

Human Services and Community Safety

Council Committee Meeting Agenda

Virtual Meeting

June 24, 2022

12:00pm

Members of the City Council will attend virtually.

Meeting Video

Due to concerns over exposure to the coronavirus, the City has implemented measures to protect our community including the closing of Council Chambers and limiting public attendance to electronic means only. Members of the public may attend the meeting virtually through Cisco Webex Events or view the meeting recording by visiting www.tempe.gov/clerk for more information.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER GARLID CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:05 PM; COUNCILMEMBERS GARLID AND NAVARRO PRESENT

2. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES

COUNCILMEMBER GARLID MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - The committee welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Committee may only discuss matters listed on the agenda. Matters brought up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the agenda cannot be discussed by the Committee. A 3-minute limit per person will be in effect.

A. Comment Cards Submitted

Numerous individuals gave public comment; Staffers Paul Smith-Leonard, Sara Keown, and Cepand Alizadeh read several more comment cards.

The following individuals/groups made public comment or submitted comment cards read into the record of the meeting:

AQIL ALTEE
MO AUOFE
SUFIAN AWAHDA
MEGAN BOELTER
BARBARA NICHOLSON BROWN
PHILIP CARPENTER
JESSICA CARRASCO
BERNICE CARVER
LAURIE CLARK
SHARON S. DOYLE
FLOYD GALLOWAY

KIM GILL
GABRIEL GLISSMEYER
ANA EGATZ-GOMEZ
AMANDA GRAY
JAMAL HAGE
TRISH HART
HAYLEY HODGES
BRIAN HUMMELL
JADE IZZETT
TED KAERCEHR
SHELLEY KISTNER
KYLIE (14 YRS. OLD)
STACY LANGER
VICTORIA LOPEZ
MEGGIN LUCERO
JOHN MCELLIGOTT
BRIANNA MILLER
MARK MILLER
CARL O'KELLEY
NICOLE OLMSTEAD
ERIC OSSOWSKI
DARLENE PANY
STEVEN PARRY
JAIME PETERS
PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF TEMPE
MIKE REDFERN
JAMES ROBBINS
CLAUDIA RODAS
JAIME ROJAS
DR. THOMAS RUSSELL
KIM SCHULZ
APRIL SCHWEIKERT
JAY SIDHU
STEPHANIE SIETE
JIM SINGLETON
JOYCE SINGLETON
CYNTHIA STREMB
AKASH TATHI
BEN ULAN
MAXX WALLACE
FELICIA WHEELER
JOSEPH YUHAS

Councilmember Garlid thanked everyone who gave comment.

4. COMMITTEE SESSION ITEMS

A. Current Items and Updates

1. Presentation on Proposed Ordinance to Regulate the Sale of Tobacco through a Tobacco Seller License within the City of Tempe

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY ELIZABETH HIGGINS PRESENTED ON A DRAFT ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN THE CITY OF TEMPE THROUGH A TOBACCO SELLER'S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE TAX & LICENSE DIVISION. MAIN FOCUS OF ORDINANCE IS TO RAISE LEGAL AGE TO 21 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO AND PROHIBIT THE SALE OF FLAVORED VAPE IN THE CITY OF TEMPE. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HIGGINS COMMUNICATED NEXT STEPS INCLUDING FINALIZING A DRAFT ORDINANCE WITH COUNCIL COMMITTEE INPUT, A PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS, AND CONSIDERATION AT A FORTHCOMING COUNCIL WORK STUDY SESSION. COUNCILMEMBER GARLID VOICED HER SUPPORT FOR RAISING THE AGE FOR TOBACCO PURCHASE TO 21 TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL LAW AND LAUDED CITY'S COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS AS PART OF TEMPE INVOLVING THE PUBLIC (TIP) MANUAL. COUNCILMEMBER GARLID MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THIS DRAFT ORDINANCE BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO AGREED. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO THANKED EVERYONE FOR GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFO; HE COMMENTED THAT THIS COUNCIL COMMITTEE IS MOVING THE PROCESS FORWARD BY FACILITATING RESEARCH AND STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS, BUT THAT IT IS THE FULL COUNCIL THAT MAKES A DECISION ON THE ORDINANCE.

