



**MINUTES OF THE
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
5850 West Glendale Avenue
December 10, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerry P. Weiers. Vice Mayor Yvonne J. Knaack and the following Councilmembers were present: Norma S. Alvarez, Ian Hugh, Manuel D. Martinez and Gary D. Sherwood.

Absent: Councilmember Samuel U. Chavira

Also present were Brenda Fischer, City Manager; Julie Frisoni, Interim Assistant City Manager; Michael Bailey, City Attorney; and Pamela Hanna, City Clerk.

Mayor Weiers called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prayer/invocation was given by Major David Barns, Chaplin from Luke Air Force Base.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Robert Rebich, an Ocotillo resident, said the casino was a bad financial move for the city. He said there would be significant ongoing costs for the city as well. He said there are many citizens in opposition to this project.

Ray Gonzales, a Goodyear resident, was in favor of the casino and said the Council should work with the Tohono O'Odham nation to bring this long term opportunity to the city. He said the casino would bring others to Glendale who would normally not visit the city.

Arthur Thruston, a Cactus resident, spoke about the casino and campaign contributions to the Councilmembers and said they have a conflict of interest. He said the city and the Council should not be bought by the Indian nations. He said the Council should have known what the Tohono O'Odham nation was all about before they spent millions of dollars in legal fees. He also spoke about the arena and asked how much money the city was getting back every month.

Bill Demski, a Sahuaro resident, said the Council didn't want city money going to a nonprofit organization as it was not city related, and asked how giving money to the Coyotes organization was city related. He also spoke about the salaries of the firefighters and their job duties. He also spoke about the amount of debt the city has and said city employees should not get rich at taxpayers' expense.

Kenneth Sturgis, a Yucca resident, spoke about some postings to the Follow Your Money figures regarding some events occurring at the hockey arena. He said there has been no detailed public report made to the Council or the citizens. He also spoke about the number of public meetings that have been held to discuss this issue. He said the Council needs to be honest with the citizens about the true nature of the city's financial outlook.

Clorinda Lozano, a Peoria resident, said west valley residents are concerned about Glendale. She said a casino will bring entertainment and dining and give residents a choice. The Tohono O'odham nation will pay for all public safety and utilities. She said Glendale will not be paying out of pocket. She said she wants the casino. She said Council's division should be put aside. She said her family members are part of the Tohono O'odham tribe and she thinks having the casino would work out well.

Compliance with Article VII, Section 6(c) of the Glendale Charter

A statement was filed by the City Clerk that the 8 resolutions and 2 ordinances to be considered at the meeting were available for public examination and the title posted at City Hall more than 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the November 13 and November 26, 2013 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Councilmember Sherwood, and seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 13 and November 26, 2013 Regular City Council meeting, as each member of the Council had been provided copies in advance, and approve them as written. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER BODIES

APPROVE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & OTHER BODIES PRESENTED BY: Councilmember Manuel Martinez

This is a request for City Council to approve the recommended appointments to the following boards, commissions and other bodies that have a vacancy or expired term and for the Mayor to administer the Oath of Office to those appointees in attendance.

Aviation Advisory Commission

Victoria Rogen – Vice Chair	Mayoral	Appointment	12/10/2013	11/24/2014
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Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Robert Irons	Cholla	Appointment	12/10/2013	04/09/2014
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Planning Commission

Cameron Berryhill

Ocotillo Appointment 12/10/2013 03/25/2015

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez, and seconded by Vice Mayor Knaack, to appoint Victoria Rogen to the Aviation Advisory Commission; Robert Irons to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission; and Cameron Berryhill to the Planning Commission, for the terms listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Brenda Fischer, City Manager, read agenda item numbers 1 through 3.

1. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MONTH-TO-MONTH TOWING AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH DV TOWING, LLC

PRESENTED BY: Debora Black, Police Chief

This is a request for City Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into a month-to-month extension to the towing agreement with DV Towing, LLC, for no longer than nine months.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS, APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING, AND ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH INTERGRAPH CORPORATION FOR THE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH/RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT ENHANCEMENTS

PRESENTED BY: Debora Black, Police Chief

This is a request for City Council to authorize the City Manager to reallocate \$708,812 in funds initially planned for system maintenance, approve \$450,000 in additional project funding, and to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Intergraph Corporation, increasing the not to exceed amount in the existing agreement to \$4,650,000, excluding taxes, for software, services and expenditures to support the application for the Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management (CAD/RMS) project.

3. AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND RATIFICATION OF A RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH ENGELMAN BERGER, P.C. FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE GILA RIVER GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION

PRESENTED BY: Michael D. Bailey, City Attorney

This is a request for Council to authorize the City Manager to approve the expenditure of funds for legal representation with the law firm of Engelman Berger, P.C. in the Gila River General Stream Adjudication, and ratify the entering into by the City Manager of the renewal contract with Engelman Berger, P.C. for legal representation in the Gila River General Stream Adjudication for the period ending June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Knaack and seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve the recommended actions on Consent Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 3. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Pamela Hanna, City Clerk, read consent agenda resolution item numbers 4 through 9 by number and title.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE WATER SETTLEMENT

PRESENTED BY: Michael D. Bailey, City Attorney

RESOLUTION: 4752

This is a request for Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the cities of Avondale, Chandler, and Scottsdale for joint legal representation regarding the settlement of water rights claims by the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT).

RESOLUTION NO. 4752 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE CITIES OF AVONDALE, CHANDLER AND SCOTTSDALE RELATING TO JOINT LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE SETTLEMENT EFFORTS RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE.

5. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

PRESENTED BY: Sam McAllen, Executive Director, Neighborhood and Human Services

RESOLUTION: 4753

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Maricopa County Department of Human Services as the lead agency for Maricopa HOME Consortium. This agreement is a new sub-recipient agreement required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This year's allocation is \$481,541 from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for the fiscal year (FY) 2013-14.

RESOLUTION NO. 4753 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MARICOPA COUNTY HUMAN

SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE CITY OF GLENDALE'S HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH SALT RIVER PROJECT FOR THE DESIGN OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES FOR STREET LIGHTING
PRESENTED BY: Jamsheed Mehta, AICP, Executive Director, Transportation Services
RESOLUTION: 4754

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into two Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP) for the design of electrical facilities for two streetlights.

RESOLUTION NO. 4754 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF TWO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS ENTITLED "CITY OF GLENDALE DISTRIBUTION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT" WITH SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES LOCATED AT: (1) 8648 NORTH 59TH AVENUE; AND (2) 6203 NORTH 67TH AVENUE IN GLENDALE, ARIZONA.

7. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DESIGN OF GLENDALE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS
PRESENTED BY: Jamsheed Mehta, AICP, Executive Director, Transportation Services
RESOLUTION: 4755

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in the amount of \$270,000 for the design of center apron asphalt rehabilitation and lighting modification improvements at Glendale Municipal Airport (Airport).

RESOLUTION NO. 4755 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE DESIGN TERMINAL PARKING APRON REHABILITATION AT THE GLENDALE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

8. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WEST VALLEY METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM
PRESENTED BY: Mark Burdick, Fire Chief
RESOLUTION: 4756

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Peoria to transfer ownership of equipment for the West Valley Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).

RESOLUTION NO. 4756 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WEST VALLEY METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM.

9. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT SPECTRUM REALTY COMPANY, L.P. FOR PLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND FIBER-BASED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
PRESENTED BY: Stuart Kent, Executive Director, Public Works
RESOLUTION: 4757

This is a request for the City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, L.P. (Sprint) for placement of an underground optical fiber-based communications network within public right-of-way. This agreement will allow Sprint to expand its network into the City of Glendale.

RESOLUTION NO. 4757 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIBER LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR AN UNDERGROUND OPTICAL FIBER-BASED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED NEAR 8211 WEST BETHANY HOME ROAD WITH SPRINT SPECTRUM REALTY COMPANY, L.P.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Knaack and seconded by Councilmember Sherwood, to approve the recommended actions on Consent Agenda Item Nos. 4 through 9, including the approval and adoption of Resolution No. 4752 New Series, Resolution No. 4753 New Series, Resolution No. 4754 New Series, Resolution No. 4755 New Series, Resolution No. 4756 New Series, and Resolution No. 4757 New Series; The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

10. AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTS WITH DELTA DENTAL, EMPLOYERS DENTAL SERVICES, VSP VISION, AND THE HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE
PRESENTED BY: Jim Brown, Executive Director, Human Resources and Risk Management

This is a request for City Council to ratify contracts for Delta Dental, Employers Dental Services (EDS) HMO Dental, VSP Vision and The Hartford (Life Insurance).

