City of Phoenix

Minutes

Meeting Location:
City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

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City Council Formal Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 **2:30 PM** **phoenix.gov**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Prior to convening the meeting, Councilman Waring requested a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk who died last week in an act of violence.

Following the moment of silence, Mayor Gallego expressed the City condemned all forms of political violence.

The Phoenix City Council convened in formal session on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 2:55 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: 9 - Councilwoman Betty Guardado, Councilwoman Anna Hernandez, Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Laura Pastor, Councilman Kevin Robinson, Councilwoman Debra Stark, Councilman Jim Waring, Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien and Mayor Kate Gallego

Councilwoman Guardado joined the voting body after City Clerk Denise Archibald read the 24-hour paragraph. Councilwomen Hodge Washington and Pastor joined the voting body during City Attorney Julie Kriegh's direction on public comments. Councilwoman Guardado temporarily left during testimony on Item 13 and returned during the vote for Item 13. Councilmen Robinson and Waring and Councilwomen Guardado and Pastor temporarily left and returned to the voting body during discussion on Item 83. Councilman Waring temporarily left the voting body following the motion on Item 55 and returned after public testimony for Item 55. Councilman Waring left the voting body prior to the motion on Item 59 and returned during public testimony for Item 59. Vice Mayor O'Brien left the voting body after public testimony on Item 79 and returned after public testimony on Item 80. Mayor Gallego temporarily left the voting body prior to the motion on Item 80 and returned after staff presentation

on Items 81-82. Mayor Gallego temporarily left the voting body after public testimony on Items 81-82 and returned after the vote on Item 81. During Mayor Gallego's absence, Vice Mayor O'Brien assumed the Chair.

Mayor Gallego acknowledged the presence of Mario Barajas and his team of Spanish interpreters. In Spanish, Mr. Barajas announced the availability of himself, Elsie Duarte and Oscar Monroy to the audience.

The City Clerk confirmed copies of the titles of Ordinances G-7416 through G-7419, S-52256 through S-52296, and Resolution 22329 were available to the public in the office of the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to this Council meeting and, therefore, may be read by title or agenda item only pursuant to the City Code.

References to attachments in these minutes relate to documents that were attached to the agenda.

City Attorney Julie Kriegh stated members of the public may speak for up to two minutes on agenda items and gave direction on appropriate decorum when providing comments.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1 For Approval or Correction, the Minutes of the Formal Meeting on May 21, 2025

Summary

This item transmits the minutes of the Formal Meeting of May 21, 2025, for review, correction and/or approval by the City Council.

The minutes are available for review in the City Clerk Department, 200 W. Washington Street, 15th Floor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Guardado, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Brien, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

2 **For Approval or Correction, the Minutes of the Formal Meeting on June 4, 2025**

Summary

This item transmits the minutes of the Formal Meeting of June 4, 2025, for review, correction and/or approval by the City Council.

The minutes are available for review in the City Clerk Department, 200 W. Washington Street, 15th Floor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pastor, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Brien, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

3 **Mayor and Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Summary

This item transmits recommendations from the Mayor and Council for appointment or reappointment to City Boards and Commissions.

The following individuals were recommended for appointment by Mayor Gallego and Councilman Waring:

Mayor's Human Trafficking Task Force

Appoint John Meza, as recommended by Mayor Gallego and Councilman Waring.

Appoint Susan Morris, as recommended by Mayor Gallego and Councilman Waring.

Planning Commission
Appoint Marc Soronson, replacing Julie Read, for a partial term to expire May 1, 2028, as recommended by Mayor Gallego.

One electronic comment was submitted for the record in opposition of this item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

Mayor Gallego administered the oath of office to John Meza and Susan Morris with the Mayor's Human Trafficking Task Force. Mayor Gallego invited the appointees to approach the dais so Council could extend their appreciation.

LIQUOR LICENSES, BINGO, AND OFF-TRACK BETTING LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Gallego requested a motion on liquor license items. A motion was made, as appears below.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that Items 4-28 be recommended for approval, except Items 13-14; and noting that Item 13 is as revised and Item 19 is as corrected with the correct address of 2501 E. Indian School Road. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

4 Liquor License - Special Event - Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Parish Phoenix - District 1

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Kinga Hoffman

Location
2828 W. Country Gables Drive
Council District: 1

Function
Banquet

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
October 26, 2025 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. / 180 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

Responsible Department
This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Alan Stephenson and the City Clerk Department.

This item was recommended for approval.

5 Liquor License - Estilo Azteca - District 1

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354074.

Summary

Applicant
Juanita Esparza, Agent

License Type

Series 12 - Restaurant

Location
3555 W. Pinnacle Peak Road
Zoning Classification: RE-43 SP
Council District: 1

This request is for a new liquor license for a restaurant. This location was previously licensed for liquor sales and does not have an interim permit.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is September 28, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This applicant does not hold an interest in any other active liquor license in the State of Arizona.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license

because:
“I understand and comply with all relevant laws and regulations regarding the sale and service of alcohol. I have demonstrated responsible business practices, a clean legal record, and a commitment to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for patrons and staff. Additionally, I have completed all required training, such as the Arizona required title IV basic and management training course, I have the financial and managerial capacity to operate a licensed premises responsible and successfully.”

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
“The proposed establishment will provide a safe, regulated, and professionally managed environment to gather and socialize. It will contribute to the local economy through job creation, increased tax revenue, and support for nearby businesses. Furthermore, the license will allow the business to meet existing demand in the area, reduce the need for residents to travel outside the community for similar services, and enhance the overall quality and diversity of local dining and entertainment options."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application noting the applicant must resolve any pending City of Phoenix building and zoning requirements, and be in compliance with the City of Phoenix Code and Ordinances.

Attachments
Attachment A - Estilo Azteca - Data
Attachment B - Estilo Azteca - Map

Responsible Department
This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Alan Stephenson and the City Clerk Department.

This item was recommended for approval.

6 Liquor License - K3 Market - District 1

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354057.

Summary

Applicant
Harun Ozcan, Agent

License Type
Series 9 - Liquor Store

Location
3502 W. Dunlap Avenue
Zoning Classification: C-2
Council District: 1

This request is for an ownership transfer of a liquor license for a liquor store. This location was previously licensed for liquor sales and may currently operate with an interim permit.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is September 20, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
The ownership of this business has an interest in other active liquor license(s) in the State of Arizona. This information is listed below and includes liquor license violations on file with the AZ Department of Liquor Licenses and Control and, for locations within the boundaries of Phoenix, the number of aggregate calls for police service within the last 12 months for the address listed.

76 Gas Station (Series 10)
1045 N. 24th Street, Phoenix
Calls for police service: 10
Liquor license violations: None

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"I hold a certificate for "The Basic Liquor Law Training". This training provided me the opportunity of learning the importance and significance of obtaining a beer and wine license. I am assured to uphold the laws and regulations about beer and wine license. I have never been involved in any criminal activity, no record of getting in trouble with law and authorities."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"This store will provide a safe and secure place for the neighborhood to buy beer, wine and li The location will be convenient for the people in neighborhood who may not have access to transportation. Adding the long time experience of the owner with running a store while upholding all the laws and regulations, the store will be a safe, secure and convenience place for the customers to purchase quality liquor."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

Attachments
Attachment A - K3 Market - Data
Attachment B - K3 Market - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

7 Liquor License - Shake Shack #1604 - District 1

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354502.

Summary

Applicant
Andrea Lewkowitz, Agent

License Type
Series 12 - Restaurant

Location
2222 W. Happy Valley Road
Zoning Classification: PUD
Council District: 1

This request is for a new liquor license for a restaurant. This location was not previously licensed for liquor sales and does not have an interim permit. This business is currently under construction with plans to open in December 2025.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is September 28, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This information is not provided due to the multiple ownership interests

held by the applicant in the State of Arizona

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"Applicant is committed to upholding the highest standards to maintain compliance with all applicable laws. Managers and staff will be trained in the techniques of legal and responsible alcohol sales and service."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"Shake Shack offers a wide variety of customized delicious burgers, hot dogs, frozen custard, shakes and more in a modern-day neighborhood restaurant. Applicant would like to offer alcoholic beverages as an incident to the delicious meals served."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application noting the applicant must resolve any pending City of Phoenix building and zoning requirements, and be in compliance with the City of Phoenix Code and Ordinances.

