

**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
August 11, 2020**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on August 11, 2020 8:30 AM by Conference Call through Microsoft Teams due to COVID-19, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member
Marilyn DeRosa, President, Director - Eng/Trans
Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2
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
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep

City Staff Present:

Alex Smith, Dep. Comm. Dev. Dir. of Special Projects
Ryan Levesque, Dep. Comm. Dev. Dir. of Planning
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Fin. Analyst Comm. Dev.
Craig Caggiano, Water Utility Operations Manager
Craig Hayton, Dep. Com. Svcs. Dir of Parks & Rec
Shawn Wagner, Dep. Com. Svcs. Dir Parks & Rec
Sarah Adame, Executive Assistant, Comm. Dev.

Members Absent:

None.

Guests Present:

None.

Meeting convened at 8:34 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

Regular meeting minutes from April 21, 2020.

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

MOTION: Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director, motioned to approve regular meeting minutes from April 21, 2020

SECOND: Keith Burke, Community Services Deputy Director, seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved as Amended 9-0

AYES: Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member, Marilyn DeRosa, President, Director - Eng/Trans; Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep, Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2, Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin.& IT Director, Gordon Cresswell, Public Member; Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep; Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2; Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances – None

Agenda Item 3 – Budget Update – Roger Hallsted

Town Lake Capital Replacement Budget 2020/21 is \$660,350. The capital replacement schedule was presented for review and comment. This document is a work in progress. There were no impacts to the CIP budget or the Capital Replacement Budget due to the train derailment.

Agenda Item 4 – Special Events Update – Keith Burke, Shawn Wagner, and Craig Hayton

Most special events are canceled due to COVID-19 around Tempe. Special Events department is trying to work with the event vendors to comply with the COVID -19 guidelines. Events that can comply with the modifications are:

September 11th – Healing Field
October - 6th Street Market on Sundays
October 14th - Splash & Dash Fall:
October 18th – Ironman 70.3
October 25th – Arizona Autism Speaks Walk
November – 6th Street Market on Sundays
November 11th – Veteran’s Day Parade
November 22nd – Ironman Arizona
November 27th – Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade
December 4th – 6th – Festival of the Arts
December 12th – Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade
December 12th – Hurts Donut Run

Most of the city parks are open except for playgrounds, exercise equipment, and splash play parks. The Parks and Recreation department is watching for large gathering of groups and trying to keep them to small number groups. Park space is mostly being used by citizens for exercise and “getting out”.

The Parks and Recreational Master Plan is underway for a future 10-year planning effort. Staff is working on gathering information from residents and drafting the plan with the consultant. The plan will be in a GIS story map format. It will be in an interactive virtual format. Presentations will be coming soon to several commissions and to Council. The Rio Salado Master Plan RFI produced over 20 submissions for private and public engagement projects. The Rio Salado Master Plan is going to be taken to Council in November at a work study session for direction.

Agenda Item 5 – Town Lake Operations – Craig Caggiano

Arizona Department of Water Quality has been collecting water samples from the lake due to the train derailment. The lake warning system was upgraded a few years ago. The derailment showed the system to be in working order. The overall water quality of the lake is great right now as well as the water quantity. The lake has not needed to use any water replacement this year. Another project that is currently in process is the cylinder rehabilitation project. This project is a slow process but will be providing quality replacement cylinders to the dams in the near future.

Agenda Item 6 – Downtown Tempe Update – Lori Foster

The DTA is reporting that at the end of March there were about 173 street level business within the downtown district. As of today, 13 businesses have permanently closed, and 23 businesses have been temporarily closed. The hope is that these numbers will go down in the next 2 weeks as business start to reopen. Recently, 12 businesses have closed due to the Executive Order to close bars and gyms. The governor’s office has sent out phases and guidelines with benchmarks for businesses to use to reopen based on the data available on COVID.

The DTA is working on activations in the downtown area to support businesses and to support social distancing.

Now – September - Downtown Bingo
September - Brunch-Crawl
November - The Halloween Stroll

The Stakeholder Survey is actively underway. This survey is completed every 3 years. This year’s survey will include COVID related questions that impact the downtown area. The DTA is working on creating COVID modification strategies that will help support fall events that are scheduled to come soon, such as the Street Parade, Boat Parade, and the Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts.

Agenda Item 7 – Public and Private Development Update – Chad Weaver, Ryan Levesque and Alex Smith

The South Pier development area is 10 lots in size. The first phase in review is lot #6. There should be a formal submittal coming in soon. The DTA will be moving into the Hayden House soon after a certificate of occupancy is issued. The 100 Mill project is now laying the foundation and progressing nicely.

The Community Development department intake of commercial development projects is consistently high and residential development volumes is starting to increase at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

Prepared by: Sarah Adame

Reviewed by: Roger Hallsted

Chad Weaver

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Community Development Director
Secretary