



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, May 6, 2022

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities



City Council Events Schedule

May 6, 2022 thru October 22, 2022

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	May 6	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Board and Commission Member Appreciation Event Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 6	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks – Dance Events: Goodwin Park Location: Goodwin Park 835 E. Caroline Lane Tempe, AZ
Tue	May 10	6:00 p.m.	Victory Acres Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Esquer Park 2407 E. McArthur Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 11	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Optimist Park Improvements Meeting Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street Tempe, AZ
Thu	May 12	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks – Dance Events: Hudson Park Location: Hudson Park 1430 S. Cedar Street & Spence Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 13	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Smith Road Improvements Project - Apache Boulevard to Rio Salado Parkway Meeting Location: Escalante Community Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 13	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Inside Look at Fox Technology Center Location: ASU Research Park 2010 E. Centennial Circle Tempe, AZ

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Fri	May 13	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks - Dance Events: Svob Park Location: Svob Park 2600 W. Vineyard Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	May 14	11:00 a.m.	Wilson Art and Garden Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Ellertson Community Garden 1013 S. Wilson Street Tempe, AZ
Tue	May 17	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Fueling the Economy - AZRE Location: Harkins Tempe Marketplace 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 20	8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Streetcar Opening Celebration Location: Marina Heights property on Rio Salado Parkway - across from the Streetcar station 600 E. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 20	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Hydrogen Study Project Tour Location: Southwest Gas Operations Facility 5705 S. Kyrene Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	May 21	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Escalante Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Community Garden 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Thu	June 9	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Parc Broadway's Makerspace Unveiling in Tempe's Makerspace District Location: Parc Broadway 711 W. Broadway Rd. Tempe, AZ

Thu	June 9	11:00 a.m. - Noon	Ribbon Cutting: Martinsen Wealth Management Location: 7855 S. River Parkway, Suite 206 Tempe, AZ
Sat	June 18	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	2022 Juneteenth Celebration Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Tues - Fri	Aug 30 - Sept 2	All Day	2022 League Annual Conference Location: The Renaissance 9495 W. Coyotes Boulevard Glendale, AZ 85305
Wed	Oct 12	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	39th Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Location: SRP PERA Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 22	3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods Location: Various locations Tempe, AZ

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: May 6, 2022
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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

- Arizona Environmental Infrastructure Program Support Letter
- State Legislative Update

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.

Arizona Environmental Infrastructure Program Support Letter

Mayor Woods joined other mayors across the state in signing a letter to Congressman Stanton to support water infrastructure through the Arizona Environmental Infrastructure program. The signed letter is attached.

State Legislative Update

Today is the 117th day of the 2022 state legislative session and 1,780 bills have been posted. The bills of interest to Tempe will be added to lists (described below). Over 400 bills have been monitored by the city this session. Bills of significant interest will be highlighted in future memo summaries as the proposals are amended in the legislative process.

Bill Lists

The bills of interest to Tempe continue come up as amended proposals and strike-everything amendments, while some will fail to meet deadlines for scheduling or passage. 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, bills that have been signed by the Governor will have an effective date of 90 days after the end of the legislative session (unless there is an emergency clause that is noted in the specific bill). Since session has not yet adjourned sine die, the exact effective date is not known.

The tracking list includes the summaries of bills that may be of interest to Tempe. These lists are not exhaustive, and as more analysis is done, additional comments and/or bill tracking lists may 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, etc. There has not been legislative activity that changed the tracking list from last week. Last week’s tracking list is available at [this link](#), beginning on page 5 of the pdf.

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

- State Budget
 - Two weeks ago, the House introduced 12 budget bills (HB 2841 – HB 2852). These were represented as baseline budget bills, which were a continuation of the current year’s budget with adjustments for inflation and growth, but not including policy-based increases or additional appropriations beyond formula growth. These bills went to the House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday and failed to pass out of the committee. The Governor suggested he would not sign a ‘skinny budget’ in an interview with [KTAR](#), that he is advocating for a budget that includes funding for priorities such as water, tax cuts, border security, and education.
 - We will continue to monitor the budget activities. The Legislature needs to pass a budget by 7/1/22, or agencies will not have funding appropriated for Fiscal Year 2023.
- Affordable Housing
 - The League of Arizona Cities and Towns has compiled a list of affordable housing efforts that could be addressed at the legislature and implemented at the municipal level. Tempe supports this concept.
 - The city supports a number of bills that add funding to the Housing Trust Fund. Unfortunately, SB 1531 (housing trust fund; appropriation), was not scheduled for a committee hearing prior to a session deadline and will not move forward this session. These proposals may be part of budget negotiations and factor into the appropriations bills. It is expected that additional housing concepts may appear as strike-everything amendments, as well.
 - There is a discussion involving a study committee to analyze housing supply. Affordable housing is a crucial issue and would need to be a focus point of the committee.
- Short Term Rentals