Attachments
Attachment A - Shake Shack #1604 - Data
Attachment B - Shake Shack #1604 - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

8 Liquor License - Special Event - Arizona Wine Foundation Inc. (November 1, 2025) - District 2

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Teresa Slade

Location
15215 N. Kierland Boulevard
Council District: 2

Function
Festival

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
November 1, 2025 - 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. / 2,500 attendees
November 2, 2025 - 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. / 2,000 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

9 Liquor License - Cactus Racks - District 2

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354591.

Summary

Applicant
Shawn Manning, Agent

License Type
Series 12 - Restaurant

Location
30845 N. Cave Creek Road, Ste. 107
Zoning Classification: C-1 PCD
Council District: 2

This request is for a new liquor license for a restaurant. This location was previously licensed for liquor sales and may currently operate with an interim permit. This business has plans to open in October 2025 .

The 60-day limit for processing this application is September 28, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This applicant does not hold an interest in any other active liquor license in the State of Arizona.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"Proven compliance with all laws and regulations in prior business operations, financial stability to maintain a lawful, well-run establishment, strict controls over staff training, inventory, and responsible alcohol service, commitment to public safety and preventing over-service."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"Cactus Racks provides a safe, well-managed gathering place that

supports local jobs, hosts community events, and offers responsible on-premise service. Our establishment enhances the area's dining and entertainment options while fostering a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

Attachments
Attachment A - Cactus Racks - Data
Attachment B - Cactus Racks - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

10 Liquor License - Humble Steakhouse - District 2

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 355052.

Summary

Applicant
Andrea Lewkowitz, Agent

License Type
Series 12 - Restaurant

Location
5450 E. High Street, Ste. 117
Zoning Classification: C-2 DRSP
Council District: 2

This request is for a new liquor license for a restaurant. This location was not previously licensed for liquor sales and does not have an interim permit. This business is currently being remodeled with plans to open in October 2025.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is October 3, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the

community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This information is not provided due to the multiple ownership interests held by the applicant in the State of Arizona.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"Applicant is committed to upholding the highest standards for business and maintaining compliance with applicable laws. Managers and staff will be trained in the techniques of legal and responsible alcohol sales and service."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"From the owners of Humble Bistro, Humble Steakhouse will feature high-quality,fresh menu dishes in an upscale, family-friendly atmosphere. Applicant would like to offer guests 21 and over the opportunity to enjoy alcoholic beverages with their meals."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application noting the applicant must

resolve any pending City of Phoenix building and zoning requirements, and be in compliance with the City of Phoenix Code and Ordinances.

Attachments
Attachment A - Humble Steakhouse - Data
Attachment B - Humble Steakhouse - Map

Responsible Department
This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Alan Stephenson and the City Clerk Department.

This item was recommended for approval.

11 Liquor License - Special Event - St. Luke Roman Catholic Parish Phoenix - District 3

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Jonathan Leithman

Location
19644 N. 7th Avenue
Council District: 3

Function
Festival

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
October 17, 2025 - 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. / 350 attendees
October 18, 2025 - 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. / 400 attendees
October 19, 2025 - 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. / 400 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

12 Liquor License - Don's Liquor - District 3

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 352607.

Summary

Applicant
Tajinder Singh, Agent

License Type
Series 9 - Liquor Store

Location
14875 N. Cave Creek Road
Zoning Classification: C-2
Council District: 3

This request is for an ownership and location transfer of a liquor license for a liquor store. This location is currently licensed for liquor sales with a Series 10 - Beer and Wine Store, liquor license.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is September 29, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This information is not provided due to the multiple ownership interests held by the applicant in the State of Arizona.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public

comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"I have been in liquor business more than 20 years."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"A lot of potential, drive thru, more variety, been there for a long time."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

Attachments
Attachment A - Don's Liquor - Data
Attachment B - Don's Liquor - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

15 Liquor License - 7-Eleven #42391H - District 5

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354939.

Summary

Applicant
Hardeep Cheema, Agent

License Type
Series 10 - Beer and Wine Store

Location
9110 W. Thomas Road
Zoning Classification: C-2 PCD
Council District: 5

This request is for a new liquor license for a convenience store that sells gas.This location was previously licensed for liquor sales and may currently operate with an interim permit.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is October 6, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
The ownership of this business has an interest in other active liquor license(s) in the State of Arizona. This information is listed below and includes liquor license violations on file with the AZ Department of Liquor Licenses and Control and, for locations within the boundaries of Phoenix, the number of aggregate calls for police service within the last 12 months for the address listed.

EZ Stop Market (Series 10)
1851 W. Northern Avenue, Phoenix
Calls for police service: 18
Liquor license violations: None

7-Eleven (Series 10)
1850 W. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix
Calls for police service: 124
Liquor license violations: None

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public

comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"Applicant is committed to upholding the highest standards for business and maintaining compliance with applicable laws. Managers and staff will be trained in the techniques of legal and responsible alcohol sales and service."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"7-Eleven is a on-stop shop for convenience items. The stores offer a wide variety of goods, including fresh and ready-to eat foods, home and personal products, snacks, and drinks. Applicant would like to offer beer and wine to customers 21 and over."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application noting the applicant must resolve any pending City of Phoenix building and zoning requirements, and be in compliance with the City of Phoenix Code and Ordinances.

Attachments
Attachment A - 7- Eleven #42391H - Data
Attachment B - 7- Eleven #42391H - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

16 Liquor License - One Stop Market and Service Center - District 5

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 357474.

Summary

Applicant
Simon Isaac, Agent

License Type
Series 9S - Addition of Sampling Privileges for a Liquor Store

Location
6702 W. Indian School Road
Zoning Classification: C-2
Council District: 5

This request is for the addition of Sampling Privileges to an existing liquor license for a liquor store. This location is currently licensed for liquor sales.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is October 14, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"this business has been licensed with a Series 09 Liquor Store License

since 2012. The business has operated in full compliance with the Arizona liquor laws following issuance of the Liquor Store License. Prior thereto, the business operated under a Series 10 Beer and Wine Store License, Number 10075383. The business operated in full compliance with the Arizona liquor laws under the Beer and Wine Store License."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because: "sampling will allow the liquor vendors of the business to introduce new liquor products to the customers of the business and will allow customers to sample a small quantity of a new liquor product carried by the vendor. After tasting a sample,one or more customers may request the business order and carry in inventory a new liquor product. Through this sampling process, the customers of the business will enjoy a new amenity not previously available without sampling."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

Attachments
Attachment A - One Stop Market and Service Center - Data
Attachment B - One Stop Market and Service Center - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

17 Liquor License - Dilla Libre Uno Phoenix - District 6

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354804.

Summary

Applicant
Andrea Lewkowitz, Agent

License Type
Series 12 - Restaurant

Location
1339 E. Northern Avenue
Zoning Classification: C-2
Council District: 6

This request is for a new liquor license for a restaurant. This location was previously licensed for liquor sales and may currently operate with an interim permit.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is October 7, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"Applicant is committed to upholding the highest standards for business and maintaining compliance with applicable laws. Managers and staff will be trained in the techniques of legal and responsible alcohol sales and service."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"Dilla Libre Uno Phoenix has served award-winning, high-quality, authentic

Mexican cuisine for several years. The new owner will continue the tradition with delicious, innovative dishes and would like to continue to offer guests 21 and over the opportunity to order alcohol beverages with the meals served."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

Attachments
Attachment A - Dilla Libre Uno Phoenix - Data
Attachment B - Dilla Libre Uno Phoenix - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

18 Liquor License - Uncle Bao Dumpling and Noodle House - District 6

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354771.

Summary

Applicant
Wanying Cheng, Agent

License Type
Series 12 - Restaurant

Location
4206 E. Chandler Boulevard, Ste. 7
Zoning Classification: C-2 PCD
Council District: 6

This request is for a new liquor license for a restaurant. This location was previously licensed for liquor sales and may currently operate with an interim permit.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is September 29, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the

community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
The ownership of this business has an interest in other active liquor license(s) in the State of Arizona. This information is listed below and includes liquor license violations on file with the AZ Department of Liquor Licenses and Control and, for locations within the boundaries of Phoenix, the number of aggregate calls for police service within the last 12 months for the address listed.

Uncle Panda Dumpling and Noodle House (Series 12)
5626 W. Bell Road, Ste. 101, Glendale
Calls for police service: N/A - not in Phoenix
Liquor license violations: None

Chubby Skewers Phoenix (Series 12)
1955 W. Guadalupe Road, Ste. 105-107, Mesa
Calls for police service: N/A - not in Phoenix
Liquor license violations: None

Spice Spirit (Series 12)
1955 W. Guadalupe Road, Ste. 101, Mesa
Calls for police service: N/A - not in Phoenix
Liquor license violations: None

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this

application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
“I have passed liquor manage license and I am owner for this restaurant. I train my employees to handle liquor.”