- Delta Dental – The Delta Dental plan ratification of the contract effective July 1, 2011.
- Employers Dental Services Dental – The Employers Dental Services (EDS) dental plan ratification of the contract effective July 1, 2011.
- VSP Vision – The Vision Plan ratification of the contract for VSP Vision effective July 1, 2011.
- The Hartford Life Insurance –The life insurance ratification of the original contract for the Hartford, effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Brown said all the plans went out for bid and were reviewed and recommended by the benefits committee. The contracts were submitted to legal for review prior to implementation and the contracts were not brought forward for final approval. They are now being brought forward for ratification. Human Resources has developed a system to track these contracts in the future so they will be brought forward for approval prior to implementation.

Councilmember Sherwood asked if these contracts along with the medical plan will be sent out next year for bid. Mr. Brown said they would.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Knaack, and seconded by Councilmember Sherwood, to ratify contracts for Delta Dental, Employers Dental Services (EDS) HMO Dental, VSP Vision and The Hartford (Life Insurance). The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES

11. APPROVE REZONING APPLICATION ZON12-05: CASA BONITA – 5432 WEST ESCUDA ROAD (ORDINANCE) (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

PRESENTED BY: Jon M. Froke, AICP, Planning Director

ORDINANCE: 2867

This is a request by Gabriel Noje, representing David Mateu, for City Council to approve a Rezoning Application for property located approximately 600 feet east and 200 feet south of the southeast corner of 55th Avenue and the Loop 101 Freeway. The request would rezone 2.8 acres from A-1 (Agricultural) to SR-17 (Suburban Residential).

Staff is requesting Council to conduct a public hearing, waive reading beyond the title, and adopt an ordinance for ZON12-05, subject to the stipulations as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Froke provided background information on this request. He said all the neighborhood issues were worked out and the recommendation is that council approves this item which would allow the construction of three new custom homes on large lots.

ORDINANCE NO. 2867 NEW SERIES, WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5432 WEST ESCUDA ROAD FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SR-17 (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL); AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Weiers opened the public hearing on Agenda Item No. 11. As there were no comments, Mayor Weiers closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez, and seconded by Councilmember Hugh, to approve Ordinance No. 2867 New Series. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with the following Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alvarez, Hugh, Knaack, Martinez, Sherwood, and Weiers. Members voting “nay”: none.

12. APPROVE REZONING APPLICATION ZON13-05: COPPERWING SUD - 11401 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE (ORDINANCE) (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)
PRESENTED BY: Jon M. Froke, AICP, Planning Director
ORDINANCE: 2868

This is a request by Gammage and Burnham PLC, representing the John F. Long Family Revocable Living Trust, for City Council to approve a rezoning application for property located at 11401 West Glendale Avenue. The request would establish an SUD (Special Use District) overlay on 99.3 acres in an M-1 (Light Industrial) zoned property.

Staff is requesting Council to conduct a public hearing, waive reading beyond the title, and adopt an ordinance for ZON13-05, subject to the stipulations as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Froke provided background information on this request. He said the applicant is proposing a sand and gravel operation, which is a temporary land use and phased over a maximum of 15 years. The site is located approximately 2,000 feet south of Glendale Avenue and the activities would occur below grade so as to be screened from public view, He said land adjacent to this property is also currently being used as a sand and gravel company at this time. He said staff recommendation is to approve this request.

ORDINANCE NO. 2868 NEW SERIES, WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11401 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE TO ESTABLISH A SUD (SPECIAL USE DISTRICT) OVERLAY TO A M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) ZONING DISTRICT PROPERTY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Weiers opened the public hearing on Agenda Item No. 12.

Stephen Anderson, appearing on behalf of John F. Long Properties, said they had a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission and staff recommendation for approval, which includes Airport staff.

Mayor Weiers closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Knaack said she supports the project and thanked everyone for their work on it.

It was moved by Councilmember Hugh, and seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve Ordinance No. 2868 New Series. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with the following Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alvarez, Hugh, Knaack, Martinez, Sherwood, and Weiers. Members voting “nay”: none.

RESOLUTIONS

13. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE ARIZONA SUPER BOWL HOST COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF SUPER BOWL XLIX

PRESENTED BY: Sam McAllen, Executive Director, Neighborhood and Human Services
RESOLUTION: 4758

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of Maricopa County Proposition 302 funding received from the Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT) in support of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and Super Bowl XLIX for a total of \$72,000 over two fiscal years.

