location: Hayden House Front Porch/Patio 1 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ

Mon	May 1	6:00 p.m.	Alegre Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Multi-Generational Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 2	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks: Spring Celebrations (Hollis Park) Location: Hollis Park 3421 S. Kenneth Place Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 2	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	9 th Annual Tempe Community Salutes Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 3	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks: Spring Celebrations (Harelson Park) Location: Harelson Park 9325 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 5	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	APS Tea and Networking Location: Arizona Biltmore 2400 E. Missouri Avenue Phoenix, AZ
Fri	May 5	2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Retirement Ceremony Location: Kyrene Del Norte 1331 E. Redfield Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	May 6	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Care 7 Mental Health Awareness Month 5k Location: Kiwanis Park 5500 S. Mill Avenue Tempe, AZ
Mon	May 8	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Joint Council/SRPMIC Meeting Location: Round House Café 10047 E. Osburn Road Scottsdale, AZ
Mon	May 8	8:30 am. – 9:00 a.m.	Broadway Dunkin' Donuts Grand Opening Location: Dunkin Donuts 754 W. Broadway Road Tempe, AZ

Tues	May 9	7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Excellence in Education Location: Showroom at Wild Horse Pass 5040 Wild Horse Pass Boulevard Chandler, AZ
Tues	May 9	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebrations (Optimist Park) Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 10	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Making Space an Equity Study for Parks and Recreation Festival: Building Community Through Food and Play Location: Escalante Multi-Generational Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 12	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Veteran Charity: Mother’s Day Gala & Fashion Show Location: FBC Tempe 4525 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 16	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	AARP Experience Corps End-of Year Tutor Appreciation Luncheon Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 17	12:00 p.m.	Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 Draft Release Virtual Meeting Zoom Link: tempe.gov/2050
Wed	May 17	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 Draft Release Open House Location: Tempe History Museum Community Room 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 19	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Boards and Commission Appreciation Event Location: Omni Hotel 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	June 17	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	10 th Annual Juneteenth Celebration Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ

Fri	June 23	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Arizona Theatre Company: Partnership Stakeholder Dinner Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 11	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Diwali and Veterans Day Assembly Location: Kyrene Del Norte Dual Language Academy 1331 E. Redfield Drive Tempe, AZ

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: April 28, 2023
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- State Legislative Update
- Grant Opportunities

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

State Legislative Update

Today is the 110th day of the 2023 state legislative session and 1,632 bills have been introduced. Of the 176 bills that have passed, 93 have been signed into law, and 63 have been vetoed.

Both the House and Senate resumed business on 4/25/23 after a 2-week adjournment. The decision to adjourn followed the House vote on the expulsion of a member of the House of Representatives. The membership of the House is now at 30 Republicans and 29 Democrats, and 31 members are needed to pass legislation out of the House. As of this writing, it appears the legislature may reconvene next week and then adjourn again.

The bills of interest to Tempe will be added to lists (described below). Bills of significant interest will be highlighted in memo summaries as the proposals are amended in the legislative process.

Bill Lists

Staff is analyzing legislative proposals as they become available. The lists will be adjusted to reflect the latest available information. Bills that have failed to meet deadlines or have not received sufficient votes will be noted as “Dead”.

To note, based on lack of bill action this week, the tracking lists are identical to earlier lists and can be found at [this link](#) in the 4/14/23 Weekly Memo.

The tracking list that follows these memos includes the summaries of bills that may be of interest to Tempe. These lists are not exhaustive, and as more analysis is done, comments will be included. Readers can use the search/find tool (keyboard shortcut: press “Ctrl” and the “F” key) to search for terms of interest, like “fireworks”, “rentals”, “zoning”, “safety”, etc. Readers can also search the list by department to quickly be brought to the header under which there is a sublist of bills that may impact a specific area of city operations, for example: “Community Development” or “FMR”.

In addition to the bills on the tracking lists, the city will also be monitoring for proposals in areas including the following:

- Affordable Housing
 - As noted in earlier Weekly Information Packet memos, Mayor Woods submitted a list of legislative solutions for consideration in his role as a member of the statewide legislative housing supply study committee. The city will be monitoring and analyzing housing proposals throughout the session and aim to see the solutions shared by Mayor Woods become bill proposals. Unfortunately, of the bills that include these provisions, none have been scheduled for a hearing as of this writing.
 - The city is collaborating with other cities to develop language that could be used as a strike-everything amend that would include affordable housing components that could be deployed locally.
- Fireworks
- Liability Issues
- Local Governance
 - Efforts to preempt city charters, the authority for local governance, can be found in SCR 1023 and SCR 1027. The city opposes these anti-charter efforts.
 - Tempe voters have voted on charter provisions for the city of Tempe, and these types of proposals seek to put that into question with voters across the state.
 - A summary page prepared by the League of AZ Cities and Towns is highlights the types of voter-approved restrictions that this type of resolution, if passed, would remove. The page is attached.
 - The bills may be subject to amendments with a population threshold, but the city retains opposition to the concept of the legislature attempting to undermine local voters and the charter authority granted in the Arizona Constitution.
- Local Zoning Issues