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
“Our establishment will provide a safe, well managed environment for responsible alcohol service, adding to the variety of dining and social options available in the neighborhood.”

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

Attachments
Attachment A - Uncle Bao Dumpling and Noodle House - Data
Attachment B - Uncle Bao Dumpling and Noodle House - Map

This item was recommended for approval.

19 Liquor License - Zong Smoke Shop - District 6

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 355184.

Summary

Applicant
Jacob Krabbe, Agent

License Type
Series 10 - Beer and Wine Store

Location
2976 E. Indian School Road
Classification: C-2
Council District: 6

This request is for a new liquor license for a smoke shop. This location

was not previously licensed for liquor sales and does not have an interim permit. This location requires a Use Permit to allow package liquor sales.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is October 14, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This applicant does not hold an interest in any other active liquor license in the State of Arizona.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"I am committed to operating responsibly within the community. We will maintain a safe environment for patrons and contribute to the local economy. We will adhere to all rules and regulations, including those related to alcohol control and licensing."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community

will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because: "We would like to expand our business and serve the wants of our clientele by including beer and win in our offered products."

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application noting the applicant must resolve any pending City of Phoenix building and zoning requirements, and be in compliance with the City of Phoenix Code and Ordinances.

Attachments
Attachment A - Zong Smoke Shop - Data
Attachment B - Zong Smoke Shop - Map

This item was recommended for approval as corrected.

20 Liquor License - Special Event - The Great Arizona Puppet Theater, Inc. - District 7

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Lisa Pirro

Location
302 W. Latham Street
Council District: 7

Function
Theater Performance

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
October 3, 2025 - 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. / 120 attendees
October 4, 2025 - 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. / 120 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

21 **Liquor License - Special Event - Local First Arizona Foundation - District 7**

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Kimber Lanning

Location
67 W. Culver Street
Council District: 7

Function
Festival

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
November 8, 2025 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 10,000 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

22 **Liquor License - Special Event - Arizona Wine Foundation Inc. (January 24, 2026) - District 8**

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Teresa Slade

Location
113 N. 6th Street
Council District: 8

Function

Festival

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
January 24, 2026 - 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. / 2,500 attendees
January 25, 2026 - 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. / 2,000 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

23 Liquor License - Special Event - Beer Babes Family - District 8

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Rachel Benkowski

Location
113 N. 6th Street
Council District: 8

Function
Festival

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
November 15, 2025 - 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. / 1,500 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

24 Liquor License - Special Event - Glow-Frame Initiative - District 8

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant

Christopher Smith

Location
455 N. 3rd Street
Council District: 8

Function
Sporting Event

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
October 18, 2025 - 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. / 3,000 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

25 Liquor License - Special Event - Osborn School District Education Foundation, Inc. - District 8

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Juan Flamand

Location
215 N. 7th Street
Council District: 8

Function
Award Celebration

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
October 25, 2025 - 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. / 200 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

26 Liquor License - Special Event - Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church - District 8

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Elizabeth Kresojevich

Location
4436 E. McKinley Street
Council District: 8

Function
Cultural Festival

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
November 1, 2025 - 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. / 900 attendees
November 2, 2025 - Noon to 7:30 p.m. / 650 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

27 Liquor License - Special Event - Valiant College Preparatory (October 24, 2025) - District 8

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Michael Douglas Jr.

Location
1601 E. Jackson Street
Council District: 8

Function
Festival

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
October 24, 2025 - 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. / 4,000 attendees
October 25, 2025 - 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. / 4,000 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

28 Liquor License - Special Event - Valiant College Preparatory (November 7, 2025) - District 8

Request for a Series 15 - Special Event liquor license for the temporary sale of all liquors.

Summary

Applicant
Michael Douglas, Jr.

Location
1601 E. Jackson Street
Council District: 8

Function
Concert

Date(s) - Time(s) / Expected Attendance
November 7, 2025 - 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. / 3,400 attendees
November 8, 2025 - 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. / 3,400 attendees

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of this application.

This item was recommended for approval.

13 Liquor License - Champagne Cafe and Lounge - District 4

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 357120.

Summary

Applicant
Sarah Griffin, Agent

License Type
Series 12 - Restaurant

Location
4835 N. 15th Avenue
Zoning Classification: C-2 TOD-1
Council District: 4

This request is for a new liquor license for a restaurant. This location was not previously licensed for liquor sales and does not have an interim permit. This business has plans to open in November 2025.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is October 12, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This applicant does not hold an interest in any other active liquor license in the State of Arizona.

Public Opinion
One letter protesting the issuance of this license has been received and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. The letter is from a local resident who feels the area is oversaturated with liquor licenses. The resident is

also concerned with the proximity of the business to a nearby school and feels the addition of this liquor license will not benefit the community.

Applicant's Statement
The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"I am a very responsible person. I have great instincts and think well on my feet. While I am a peaceful and friendly person. My first responsibility is safety. I take policy very seriously."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"Phoenix is my hometown. I will be sure to be a positive influence in the community. I attend church in the community and feed the homeless during the holidays.I love people of all backgrounds."

Staff Recommendation
Staff gave careful consideration to the protest letter received, however after reviewing the application in its entirety staff is recommending approval of this application.

Attachments
Attachment A - Champagne Cafe and Lounge - Data
Attachment B - Champagne Cafe and Lounge - Map

Discussion
Councilwoman Pastor requested the applicant come forward for questions. She recalled this establishment at one point was called Champagne Hookah Lounge and wanted to know what happened with the hookah portion of the business.

Sarah Griffin responded she was a resident of Park Lee Apartments and was a customer at the hookah lounge which was located across the street. She conveyed when it went out of business she took over the lease, noting she and the landlord liked Champagne as the first part of

the business name. She indicated this was a restaurant that served mimosas and emphasized she had nothing to do with the hookah lounge.

Councilwoman Pastor inquired if there would be a hookah lounge in the establishment.

Ms. Griffin replied no as it was a restaurant.

Anne Ender said she was a homeowner in the area and expressed the applicant had good intentions. She remarked she had concerns with the proximity of this business to two schools and crime in the area, plus there was no window in the building. She asked that Council either deny or continue this application so the neighborhood could work with the applicant.

Councilwoman Pastor stated she received concerns from a resident, noting one concern related to this location being near a school. She requested staff provide information on proximity to a school.

Deputy City Clerk Kristen Lecuyer-Benavidez responded this particular application is for a Series 12 restaurant license and explained according to A.R.S. 4-207 the restaurant is not considered when looking at distance from a school.

Councilwoman Pastor said she understood this liquor license is for a restaurant and a bar.

Ms. Lecuyer-Benavidez affirmed that was correct.

Councilwoman Pastor stated this type of liquor license required a certain amount of sales to maintain the license.

Ms. Lecuyer-Benavidez responded that was correct.

Councilwoman Pastor said she also understood staff looked into the applicant and found that this application met approval.

Ms. Lecuyer-Benavidez affirmed that was correct, noting this particular

application went through the full review process with all departments, including the Police Department who recommended approval of this application.

Councilwoman Pastor remarked she noticed a window was put in when she drove by the business.

Ms. Griffin responded the previous speaker was correct there was not a window at one point, noting she sent an email to contacts she had and received recommendations from people in the community about putting in a window which she did. She reiterated this was a full restaurant with mimosa as the champagne part of the establishment.

Councilwoman Pastor made a motion for no recommendation. She explained the City was a recommending body so this application would go to the State where people could express their concerns.

Ms. Griffin asked what the reason was for the motion.

Councilwoman Pastor replied she made the motion based on community concerns, noting it will go to the State who would determine the outcome of the liquor license.

Councilwoman Stark seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pastor, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item was forwarded to the State with no recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

14 Liquor License - Windy City Liqa' - District 4

Request for a liquor license. Arizona State License Application 354965.

Summary

Applicant
Jeffrey Miller, Agent

License Type
Series 10 - Beer and Wine Store

Location
2720 W. Indian School Road
Zoning Classification: C-2
Council District: 4

This request is for a new liquor license for a convenience store that does not sell gas. This location was previously licensed for liquor sales and may currently operate with an interim permit.