- Short term rental bills are found in a number of the categories on the bill tracking list, including the “Neighborhoods” tracking list. Bills relating to short term rentals that have been introduced so far include SB 1168, HB 2334, HB 2625, HB 2663, HB 2321, SB 1026, and HB 2069.
- SB 1168 appears to have the most momentum at this point. There may be opportunities for amending language to enhance local decision-making options. Neighborhood notifications, state and local licensing, and maximum concentration thresholds for short term rentals are all concepts that are being discussed. However, we would not support amending language that would take away the few tools that currently exist for cities and towns.
- Both SB 1026 and HB 2069 propose a full repeal of the preemption language passed in the 2016 legislative session. They have not been moved forward.
- Both HB 2625 and HB 2711 contain favorable language to add some regulatory ability to local governments, although HB 2711 would not apply to Tempe due to the bill’s current population threshold. These will not be moving forward.
- Proposition 400 Extension Authorization
 - The city supports SB 1356 (transportation tax; election Maricopa County) and its identical bill in the House, HB 2598. SB 1356 has passed out of the Senate with city-supported amending language. HB 2598 included city-supported amendment language as it passed out of its House committee, but is no longer moving forward due to session deadlines.
- Local Zoning Issues
 - The city opposed to HB 2674 (municipal zoning, by right housing), as introduced, which proposes to contradict the city’s voter-approved General Plan and preempts existing zoning, permitting, cod, spacing, building height, spacing, environmental and other requirements. The engagement on this bill led to it being held (meaning it was not heard or voted on in the committee for which it was scheduled) and led to one of the sponsors noting that [the bill would no longer be advanced](#) for the session. This bill will be used as a vehicle for a strike-everything amendment that would propose a study committee to evaluate housing.
- Fireworks
 - The city is supportive of HB 2226 (fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition) and the identical bill in the Senate, SB 1275. SB 1275 was signed into law by the Governor.
 - The city opposes a preemption amendment that has been proposed for HB 2255. The bill as introduced did not contradict the city’s legislative principles, but the city opposed the preemption language that was added in the amendment.
- Liability Issues
 - The strike-everything amendment, and subsequent amendment to that striker, on SB 1581 has concerning language that predicates city eligibility for state funding for homelessness efforts on the city engaging in activity that contradicts a federal court ruling (Martin v. Boise). There may be opportunities for amending language that would allow resources to be deployed to enhance housing opportunities for those experiencing homelessness.
- Tobacco/Vaping
- Taxation Proposals
 - The city opposes the tax break proposal for entities that are in the businesses of residential rentals, which appeared as a strike-everything amendment on SB 1116. This would result in a revenue loss to the city of over \$13 million annually, and would give a tax break to one special interest that would exclude them from contributing to the transaction privilege taxes that are remitting 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. A myth/fact summary and the fiscal impacts of the bill by city and by legislative district that was put together by the League was included in an earlier memo.
- Water Policy

- The city opposes the strike-everything amendment on SB 1171, which would upend the current framework for water allocations, water supply forecasting and water management. It did not move this week, we are monitoring to see if it is put on an agenda.

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

April 25, 2022

The Honorable Greg Stanton
207 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Stanton:

As members of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, we are writing to express our strong support for the Arizona Environmental Infrastructure program (Section 595), which will bring critically needed infrastructure assistance to Arizona's aging and dilapidated water systems. We applaud you for introducing and shepherding this important provision into law, and we look forward to working with you to see additional federal funds allocated for it.

As you know, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has graded Arizona's drinking water and wastewater systems as C- and C respectively. According to the ASCE, over the next 20 years, Arizona will have \$9.13 billion in drinking water and \$6.77 billion – more than \$15 billion – in wastewater infrastructure needs. To help address these infrastructure challenges, additional federal investments are needed, particularly in small, rural, and tribal communities that lack the financial resources to do the necessary repairs and replacement.

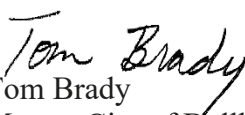
To date, more than a dozen entities across the state, including communities, counties and tribal nations have submitted requests to the Arizona program totaling more than \$100 million to support a wide variety of water infrastructure projects, several of which will help mitigate the impacts of the ongoing drought.


As you continue to work with your colleagues and the House Appropriations Committee on your fiscal year 2023 funding priorities, we urge you to ensure that Arizona receives its fair share of funding for this program so we can continue to address the \$15 billion in water infrastructure needs across the state.

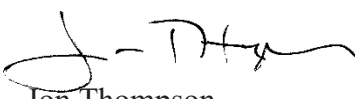
Thanks for your work to advance the water infrastructure needs of Arizona's Cities and Towns. We stand ready to work with you to pursue this worthwhile and needed funding.

Sincerely,


Eric Orsborn
Mayor, City of Buckeye

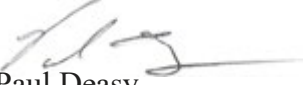

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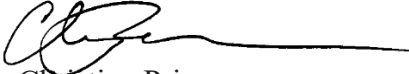
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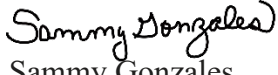
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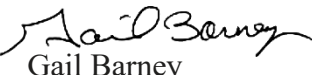
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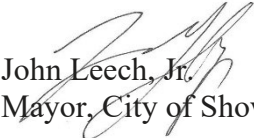
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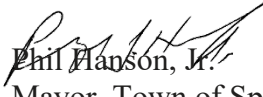
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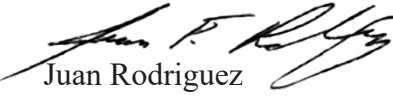
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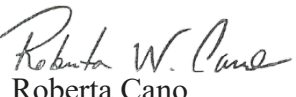
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