- The city opposes the strike-everything amendment on SB 1117, which includes preemption language that would upend the city's voter-approved General Plan and aim to remove transparency and public access from planning activities. The bill also does not include any language that advances policies for guaranteed affordable housing.
- Mayor Woods testified against the bill in the committee (video at [this link](#)), noting that this proposal would have the result of blocking affordable housing developers from building needed guaranteed affordable housing in the city.
- A document from WeSERV Association of Realtors contains the efforts of surveyed cities in approving housing units, leading to a conclusion in the report that "city and towns are, and have been, approving housing permits...Delays [in housing construction] are from several sources, including builders and developers, supply chain woes, labor shortages and commodity shortages." Article at [this link](#), report at [this link](#), and related tweet at [this link](#).
- An earlier memo included a one-page visual of the average lot size in every US state. It provides an illustration that Arizona is one of the smallest average lot sizes—the 48th smallest.
- SB 1117 bill failed on the Senate floor. However, many of the components of SB 1117 have been included in the strike-everything amendment that has been added to HB 2536.
- The HB 2536 strike language also fails to contain guaranteed affordability policy and it circumvents public outreach processes for development and standards for how development interacts with public transit and bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Some components of SB 1117 are also found in strike-everything amendments to SB 1161 and SB 1163.
- The city continues to advocate for policy that advances guaranteed affordable housing without undermine transparency in local decision-making. The city is actively working to advance favorable policies through amending language and/or strike-everything amendments.
- The Governor has vetoed SB 1162, which would have added additional governmental layers and confusion regarding home-based businesses, which are an important part of the economic landscape in the city. The city opposed the bill and appreciate the veto of this unnecessary legislation.
- Proposition 400 Extension Authorization
 - As of this writing, there are a number of proposals that have been introduced on the topic of the extension of the Proposition 400 regional half-cent tax that supports transportation projects and programs in Maricopa County.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 1102, which has funding allocations and non-germane language that does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. This bill could be favorable with future amending language that brings the statutory language in line with the . regionally approved transportation plan. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 1246, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
 - The city supports HB 2527, which reflects the regional transportation plan which was unanimously approved by the elected representatives serving on the Maricopa Association of Governments, including Mayor Woods. This bill is dead.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 2031, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill

- could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was not ultimately voted on in committee. This bill is dead.
 - The city opposed SB 1122, which does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. A previous memo included a summary of the bill from Valley Metro, the region's transit agency of which the City of Tempe is a member. Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams represents Tempe on the Valley Metro Boards. This bill failed.
 - SB 1505 has favorable language but has not met the deadline to be heard in its chamber of origin and is dead.
- Short Term Rentals
 - There are a number of introduced bills and referenda regarding short-term rentals this session. Some of these proposals would remove the state preemption on local regulations of short-term rentals, which the city would support. To date, these proposals have not been scheduled for hearings will not move forwarded this session, except potentially in the form of strike-everything amendments onto other bills.
- Taxation Proposals
 - The city opposes the tax break proposals for entities that are in the businesses of residential rentals and for businesses that sell food for home consumption, which have been introduced as HB 2067/SB 1184 and HB 2061/HB 1063/HB 1089, respectively.
 - This would result in a combined revenue loss to the city of over \$26 million annually, and would give a tax break to specific interests that would exclude them from contributing to the transaction privilege taxes that are remitted by other companies doing business in the city. These revenues fund programs, capital investments, infrastructure projects, public safety, and services including affordable housing construction and rental assistance.
 - HB 2067, SB 1184, HB 2061, and SB 1063 passed out of their respective initial committees on party line votes.
 - SB 1184 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1184 on 2/23/23. Governor's Office press release is at [this link](#) and the veto letter is linked [here](#).
 - SB 1131 now has a strike-everything amendment that revives the tax break for those in the business of residential rental. The city is opposed.
 - SB 1063 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1063 on 3/28/23. The Governor's veto letter is linked [here](#).
 - Fiscal notes are available (and linked) on the following: [HB 2067](#), [SB 1184](#), [HB 2061](#), [SB 1063](#).
 - The League of AZ Cities and Towns has distributed materials noting the issues with these bills and those documents were attached to earlier memos.
 - Tweet with the video illustrating the important revenue streams is at [this link](#).
- Tobacco/Vaping
- Water Policy
 - The city opposes SB 1660, which is similar to a problematic proposal that was defeated in last year's session, that attempts to undermine the regional mechanism for water supply. There is the potential for some industrial water users to be incentivized to extract fossil groundwater, would expand those companies' access to pumping in an unprecedented way, and would threaten the aquifers relied upon by municipal water users. News articles regarding the bill are at [this link](#) and [this link](#).
 - The city opposed HB 2535, which had concerning language regarding water management of wells in newly incorporated areas. This bill passed out of the legislature and was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor's veto letter is available [here](#). The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) authored one of the letters urging a veto. Councilmember Arlene Chin is the city's representative on the AMWUA Board.