The 60-day limit for processing this application is October 3, 2025.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 4-203, a spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualifications and reliability of the applicant and that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance. If an application is filed for the issuance of a license for a location, that on the date the application is filed has a valid license of the same series issued at that location, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the public convenience and best interest of the community at that location was established at the time the location was previously licensed. The presumption shall not apply once the licensed location has not been in use for more than 180 days.

Other Active Liquor License Interest in Arizona
This applicant does not hold an interest in any other active liquor license in the State of Arizona.

Public Opinion
No protest or support letters were received within the 20-day public comment period.

Applicant's Statement

The applicant submitted the following statement in support of this application. Spelling, grammar and punctuation in the statement are shown exactly as written by the applicant on the City Questionnaire.

I have the capability, reliability and qualifications to hold a liquor license because:
"I am committed to operating responsibly within the community, maintaining a safe environment for patrons, and contributing to the local economy. We will adhere to all rules and regulations including those related to alcohol licensing and control."

The public convenience requires and the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license because:
"We are new owners taking over an established neighborhood convenience store. We will continue to serve the needs of our community."

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this application.

Attachments

Attachment A - Windy City Liqa' - Data
Attachment B - Windy City Liqa' - Map

Discussion

Mayor Gallego noted there were no speakers for this item.

Councilwoman Pastor mentioned she received items on this liquor license. **She made a motion for no recommendation.**

Vice Mayor O'Brien seconded the motion.

Mayor Gallego confirmed the applicant was not present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pastor, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Brien, that this item was forwarded to the State with no recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gallego requested a motion on the remaining agenda items. A motion was made, as appears below.

The following electronic comments were submitted for the record in opposition:
- Item 43 - 1 submittal
- Item 44 - 1 submittal

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that Items 29-84 be approved or adopted, except Items 40-41, 45-47, 51, 53, 55, 59, 62, 64, 76 and 79-84; continuing Item 58 to the October 15, 2025 City Council Formal Meeting; and noting that Item 48 is as corrected and Items 83-84 are add-on items. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

Items 29-37, Ordinance S-52256 was a request to authorize the City Controller to disburse funds, up to amounts indicated, for the purpose of paying vendors, contractors, claimants and others, and providing additional payment authority under certain existing city contracts. This section also requested continuing payment authority, up to amounts indicated below, for the following contracts, contract extensions and/or bids awarded. As indicated below, some items below require payment pursuant to Phoenix City Code Section 42-13.

29 Dunlap Square Apartments, LLC

To pay a court order entered against the City for a combined total of

$216,715 for judgment, plus statutory interest and taxable costs, in *City of Phoenix v. Dunlap Square Apartments, LLC*, case CV2021-001849, a condemnation case for land acquisition for the Northwest Phase II Light Rail Extension Project, for the Finance Department, pursuant to Phoenix City Code Chapter 42.

This item was adopted.

30 League of Arizona Cities and Towns

For $167,055 in payment authority for annual membership dues and assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the Office of Government Relations. The League of Arizona Cities and Towns provides services and resources focusing on member representation and interests of cities and towns before the state legislature. The League also provides technical and legal assistance and coordinates shared services, educational conferences and events. This membership ensures that the City's interests are represented and advocated for the Governor's Office, Arizona State Legislature, and other State of Arizona agencies.

This item was adopted.

31 Mill Industries, Inc.

For $140,000 in payment authority for established Contract 161919 entered on January 1, 2025, for a term of three years with two one-year options to extend. The contract provides food waste collection services in City buildings, to include: Aviation Headquarters, Command Center, and Facilities and Services buildings for the Public Works and Aviation departments. The program allows City employees to divert food waste including vegetables, fruits, grains, meats and dairy from the landfill. The contract currently provides food waste collection services in Phoenix City Hall and Calvin C. Goode buildings. By diverting food waste from the landfill and processing into compost, this reduces greenhouse gas emissions while providing a nutrient-rich soil additive which can be applied back on gardens and parks. Funding is available in the Public Works and Aviation departments' budgets.

This item was adopted.

32 Universal Fog Systems, Inc.

For $100,000 in additional payment authority for Contract 158348 to provide maintenance and repair services to the misting systems at two

transfer stations for the Public Works Department. The systems are used to maintain dust control to ensure compliance with environmental and air quality requirements. Funding is available in the Public Works Department's budget.

This item was adopted.

33 Crafco Inc.

For $63,000 in payment authority for a new contract, entered on or about September 16, 2025, for a term of five years for hot-applied flexible pavement marker adhesive for the Street Transportation Department. Hot-applied flexible pavement marker adhesive is an adhesive that bonds markers, reflectors and delineators to both asphalt and concrete pavement surfaces.

This item was adopted.

34 Dawson Infrastructure Solutions LLC

For $80,000 in payment authority for a new contract, entered on or about October 1, 2025, for a term of five years for the purchase and service of parts for the IBAK camera system for the Water Services Department. IBAK is used to perform inspection of the City of Phoenix wastewater infrastructure sanitary system. Proper maintenance and service on this camera system will allow the City to respond to issues with better efficiency.

This item was adopted.

35 Settlement of Claim(s) Borta v. City of Phoenix

To make payment of up to $111,320 in settlement of claim(s) in *Borta v. City of Phoenix*, CV2023-096251, 23-0067-001, GL, BI, for the Finance Department pursuant to Phoenix City Code Chapter 42. This is a settlement of an auto accident claim involving the Street Transportation Department that occurred on February 27, 2025.

This item was adopted.

36 Settlement of Claim(s) Malinski v. City of Phoenix

To make payment of up to $195,000 in settlement of claim(s) in *Malinski v. City of Phoenix*, 24-0354-001, GL, PD, for the Finance Department pursuant to Phoenix City Code Chapter 42. This is a settlement of a water main break claim involving the Water Services Department that occurred

on October 19, 2024.

This item was adopted.

37 Settlement of Claim(s) Vasquez v. City of Phoenix

To make payment of up to $41,180 in settlement of claim(s) in *Vasquez v. City of Phoenix*, CV2022-010166, 21-0376-003, AU, BI, for the Finance Department pursuant to Phoenix City Code Chapter 42. This is a settlement of an auto accident claim involving the Police Department that occurred on January 18, 2022.

This item was adopted.

38 Acceptance of Easements for Water and Drainage Purposes (Ordinance S-52264) - Districts 2 & 5

Request for the City Council to accept easements for water and drainage purposes; further ordering the ordinance recorded. Legal descriptions are recorded via separate recording instrument.

Summary

Accepting the property interests below will meet the Planning and Development Department's Single Instrument Dedication Process requirement prior to releasing any permits to applicants.

Easements (a)
MCR: 20250425422
Applicant and Grantor: Bell Road and 32 St LLC; its successor and assigns
Date: July 24, 2025
Purpose: Water
Location: 3152 E. Bell Road
APN: 214-03-151C
File: FN 250062
Council District: 2

Easement (b)
MCR: 20250425418
Applicant and Grantor: Ninety-Nine Holdings, LLC; its successor and assigns
Date: July 24, 2025
Purpose: Water

Location: 1675 N. 99th Avenue
APN: 102-33-002G
File: FN 240063
Council District: 5

Easement (c)
MCR: 20250425423
Applicant and Grantor: West 99th Holdings, LLC; its successor and assigns
Date: July 24, 2025
Purpose: Drainage
Location: 3939 N. 99th Avenue
APN: 102-26-887
File: FN 250058
Council District: 5

This item was adopted.

39 Ice Supply, Delivery and Storage Contract - IFB 25-0709 - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52265) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Reddy Ice LLC, a disregarded entity of SCIH Ice Holdings, Inc., to provide Ice Supply, Delivery and Storage for Departments citywide. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The total value of the contract will not exceed $2,000,000.

Summary
This contract will provide ice supply, delivery and storage for citywide use. Demand for ice is a 24-hour need at the City and is most critical during the hottest months of May through October. Ice is critical to the safety of City employees and the public in preventing heat-related injuries. Ice is critical to Fire Department operations and is carried on vehicles to ensure the safety of patients. Ice is also critical to the Water Services Department's fiscal responsibilities and a lack of ice could result in serious financial consequences to the City in the form of fines due to spoiled water samples. Timely delivery of ice in the correct quantities is of the highest importance. The City of Phoenix uses an estimated 1.1 million pounds of ice annually.

Procurement Information

An Invitation for Bid procurement was processed in accordance with City of Phoenix Administrative Regulation 3.10.