Mr. McAllen said the \$72,000 will not be using city general funds, but will be paid from Maricopa County Proposition 302 funding. He provided a brief history of Prop 302 for funding to promote tourism in Maricopa County. He said the Super Bowl Host Committee has agreed to accept payment of these funds over a two year period.

RESOLUTION NO. 4758 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTS PAYMENT TO THE ARIZONA SUPER BOWL HOST COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF SUPER BOWL XLIX.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Knaack, and seconded by Councilmember Sherwood, to pass, adopt and approve Resolution No. 4758 New Series. The motion carried unanimously.

14. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A FINANCIAL POLICY RELATED TO APPROPRIATION AND CASH TRANSFERS

PRESENTED BY: Tom Duensing, Executive Director, Financial Services
RESOLUTION: 4759

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution of support for a financial policy related to appropriation and cash transfers.

Mr. Duensing said transfers are a necessary part of conducting business throughout the fiscal year. He said they are proposing a change to the financial policies related to transfers. He said the new policy is now more consistent with the city charter. It further defines cash transfers between funds and requires additional justification be brought forward to council and city attorney review prior to bringing the transfers forward to Council. It also allows Council to effectively manage contingency and grant transfers. He said contingency transfers are for unforeseen events. Staff would now be able to bring those forward to Council as they occur instead of waiting until the last quarter of the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION NO. 4759 NEW SERIES WAS READ BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY, IT BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING A FINANCIAL POLICY RELATED TO CASH AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.

It was moved by Councilmember Sherwood, and seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to pass, adopt and approve Resolution No. 4759 New Series. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER CHAVIRA

It was moved by Vice Mayor Knaack, and seconded by Councilmember Sherwood, to excuse Councilmember Chavira from tonight's Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE WORKSHOP AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Vice Mayor Knaack, and seconded by Councilmember Sherwood, to hold a City Council Workshop at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room B-3 on Tuesday, December, 17, 2013, to be followed by an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03. It was further moved that to vacate the regularly scheduled city council meeting on Tuesday, December 24, 2013, due to scheduled holidays and city closure. Finally, it was moved to hold a regularly scheduled City Council Workshop on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in room B-3 of the Council Chambers, to be followed by an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Councilmember Sherwood spoke about an article that was recently in the Arizona Republic, he cautioned the employees and citizens to be careful about their reaction to the article. He said Council will get a first look at the budget numbers at the workshop next week. He said this will be the first realistic look at the numbers. He said the right people are now in place, working together as a team. He said the Council needs to set aside their differences and pay attention to the numbers presented. He said the Council should embrace this

challenge. He said the city still has a few tough years, but he said they can make the best decisions for the citizens. He wished Councilmember Chavira a speedy recovery. He said it has been a long, difficult first year for him on the Council, but he is looking forward to the challenges ahead in 2014. He wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

Councilmember Alvarez agreed with Councilmember Sherwood's comments. She said they need an additional step of transparency, by notifying constituents, holding less executive sessions and make their decisions based on what the public wants. She said communication is important.

Councilmember Martinez said it has been a difficult year, but would not make a blanket statement that staff has not worked together. He said there were some individuals that caused some problems, but they are not here anymore. He said those who have been here for a long time have done, and continue to do, a good job. He said they now have new leadership and he hopes from this point forward, they will make good decisions. He reminded everyone that in the Council, the majority rules. They are not always going to agree and hindsight is a beautiful thing. He said they can second guess, but some decisions will not be agreed to by everyone. He said it comes with the territory. He said he has been on both sides during his tenure on the Council. He said he looks forward to the fresh ideas and new blood the new Councilmembers bring to the table and he looks forward to a good year. He wished everyone and the public a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Hugh congratulated the Mayor on a successful Christmas parade. He said everyone had a great time. He thanked Grand Canyon College for their band. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor Knaack said she agrees with Councilmember Sherwood and Councilmember Martinez. She said the parade was wonderful and had a great turnout. She said it was the hometown Glendale parade. She said her years on the Council have been tough, but she is looking to the future. She is pleased with the new staff and sees the city moving in the right direction. She said there is a lot of economic development in the works. She is looking forward to next year. She thanked the public who comes to the meetings and speaks and the others who email and call to express their concerns. She also thanked the staff for their work. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Weiers said one of the Salvation Army churches was broken into. He said they have not been able to recover the money that was stolen. He said he would be out at Tanger Outlets on Saturday to help raise the money that was taken. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Pamela Hanna
Pamela Hanna - City Clerk