The city's framework for responses to legislative proposals is the Council supported Tempe State Legislative Principles, which are available at [this link](#).

Grant Opportunities

Via the National League of Cities

Attached is a one-page document with federal resources for local governments. Tempe has been awarded some of these funds, is pursuing other funding, and continues to monitor for additional information about upcoming opportunities. The links on the attachment are not live, but a QR code is available at the base of the document with the relevant links.

Getting Started With Key Federal Opportunities

Right now, local governments have an unprecedented opportunity to access federal funds to invest in areas like infrastructure improvement, local economic recovery, climate and energy initiatives and more to improve the quality of life for their residents. Here are some key resources to help your community leverage these opportunities.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

IIJA is a bipartisan, five-year \$1.2 trillion federal investment in transportation, water, broadband, energy and more. This historic legislation invests in existing federal infrastructure programs and creates new funding for both state-administered and competitive programs local governments can apply for.

[White House Build.gov Website](#)

This site serves as a central starting place to learn about available grants and search for key grant uses. It hosts a thorough guidebook to IIJA, maps of projects funded for comparison and other resources for local government applicants.

[NLC Ready to Rebuild Resource Page](#)

NLC's local government focused resource page explains how to access and maximize federal infrastructure funds. The webpage spotlights how cities are using federal funds, gives resources and provides updates on infrastructure opportunities, grant programs and legislative developments.

[Local Infrastructure Hub \(LIH\)](#)

The LIH hosts webinars and grant bootcamps for small and mid-sized communities (<150,000 pop.), providing technical assistance trainings to help local leaders navigate specific IIJA programs.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Within ARPA, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) provided \$130.2 billion dollars in the form of direct allocations to local governments split evenly between municipalities and counties. This historic investment is improving our nation's cities, towns, and villages one eligible use allocation at a time.

[NLC ARPA Resource Page](#)

NLC's ARPA landing page hosts key tools including the ARPA Investment Tracker and the latest updates on guidance. This resource is a great place to start when determining how to use your ARPA funds and what you need to do to meet compliance requirements.

[U.S. Department of the Treasury SLFRF Landing Page](#)

Treasury administers the local fiscal recovery ARPA funds, and their website overviews important technical information about the program including reporting, technical issues, eligible uses of funds, and self-service resources. This site includes information on the Final Rule and other important information local governments should know about when allocating their ARPA funds. For further Treasury assistance, contact SLFRF@treasury.gov or call (844) 529-9527.

[ARPA 2-Year Report](#)

NLC celebrates the two-year anniversary of ARPA and the direct investment into local governments in a new report. Learn about the local implementation of these dollars and how local governments like yours have utilized their investment.

CHIPS and Science Act (CHIPS+)

The CHIPS and Science Act (CHIPS+) directs \$280 billion over ten years to revitalize semiconductor research, development and manufacturing. This bipartisan compromise bill will create good jobs and enhance global competitiveness, thereby benefiting cities and towns.

[White House CHIPS+ Fact Sheet](#)

This fact sheet includes the key areas of investment for this competitiveness package that includes economic growth and development and investments in our nation's workers.

[CHIPS for America Strategy](#)

The Department of Commerce launched its strategy for a \$50 billion investment in the semiconductor industry, including a focus on the workforce pipeline and an expansion of that pipeline to those who have historically participated in this industry.

[Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs Program \(Tech Hubs\)](#)

Congress appropriated \$500 million to the Economic Development Agency (EDA) in the FY23 Appropriations Bill for the Tech Hubs program, which works to drive technology growth in regions of our country.