One vendor submitted a bid deemed to be responsive to posted specifications and responsible to provide the required goods and services. Following an evaluation based on price, the procurement officer recommends award to the following vendor:

Selected Bidder

Reddy Ice LLC, a disregarded entity of SCIH Ice Holdings, Inc.

Contract Term

The contract will begin on or about November 1, 2025, for a five-year term with no options to extend.

Financial Impact

The aggregate contract value will not exceed $2,000,000. Funding is available in the various departments' operating budgets.

This item was adopted.

42 Landscaping Services Residential Single-Family Home Contract - IFB-FY25-086-17 - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52273) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into contracts with Canyon State Barricade Service LLC, Big Boys RDS Landscaping Services, LLC, Landscaping by Andre, Inc., and Artistic Land Management, Inc. to provide landscaping services at the Housing Department's residential single-family homes. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The total value of the contracts will not exceed $414,000.

Summary

This contract will provide regular ground and landscape maintenance on single-family homes owned by the City and managed by the Housing Department. Landscape services at these homes will include, but are not limited to: vegetation control, trash pickup, removal of illegal dumping, tree maintenance and removal, and other related services. All work will be carried out in accordance with the technical specifications in the

solicitation and as directed by City Housing Department personnel.

Procurement Information
An Invitation for Bid procurement was processed in accordance with City of Phoenix Administrative Regulation 3.10.

Six vendors submitted bids deemed to be responsive to posted specifications and responsible to provide the required goods and services. Following an evaluation based on price, the procurement officer recommends award to the following vendors:

Canyon State Barricade Service LLC
Big Boys RDS Landscaping Services, LLC
Landscaping by Andre, Inc.
Artistic Land Management, Inc.

Contract Term
The contracts will begin on October 1, 2025, for a five-year term with no options to extend.

Financial Impact
The aggregate contract value will not exceed $414,000. The contracts are funded with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development funds. There is no impact to the General Fund.

This item was adopted.

43 Funding for The Moreland Affordable Housing Development Project (Ordinance S-52286) - District 8

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to add $2 million in federal HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and other affordable housing gap funds for The Moreland, Phase I affordable housing development, and to take all necessary actions and execute all documents. Further request authorization for the City Treasurer to accept and the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item for the life of the grant(s). There is no impact on the General Fund.

Summary
To address a critical need for affordable housing in downtown Phoenix, the Housing Department issued a Request for Proposals seeking a

co-developer partner to redevelop the former Deck Park Vista Apartments site into The Moreland, a new affordable multifamily rental housing project. Brinshore Development, LLC was selected to serve as co-development partner for the project with the Housing Department. The Moreland will consist of two phases with Phase I being a 132-unit development that contains studio to three-bedroom units, a community room, a fitness center, a computer room, teen/youth space, and a parking garage. Phase II will be a 105-unit development that consists of studio and one-bedroom units, a community room, a fitness center, and other amenities.

The property is located on two acres at 1125 N. 3rd Street, and falls within the Downtown Core, currently zoned under the Downtown Core-Evans Churchill East Character Area. Former Deck Park Vista residents have been relocated, and the buildings have been demolished. The site is now vacant. For Phase I, the Housing Department has committed 131 total project-based vouchers for returning and Choice Neighborhoods residents. Resident services will be provided. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2026 and the project will be completed by the end of 2027. Cost increases and various market fluctuations have resulted in the need for additional gap funding for the project in the amount of $2 million.

Financial Impact

There is no impact on the General Fund. Funding is available from the federal HOME Program and other affordable housing gap funds budgeted in the Housing Department's Capital Improvement Plan budget.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

On February 15, 2023, City Council approved, through Ordinance S-49424, American Rescue Plan Act funding in an amount not to exceed $10 million to facilitate the development of The Moreland Phase I affordable housing project.

On June 18, 2025, through Ordinance S-52107, City Council approved entering into a contract with Brinshore Development, LLC to serve as co-development partner with the Housing Department, and to allocate resources and take other actions to complete the development of The

Moreland affordable housing project.

Location
1125 N. 3rd Street
Council District: 8

This item was adopted.

44 Authorization to Amend Ordinance S-48773 to Increase Payment Authority for Custodial Services (Ordinance S-52277) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to increase funding for Contract 156849-0 with Universal Building Maintenance, LLC dba Allied Universal Janitorial Services (Allied Universal) for the Human Services Department (HSD). Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The additional expenditures will not exceed $6,240. Funds are available in HSD's budget.

Summary
Allied Universal provides custodial services for 13 HSD locations. The services include general cleaning of the interior and exterior of these locations on a daily and weekly schedule, emergent services as necessary and ancillary services for more advanced cleaning of floors, windows and upholstery, as needed. The additional funding will support additional fees for floor buffing services on a quarterly schedule.

Contract Term
The contract term remains unchanged, ending on June 30, 2027.

Financial Impact
Upon approval of $6,240 in additional funds, the revised total value of the contract will not exceed $1,689,020. Funds are available in HSD's budget.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action
On June 15, 2022, the City Council approved the Authorization to Enter into Contract for Custodial Services Invitation for Bids with Ordinance S-48773.

This item was adopted.

48 License Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents for the Use of City-Owned Land at 1st Street and McKinley Street for Construction Staging and Parking (Ordinance S-52296) - District 7

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a license with the Arizona Board of Regents, or its designee, for the use of City-owned land located at 1st Street and McKinley Street for construction staging and parking. Further request to authorize the City Treasurer to accept all necessary funds related to this item.

Summary

The Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) is working with the Arizona Board of Regents and the University of Arizona to develop the Center for Advanced Molecular and Immological Therapies building at the southwest corner of 7th Street and Fillmore Street in Downtown Phoenix. At the height of construction, the project will require approximately 250 construction workers onsite daily. The University of Arizona has requested use of additional, vacant City-owned properties for construction staging and parking, including several parcels located at the southwest and southeast corners of 1st Street and McKinley Street in Downtown Phoenix.

The license fee will be based on a prorated rental rate of $1 per square foot per year and/or other valuable consideration. Each license may contain other terms and conditions acceptable to the City. There are currently several construction staging licenses on City parcels in Downtown Phoenix including two on the Phoenix Biomedical Core for projects related to the 850 PBC Building. The terms of this license, including the rental rate of $1 per square foot, will be consistent with other licenses executed to support Phoenix Bioscience Core growth.

Contract Term

The license term is one year. The license may be extended on a month-to-month basis at the City's discretion.

Financial Impact

The license fee will be based on a prorated rental rate of $1 per square foot per year and/or other valuable consideration. Fees received would be deposited into CEDD's Downtown Community Reinvestment Fund.

This action will have no impact to the General Fund.

Location
713, 714, 717, 718, 721, and 722 N. 1st Street, and 714, 718, and 722 N. 2nd Street.
Council District: 7

This item was adopted as corrected.

49 One-Stop Operator Services Contract - RFP-CED25-OSO - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52278) - Citywide

Request authorization for the City Manager, or his designee, to contract with International Rescue Committee, Inc. (IRC) to provide One-Stop-Operator (OSO) Services on behalf of the Phoenix Business and Workforce Development Board (Board). The aggregate value of the contract shall not exceed $2,200,000. Further request authorization for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Summary
As a part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Board is required to procure OSO services. The role of the OSO is to coordinate service delivery among all required One-Stop partners within the ARIZONA@WORK City of Phoenix One-Stop Network. This network offers comprehensive services and resources to job seekers while partnering with employers to help meet their workforce needs in Phoenix.

The OSO is responsible for ensuring services provided at the two ARIZONA@WORK City of Phoenix Comprehensive Job Center locations and throughout the network are easily accessible by being responsive to the community's workforce development needs, ensuring the system provides customer-driven and personalized services, managing the customer referral platform, and providing a welcome function for customers at the Comprehensive Job Centers that supports the Integrated Service Delivery Model for the network.

Procurement Information
The One-Stop Operator Services Request for Proposals (RFP-CED25-OSO), was issued on March 11, 2025, and conducted in accordance with City of Phoenix Administrative Regulation 3.10. Four

proposals were received, three of which were responsive to the RFP's requirements. An evaluation panel scored the responsive proposals based on the following criteria:

Proposer's Qualifications and Experience (0-300 points).
Assigned Staff's Qualifications and Experience (0-275 points).
Approach to Scope of Work (0-225 points).
Proposed Budget (0-200 points).

Staff recommends the proposal offered by the IRC as the highest-scored, responsive, and responsible proposal.