2. Presentation on Tempe Town Lake Water Safety

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF MATT BURNS, MANAGER OF TEMPE'S DIVE TEAM, PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF TEMPE FIRE MEDICAL RESCUE'S TOWN LAKE OPERATIONS. DIVE TEAM STAFFING CONSISTS OF 12 DIVERS AND 6 DIVE TENDERS STATIONED AT STATIONS 271, 276 AND 275. DIVE TEAM TRAINING INCLUDES 500-YARD SWIM WITH NO GEAR OR SWIM AIDS, SCUBA DIVING INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE DIVING INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION. DIVE TEAM EQUIPMENT INCLUDES HARDWIRE COMMUNICATIONS, TAGLINE/ROPE, AND BOAT. TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM (TRT) HAS 30 POSITIONS AT ENGINE/SQUAD 278 ON APACHE BLVD. AND LADDER/SUPPORT TRUCK 276 ON ASH AVE. TRT TRAINING INCLUDES 16 HOURS OF SWIFT WATER TRAINING AND 8 HOURS OF RESCUE SWIMMING. TRT WATER RESCUE EQUIPMENT INCLUDES FINS/WETSUIT, ROPE/TAG LINES AND INFLATABLE BOAT. DEPUTY CHIEF BURNS DETAILED WATER RESCUE OPERATIONS WITH THE ORDER OF RESCUE FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST RISK: TALK, REACH, THROW, ROW, AND GO. DEPUTY CHIEF BURNS STATED THAT LOW-RISK OPERATIONS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FIRST. COUNCILMEMBER GARLID ASKED IF DIVE TEAM/TRT CERTIFICATIONS ARE DONE AT TEMPE TOWN LAKE; DEPUTY CHIEF BURNS RESPONDED THEY DID USE THE LAKE SOMETIMES BUT ALSO USE SWIMMING POOLS. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO ASKED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO HAVE A FULLY STAFFED LAKE TEAM, AND IF THERE WAS DIFFERENT KIND OF TRAINING OR A FULLY-STAFFED BOAT NEEDED FOR AN ACTIVE RESCUE INVOLVING SOMEONE WHO IS DROWNING. DEPUTY CHIEF BURNS RESPONDED THAT CURRENT SWIMMING TRAINING ALLOWS OUR PEOPLE TO GIVE A PERSON A LINE FROM A BIT OF DISTANCE, BUT THAT GETTING TO A PERSON IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE IS A BIT MORE OF A CHALLENGE. DEPUTY CHIEF BURNS CONFIRMED THAT CITY HAS TWO BOATS ON THE LAKE, ONE EACH FOR PD AND FIRE, AND THAT FIRE'S BOAT IS STAFFED ONLY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. FIRE DOES NOT CROSS-TRAIN WITH PD ON BOATS BUT THEY DO RUN INCIDENTS WITH PD BOAT. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO ASKED IF FIRE AND PD HAVE THE SAME KIND OF BOAT; DEPUTY CHIEF BURNS RESPONDED THAT ORIGINALLY, YES, THEY BOTH HAD TWO BOSTON WHALERS BUT IT DIDN'T WORK WELL FOR FIRE BECAUSE THEY PUT MORE PEOPLE ON THEIR BOAT, SO FIRE SWITCHED TO

A PONTOON BOAT WHICH HOLDS MORE PEOPLE AND IS EASIER TO PULL PEOPLE OUT OF THE WATER.

POLICE LIEUTENANT TYLER WATKINS PRESENTED ON TEMPE TOWN LAKE WATER SAFETY, STARTING WITH AN OVERVIEW OF TEMPE TOWN LAKE AS A 2-MILE LONG WATERWAY WITH A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 13 FEET. POLICE MARINA IS LOCATED ON NORTH SIDE OF LAKE TOWARD THE EASTERN END. FROM 2019 TO 2022 YTD, PD RESPONDED TO A TOTAL OF 1,089 CALLS FOR SERVICE AT TEMPE TOWN LAKE. COMMANDER JAMES SWEIG SAID THAT ROUGHLY 8 OF THESE CALLS WERE DROWNINGS. COMMANDER SWEIG SAID PD RECENTLY ORDERED AND RECEIVED NORTHWEST RIVER SUPPLIES THROW BAGS FOR ALL PATROL VEHICLES/OFFICERS, WITH A FLOTATION DEVICE AT THE END OF A 75-FOOT LONG ROPE. ALL OFFICERS WILL ISSUED THROW BAGS AND BE TRAINED TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT FOR WATER RESCUES. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO SAID THAT THROW BAGS ARE GREAT BUT NOT IF WE CAN'T GET THERE IN TIME; IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LAKE, WE NEED A RESCUE TEAM THAT CAN PATROL THAT LAKE. AS MORE DEVELOPMENT OCCURS AROUND THE LAKE, THERE WILL BE MORE ACTIVITY—RENTAL BOATS, ROW TEAMS, AND PADDLE BOATS THAT CREATE THE POTENTIAL OF ACCIDENTS HAPPENING. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO SAID WE SHOULD HAVE A PIECE OF REAL ESTATE ON THE LAKE TO MAKE IT FASTER TO RESPOND FROM THE OTHER SIDE; THE CURRENT BOAT DOCK/MARINA IS TOO FAR AWAY. WE HAVE SECONDS AND MINUTES TO SAVE A LIFE AND WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO STAFF A BETTER, FASTER RESCUE PLAN; A BOAT RESCUE/RESPONSE IS LIKELY TO BE A BETTER, FASTER WAY TO HANDLE A CALL ON THE LAKE THAN A PATROL CAR. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO WOULD LIKE DATA, HEAT MAP INFO ABOUT INCIDENTS AND CALL VOLUMES AND USE IT TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL PLACEMENT OF A BOAT AND STAFFING OPTIONS—MAYBE HIGHER STAFFING DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR. COUNCILMEMBER GARLID AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN LOOK AT WHETHER A NEW BOATHOUSE WITH A STATION THAT IS STAFFED WILL GIVE US THE ABILITY TO HELP PEOPLE FASTER ON THE LAKE. COMMANDER SWEIG SAID HE CAN GIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE A BREAKDOWN OF CALLS AND GEOGRAPHY OF CALLS. COUNCILMEMBER NAVARRO SAID IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET BOTH FIRE AND PD INFO AND MORE INFO ABOUT WHAT YOU STAFF TOGETHER AND WHAT YOU DON'T.

B. New Items for Consideration

1. Examine Presentations for Next Council Committee Meeting

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

None.

C. Announcements

1. No new announcements

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE GIVEN

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** To be determined.

6. **ADJOURN**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:33 PM.