[Recompete Pilot Program](#)

Congress appropriated \$200 million for the Recompete pilot program in the FY23 Appropriations Bill. This initial investment will allow EDA to begin developing and planning for the program's design. The Recompete pilot program will provide for 10-year grants to communities to develop and implement economic development strategies.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

The IRA marks the largest federal investment in climate and clean energy with provisions that complement some of the investments in the infrastructure law. In addition to grant funding opportunities for local governments, the IRA provides a new mechanism for local governments and other tax-exempt entities to take advantage of new clean energy tax incentives and support the growth of America's clean energy economy and manufacturing sectors.

[White House CleanEnergy.gov Website](#)

This serves as a starting place to learn more about the clean energy provisions and programs available to consumers and other entities. The website hosts a thorough IRA guidebook, an overview of the tax provisions and relevant updates.

[NLC IRA Explainer Blogs](#)

NLC published [this blog](#) outlining the key programs for local governments included in the IRA, providing local leaders with a framework for what programs and funding opportunities might support their climate and clean energy goals.

An important provision for local governments included in the IRA is a direct payment option in lieu of tax credits for local governments for the production of or investment in clean energy.

[This blog](#) provides key information and project examples on this new direct pay option.

[Clean Energy Tax Credits for Individuals and Households](#)

The IRA provides a number of tax credits and rebates aimed at individuals and households to transform their energy use and consumption. Local leaders play an important role in helping their residents take advantage of these opportunities.



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RESOURCE WITH LINKS.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

April 28, 2023

PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) UPDATE

The City of Tempe Parks and Recreation CIP provides updates of existing amenities and infrastructure across the park system; prioritizing safety, accessibility, and positive experiences for all park visitors. Outcomes are achieved on a variety of levels ranging from comprehensive large-scale renovations to focused infrastructure upgrades. A priority improvement for Tempe Parks is integrating accessibility via sidewalks, parking, lighting, and overall site design. Current CIP projects also implement sustainable irrigation, tree plantings, increased shade, LED lighting, and more efficient drainage infrastructure to support sustainability and resilience within Tempe.

COMPLETED PROJECTS



ABOVE: Meyer Park Playground and Ramada Completion and Reopening Celebration



ABOVE: Clark Park Partial Reopening Celebration

In Fiscal Year 2022-23, full playground renovations and park upgrade projects have been completed at **Meyer, Mitchell, Redden (Michelle Brooks-Totress effective July 1, 2023)** and **Clark** Parks. These projects feature artist designed rubberized surfacing for the new improved accessible playgrounds with equipment selected by the neighborhoods, new shade structures and picnic ramadas, ADA improvements, new lighting, court resurfacing, and additional trees. Structural repairs and upgrades have been completed at **Jaycee, Hollis and Selleh** Park restrooms.

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PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Moeur Park is currently under construction for ramada restoration, lighting, landscape, and ADA improvements. The project is working closely with historic preservation to protect the historical integrity of the site and its structures. Groundbreaking for **Dwight** Park ramada, landscape, and lighting will occur in late spring. **Mill Avenue** medians and sidewalk planters received a landscape upgrade including a pop of Tempe blue color with new raised planters.



ABOVE: Moeur Park Construction



ABOVE: Mill Avenue Median Landscapes and Planter Upgrades

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PROJECTS IN PROCESS

Several projects are in final design and bidding phase. **Creamery** Park is permitted and is currently in bid review for a complete park and playground remodel. **Goodwin** Park is in permit review for new soccer field lighting, landscape, and new picnic ramadas. **Selleh** Park lake edge improvements are in final design phase, as are the ramada, shade, and landscape improvements for **Alegre, Escalante, Scudder, and Svob** Parks. **Papago** Park is wrapping up design for new athletic field and court lighting on both north and south portions of the park. And lastly, **Tempe Women's Club** has entered design phase for improved site lighting.



ABOVE: Selleh Park

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Campbell and **Optimist** Parks concluded outreach for playground and ramada improvements, and are in the beginning of design phase.

Kiwanis Park North completed two rounds of public outreach and collaboration with community stakeholders to help develop concept plans for a fully adaptive and accessible playground, restroom, concessionaire, and activation of the north field spaces with a dog park and public art.

Rio Salado, Dwight, and Creamery Parks are planned for new Calsense smart irrigation controllers to improve water management and conservation.



RIGHT: Kiwanis Park North Public Outreach



Safe and Secure Communities

1.23 Feeling of safety in Parks



Quality of Life

3.16 Quality of City recreation centers



Sustainable Growth and Development

4.11 Tree and shade canopy