Contract Term
The term of the contract will be approximately 21 months beginning on or about October 20, 2025 through June 30, 2027, with two one-year renewals. The purpose of the 21-month term is to align the contract with the City's fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

Financial Impact
The aggregate value of the contract will not exceed $2,200,000. There is no impact to the General Fund. Funding is available from the City's allocation of federal WIOA funds.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action
The Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee recommended approval of this item on September 10, 2025 by a vote of 3-0. In addition, this item was approved by the Board as part of its Procurement Plan on May 23, 2024.

Location
ARIZONA@WORK - City of Phoenix - West Job Center
3406 N. 51st Avenue
Council District: 5

ARIZONA@WORK - City of Phoenix - South Job Center
4635 S. Central Avenue
Council District: 7

This item was adopted.

50 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Bioscience Healthcare Strategic Initiative (Ordinance S-52280) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to implement the Fiscal Year (FY) Bioscience Healthcare Strategic Initiative, including authorization of an Arizona Bioindustry Association (AZBio) membership for FY 2026-27 and participation at the BIO International Convention in 2026. Further request authorization for the City Treasurer to accept funds from the City's BIO International Convention partners to offset costs associated with the 2026 convention expenses, and for the City Controller to disburse funds associated with this request. Funding for the AZBio membership and convention efforts will not exceed $130,000. There is no impact to the General Fund. Funding is available in the Genomics Facilities and Operations Fund.

Summary

Phoenix has grown to be one of the nation's fastest growing hubs for bioscience activity and is now ranked in the Top 20 of U.S. Life Science Markets. CBRE's annual life science reports ranked Phoenix First in Life Science Job Growth and First in Life Science Graduate Growth Rate among emerging U.S. Life Science Markets. Arizona is now ranked as the second fastest in life science job growth and ranked eighth in the nation for the economic impact of clinical trials. An estimated 80 percent of the state's clinical trials take place in Phoenix. Much of this success is attributed to Phoenix's world-class medical centers, institutes of research excellence, research universities, quality community colleges, a growing educated population, a pro-business environment, and the spirit of entrepreneurship and collaboration. To build upon these strengths, staff is continuing to implement a strategic plan introduced in 2018 designed to grow, strengthen, and sustain a healthy bioscience industry. Since the launch of this effort, there has been an acceleration of investment and growth in the bioscience industry in Phoenix. By mid-2025, more than $6.7 billion has been invested in new and expanded bioscience and healthcare facilities, and more than eight million square feet of primary facility space for discovery, development, and care delivery creating more than 14,000 jobs for Phoenix residents.

Staff has focused its economic development efforts in the areas of research, development, precision medicine, healthcare delivery,

health-tech, and education. Focusing on these areas strengthens and solidifies Phoenix as a leader in the nation’s bioscience healthcare industry. The Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) will continue to ensure there is a world-class real estate inventory to meet the unique needs of life science companies. This commitment includes support of Phoenix’s four bioscience hubs: Mayo Clinic’s Discovery Oasis, the Phoenix Medical Quarter/Midtown, the Phoenix Bioscience Core (PBC), and the Cotton Center, in addition to other submarkets within the City. CEDD has been working closely with Wexford Science & Technology, to bring prospective tenants to the 850 PBC building and its recently opened Connect Labs by Wexford on the fifth floor. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIH) being the latest major tenant to lease space in 850 PBC. NIH will move out of its temporary space on the fifth floor and to its new 35,000 square-foot lab on the seventh floor in October of this year.

To continue to advance the City's position in the bioindustry, CEDD is requesting to continue the City's annual membership with the AZBio, the only statewide organization exclusively focused on building Arizona’s bioindustry. AZBio is committed to building a top-tier life science industry in Arizona and is a critical partner for Phoenix. As specialists, AZBio provides industry insight, programs specifically designed for life science organizations, visibility into investment opportunities, and a voice for the industry in the media, across the community, and with elected leaders and government agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. The AZBio annual membership cost is $15,000 for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Another key effort is the promotion of Phoenix's bioscience efforts nationally and internationally by attending and exhibiting at the 2026 BIO International trade show to be held in San Diego. The 2025 BIO International was held in Boston, with close to 22,000 attendees and 73 countries represented. The City of Phoenix received heightened visibility with its partnership with BIO and the BBC StoryWorks with the debut of its film as part of The Next Frontier series. The film showcases the world’s largest brain health study taking place in Phoenix through the MindCrowd initiative at the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) part of City of Hope. The CEDD Director participated on The Next Frontier panel alongside global leaders sharing the story of the rapid and intentional rise

in Phoenix’s bioscience industry’s growth.

As a sponsor of Start-Up Stadium, the City of Phoenix was able to kick off the event this year and nominate three Phoenix-based companies that were selected as finalists. These early-stage companies were able to engage with key members of the investment community, venture philanthropy groups, and BIO attendees. This year’s Phoenix delegation included 60 attendees, representing 33 Phoenix companies and organizations. The delegation held more than 450 productive meetings along with continuous engagement with BIO conference attendees in the Phoenix Pavilion. More than 200 people attended the Phoenix Fast Pitch Reception featuring 15 Phoenix life science leaders sharing their innovations with the audience. Attendance at the event provided valuable networking and partnership opportunities and synergy with the City's attending partners looking to promote their research and products to a global audience. The knowledge and contacts generated by attending this trade show will be used in communicating the City's competitive advantage, existing ecosystem and resources in Phoenix to attract and grow companies in this industry to thrive and generate quality jobs for the community.

Planning is currently underway, subject to City Council authorization of funding, for the 2026 BIO International trade show. Preliminary estimates for participation such as sponsorships, pre and post targeted advertising, lead generation/retrieval, equipment, pavilion set-up and shipping costs total approximately $115,000. Staff will continue to work with industry partners to co-locate at the trade show. This shared effort may allow the City to reduce its costs and boost visibility while assisting its partners in promoting Phoenix.

These continued efforts enable CEDD staff to showcase Phoenix's citywide assets and ensure success of future projects. CEDD and its partners continue to generate qualified prospects to create a pipeline of businesses considering expansions and/or relocations to Phoenix through a multi-faceted marketing approach targeted at this industry. Phoenix's involvement and partnership with AZBio and the BIO International trade show elevates the City's visibility as a hub for bioscience, building a critical mass of life science and healthcare-related

companies and attracting and developing top talent vital to sustain the long-term growth of this thriving industry.

Financial Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. Funding for the AZBio membership and to participate in BIO International 2026 will not exceed $130,000 total for both efforts. Funding is available in the Genomic Facilities and Operations Fund. Funding received from the City's BIO International Convention partners shall reimburse the Genomic Facilities and Operations Fund.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

This item was recommended for approval by the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee at the September 10, 2025 meeting by a vote of 3-0.

This item was adopted.

52 Painting Services - IFB 24-FMD-004 - Amendment (Ordinance S-52258) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute amendment to Contracts 158349 with DMS Companies, Inc., 158350 with Bullseye Painting Company LLC and 158351 with A & H Painting, Inc. to add the Phoenix Convention Center Department (PCCD) as an authorized user of the painting services contracts. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The additional expenditures will not exceed $300,000.

Summary

These contracts will provide painting services to the interior and exterior of buildings for the Phoenix Convention Center (PCC) venue. The PCCD requires interior and exterior painting services to maintain the facility’s appearance, protect structural surfaces, and ensure a safe and welcoming environment for visitors, event organizers, and staff. Interior painting is necessary to refresh walls, hallways, meeting rooms, and public spaces that experience wear over time due to constant use. Exterior painting is equally critical to preserve building surfaces from sun exposure, weathering, and environmental damage. Regular painting helps prevent costly repairs by protecting surfaces from moisture, corrosion, and deterioration.

Contract Term
The contracts' terms remain unchanged, ending on June 30, 2026.

Financial Impact
Upon approval of $300,000 in additional funds, the revised aggregate value of the contracts will not exceed $4,715,000. Funds are available in the PCC, Water Services, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works departments' budgets.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action
The City Council previously reviewed this request:
• Painting Services Agreement Contracts 158349, 158350, and 158351 (Ordinance S-49750) on August 1, 2023.

This item was adopted.

54 Request to Accept Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Funds - Special Operations Training Prop (Ordinance S-52288) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept up to $14,719 from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to fund the procurement of a Specialized Pipe Leak Training Prop for the Fire Department Special Operations Section. Further request authorization for the City Treasurer to accept and for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item.

Summary
The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program, established under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990, aims to assist States, Territories, and Native American Tribes in developing and improving emergency plans as part of the National Response System and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986. The program provides funding for planning and training activities related to hazardous materials (HAZMAT) incidents in commercial transportation, with an emphasis on enhancing the capabilities of public sector HAZMAT emergency response personnel. The ADEQ manages the grant program as a pass-through grant.

The Fire Department previously received $23,500 from this program to run an Advanced Tactical Chemistry class for participants across the state and to host three Propane Response Advanced Tactics Classes for $17,500. Additional funds are available from ADEQ and have been allocated for a Pipe Leak Training Prop for the Fire Department Special Operations Section.

Pipe Leak Training Prop

The Phoenix Fire Department Special Operations Section has been awarded $14,719 in funding to acquire a specialized Pipe Leak Training Prop. This prop is designed to replicate leaks from industrial chemical piping systems, enabling both new and veteran hazardous material technicians to practice real-world mitigation techniques in a safe and controlled environment. By simulating the flow of hazardous liquids or gases, the prop provides hands-on training in identifying, controlling, and stopping chemical releases using the same tools and equipment carried on HazMat units.

Procurement Information

The Fire Department will administer the grant per Administrative Regulation 3.10.

Contract Term

The performance period for this award will begin upon award notification and end on September 30, 2026.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City of Phoenix.

This item was adopted.

56 Acquisition of Real Property Located on the Southwest Corner of W. Sahuaro and N. 28th Drives for Future Fire Station 93 (Ordinance S-52292) - District 1

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to acquire all real property and related property interests located on the southwest corner of W. Sahuaro Drive and N. 28th Drive either by donation, purchase within the City's appraised value, purchase at a settlement amount arrived at through mediation and determined by the City Manager, or designee, to

be reasonable under the circumstances, or by the power of eminent domain, for Fire Station 93. Additionally, request authorization for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item.

Summary

This approximate 3.04-acre site has been identified as the location needed for construction of a future fire station. The proposed location will improve response times to better serve the public. The parcels affected by this acquisition and included in this request are identified by Maricopa County Assessor's parcel numbers 149-17-154A and 149-17-154B located at 10640 N. 28th Drive.

Financial Impact

Funding is available in the Fire Department's Capital Improvement Program budget.

Location

Southwest corner of W. Sahuaro and N. 28th Drives.
Council District: 1

This item was adopted.

57 AZ Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AZAFIS) Hardware and Maintenance - ADSPO 13-038750 - Amendment (Ordinance S-52267) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute amendment to Contract 145675 with Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC to extend contract term and add additional expenditures. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The additional expenditures will not exceed $343,673.

Summary

This contract provides the Phoenix Police Department's Information Technology Bureau with automated fingerprint system hardware and maintenance in support of the AZAFIS network located at various bureaus and precincts throughout the City. The additional funds will support additional hardware and continued maintenance to the system through the end of the contract term.

Contract Term

Upon approval, the contract will be extended through June 30, 2026 with

a one-year option to extend.

Financial Impact

Upon approval of $343,673 in additional funds, the revised aggregate value of the contract will not exceed $2,646,046. Funds are available in the Police Department's operating budget.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council previously reviewed this request:

Fingerprint Systems Requirements - Contract 145675 (Ordinance S-43768) on June 28, 2017;

Automated Fingerprint Identification System - Contract 145675 (Ordinance S-46800) on June 24, 2020;

Automated Fingerprint Identification System - Contract 145675 (Ordinance S-47679) on June 16, 2021;

Automated Fingerprint Identification System - Contract 145675 (Ordinance S-48758) on June 15, 2022;

AZ Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AZAFIS) Hardware and Maintenance - Contract 145675 (Ordinance S-49831) on June 14, 2023; and

AZ Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AZAFIS) Hardware and Maintenance - Contract 145675 (Ordinance S-50677) on March 20, 2024.

This item was adopted.

58 Early Intervention System Contract - RFP 25-0629 - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52268) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Benchmark Solutions, LLC dba Benchmark Analytics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Benchmark Buyer, Inc. to provide an Early Intervention System for the Police Department. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The total value of the contract will not exceed $3,416,511.

Summary

This contract will provide an Early Intervention System, along with ongoing maintenance and support. The Early Intervention System is a predictive and adaptable system that identifies department employees, sworn and civilian, who display the indicators of potentially problematic

behaviors. It will provide vital support to the Police Department to ensure the safety and security of each person in the community while fostering employee excellence through data-driven wellness and training.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Information Technology Services Department.

Procurement Information
A Request for Proposal procurement was processed in accordance with City of Phoenix Administrative Regulation 3.10.

Two vendors submitted proposals deemed responsive and responsible. An evaluation committee of City staff evaluated those offers based on the following criteria with a maximum possible point total of 1,000:
Qualifications and Experience - 180 points
Method of Approach - 560 points
Price - 80 points
Demonstration - 180 points

After reaching consensus, the evaluation committee recommends award to the following vendor:
Benchmark Solutions, LLC dba Benchmark Analytics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Benchmark Buyer, Inc. - 662.92 points

Contract Term
The contract will begin on or about September 17, 2025, for a three-year term with two one-year options to extend.

Financial Impact
The aggregate contract value will not exceed $3,416,511. Funding is available in the Police Department's operating budget.

This item was continued to the October 15, 2025 City Council Formal Meeting.

60 Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3 North Concourse 2 Package 3 Airport Concourse - Construction Manager at Risk Preconstruction Services Amendment - AV08000087, AV13000003 (Ordinance S-52271) - District 8

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to Agreement 158125 with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. to provide additional Construction Manager at Risk Preconstruction Services for the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3 North Concourse 2 Package 3 Airport Concourse project. Further request to authorize execution of amendments to the agreement as necessary within the Council-approved expenditure authority as provided below, and for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The additional fee for services included in this amendment will not exceed $2 million.

Summary

The purpose of this project is to develop a new six-gate, two-level airport concourse at Terminal 3 of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to accommodate operations for airlines, passengers and airport staff. The planned work will include an aircraft apron to accommodate six Airplane Design Group III aircraft that may service two Airplane Design Group V via two-for-one exchange; a connector bridge between the existing and new concourse to facilitate passenger movement with moving walkways; and one or more passenger bus lobbies at Terminal 4 north concourses to facilitate a passageway or tunnel for inter-terminal passenger connections between Terminal 3 and Terminal 4.

This amendment is necessary to facilitate preconstruction services for the future tunnel/passageway between Terminal 3 and Terminal 4 to avoid disruptions on Sky Harbor Boulevard. The fee for services will not exceed $2 million. This amendment will provide additional funds to the agreement.

Contract Term

The term of the agreement amendment remains unchanged at five years. Work scope identified and incorporated into the agreement prior to the end of the term may be agreed to by the parties, and work may extend past the termination of the agreement. No additional changes may be executed after the end of the term.

Financial Impact

The initial agreement for Construction Manager at Risk Preconstruction Services was approved for an amount not to exceed $4,797,000,

including all subcontractor and reimbursable costs.

This amendment will increase the agreement by an additional $2 million, for a new total amount not to exceed $6,797,000, including all subcontractor and reimbursable costs.

Funding for this amendment is available in the Aviation Department's Capital Improvement Program budget. The Budget and Research Department will separately review and approve funding availability prior to the execution of any amendments. Payments may be made up to agreement limits for all rendered agreement services, which may extend past the agreement termination.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council approved:

Architectural Services Agreement 158106 (Ordinance S-49589) on April 19, 2023;

Amendment to Architectural Services Agreement 158106 (Ordinance S-50678) on March 20, 2024;

Construction Manager at Risk Preconstruction Services Agreement 158125 (Ordinance S-49591) on April 19, 2023; and

Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services Agreement 160205 (Ordinance S-50680) on March 20, 2024.

Location

2485 E. Buckeye Road

Council District: 8

This item was adopted.

61 Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3 North Concourse 2 Package 3 Airport Concourse - Architectural Services Amendment - AV08000087, AV13000003 (Ordinance S-52272) - District 8

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to Agreement 158106 with Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc., dba HOK to provide additional Architectural Services for the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3 North Concourse 2 Package 3 Airport Concourse project. Further request to authorize execution of

amendments to the agreement as necessary within the Council-approved expenditure authority as provided below, and for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The additional fee for services included in this amendment will not exceed $9,825,000.

Summary

The purpose of this project is to develop a new six-gate, two-level airport concourse at Terminal 3 (T3) of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to accommodate operations for airlines, passengers and airport staff. The planned work will include an aircraft apron to accommodate six Airplane Design Group III aircraft that may service two Airplane Design Group V via two-for-one exchange; a connector bridge between the existing and new concourse to facilitate passenger movement with moving walkways; and one or more passenger bus lobbies at Terminal 4 north concourses to facilitate a passageway or tunnel for inter-terminal passenger connections between T3 and Terminal 4 (T4).

This amendment is necessary to facilitate additional design services for the Terminal 3 North Concourse 2 (T3N2), airside tunnel between T3 and T4, passenger level Video Wall and Mezzanine Level lounge, and associated Construction Administration and Inspection Services. This amendment will provide additional funds to the agreement.

Contract Term

The term of the agreement amendment remains unchanged at five years. Work scope identified and incorporated into the agreement prior to the end of the term may be agreed to by the parties, and work may extend past the termination of the agreement. No additional changes may be executed after the end of the term.

Financial Impact

The initial agreement for Architectural Services was approved for an amount not to exceed $30,700,000, including all subconsultant and reimbursable costs.

Amendment 1 to Agreement 158106 for Architectural Services increased the agreement by an additional $7,675,000, for a new total amount not to exceed $38,375,000, including all subconsultant and reimbursable costs. This amendment will increase the agreement by an additional

$9,825,000, for a new total amount not to exceed $48,200,000, including all subconsultant and reimbursable costs.

Funding for this amendment is available in the Aviation Department's Capital Improvement Program budget. The Budget and Research Department will separately review and approve funding availability prior to the execution of any amendments. Payments may be made up to agreement limits for all rendered agreement services, which may extend past the agreement termination.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council approved:

Architectural Services Agreement 158106 (Ordinance S-49589) on April 19, 2023;

Construction Manager at Risk Preconstruction Services Agreement 158125 (Ordinance S-49591) on April 19, 2023;

Amendment 1 to Architectural Services Agreement 158106 (Ordinance S-50678) on March 20, 2024; and

Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services Agreement 160205 (Ordinance S-50680) on March 20, 2024.

Location

2485 E. Buckeye Road

Council District: 8

This item was adopted.

63 RT Sky Harbor, LLC Amendment to Termination Agreement (Ordinance S-52283) - District 8

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to amend Termination Agreement 120545-TER-001 with RT Sky Harbor, LLC (RT) to increase the amount of reimbursement to RT for the demolition and removal of the existing building structure on the property in Sky Harbor Center at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse the funds related to this item.

Summary

RT leases premises in Sky Harbor Center under Ground Lease 102545 (Lease), which commenced on December 1, 2002. On March 26, 2025, the City Council approved early termination of the Ground Lease under

Termination Agreement 102545-TER-001. The Termination Agreement includes provisions of a payment of $10 million to RT to buy out the remaining term of the Ground Lease with Aviation obtaining the facilities of 1,300-space parking garage, 746-space surface parking lot, and existing office building structure. The parking garage and surface parking will be used by Aviation for airport customer parking. Additionally, the Termination Agreement provided for Aviation to reimburse RT for the demolition and removal of the existing building structure in an amount of approximately $1.1 million.

Preliminary work on the demolition project revealed additional expenses related to the demolition that were not anticipated when the original $1.1 million amount was calculated. The additional expenses include archaeological investigation, additional required environmental work, removal of underground storage tank, re-routing and installation of electrical, and establishing new communications services to the garage, and additional site work to maintain garage availability for airport parking during the demolition of the building structure. These additional demolition-related expenses total amount not to exceed $1,605,526. All demolition work performed by RT will be in compliance with Title 34.

Contract Term

The amendment does not change the effective date of the Termination Agreement, which remains contingent upon the final inspection of the demolition site and receipt of all demolition-related expense documentation.

Financial Impact

If amended, the reimbursement amount for demolition and removal shall not to exceed $2,705,526, and total compensation to RT, including buyout of Ground Lease and demolition costs, shall not to exceed $12,705,526.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

City Council previously approved Termination Agreement 120545-TER-001 with RT Sky Harbor, LLC (Ordinance S-51763) on March 26, 2025.

Location
Sky Harbor Center: 1820 E. Sky Harbor Circle South
Council District: 8

This item was adopted.

65 Civil Air Patrol Lease Extension at Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (Ordinance S-52285) - District 1

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to Corporate Hangar Lease 136822 with Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to extend the lease term for 10 years and add one five-year extension option and incorporate approximately 10,400 square feet of additional premises at Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT).

Summary
The Arizona Wing of CAP leases a corporate hangar at DVT of approximately 6,000 square feet that includes hangar, classroom, and office space. CAP is a civilian auxiliary to the United States Air Force that provides aviation-related education and flight training to local youth and adults to assist federal and local state authorities in the event of local and national emergencies. CAP uses the hangar facility for its non-commercial activities to support aerial search and rescue missions, humanitarian aid services, and to operate a cadet program that introduces cadets to aviation. CAP has been a tenant at DVT since 1989 and leases the hangar facility for one dollar per year, consistent with FAA regulations.

Corporate Hangar Lease 136822 was amended in January 2021 to extend the term for an additional five years, through December 31, 2025, with two one-year renewal options. The amendment included a provision for an additional five-year extension if CAP made a $1 million minimum capital investment to expand the hangar facility.

CAP recently received a $4.9 million grant from the State of Arizona for hangar facilities improvements. Given the significance of the proposed capital investment, CAP requested the Aviation Department exercise both remaining one-year renewal options and extend the lease term for an additional 10 years, with one five-year renewal option, to complete a remodel to expand the hangar facility by approximately 16,400 square feet. The expansion will accommodate an additional aircraft and increase the size of the classroom and office space.

Contract Term
If approved, the lease term will be extended for 10 years, effective January 1, 2028, with one five-year renewal option at the sole discretion of the Aviation Director, contingent upon CAP investing a minimum of $4.9 million in hangar expansion and improvements.

Financial Impact
Rent for the lease will remain at one dollar per year.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action
City Council previously approved:
Corporate Hangar Lease Agreement 136822 (Ordinance S-39339) on November 7, 2012;
Extension of Corporate Hangar Lease Agreement 136822 (Ordinance S-46174) on November 20, 2019;
Extension of Corporate Hangar Lease Agreement 136822 (Ordinance S-49625) on April 19, 2023;
The Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board Business and Development Subcommittee recommended approval of this item on August 7, 2025, by a vote of 3-0; and
The Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board recommended approval of this item on August 21, 2025, by a vote of 9-0.

Location
Phoenix Deer Valley Airport: 702 W. Deer Valley Road
Council District: 1

This item was adopted.

66 Fleet Management Technology for Heavy-Duty Vehicles - COOP 23-042 - Amendment (Ordinance S-52290) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to Contract 158354 with Wastech Corp. to extend the contract term. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. No additional funds are needed; request to continue using Ordinance S-49672.

Summary
This contract provides a specialized solid waste collection software

platform and Smart Cities capabilities. Utilizing this technology, the Public Works Department receives confirmation of collections, turn-by-turn routing, route optimization and equipment records compliance (pre-trip and post-trip inspections). It also provides citywide problem log recording capabilities, which eliminate paper driver's logs.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Information Technology Services Department.

Contract Term
Upon approval, the contract will be extended through September 29, 2029.

Financial Impact
The aggregate value of the contract will not exceed $3,780,000, and no additional funds are needed.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action
The City Council previously reviewed this request:
• Fleet Management Technology for Heavy-Duty Vehicles Contract 158354 (Ordinance S-49672) on May 3, 2023; and
• Fleet Management Technologies with Related Software Solutions for Heavy-Duty Vehicles Contract 158354 (Ordinance S-51699) on March 5, 2025.

This item was adopted.

67 Electrical Parts and Supplies Contract - IFB-26-FMD-012 - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52261) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into contracts with Crescent Electric Supply Company, Electric Supply, Incorporated, Elliott Electric Supply, Inc., Lighting Unlimited, Incorporated, and Six Points Hardware, Inc. to provide electrical parts and supplies for the Public Works Department. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The total value of these contracts will not exceed $17,500,000.

Summary
The Public Works Department is responsible for maintenance and repair of approximately 879 City-owned facilities. The Facilities Operations

Division requires these contracts to purchase necessary electrical parts and supplies from vendors with a local Maricopa County presence. Local availability of electrical parts and supplies is vital to ensure that critical facilities, including those of Fire, Police, and other public-facing facilities, are maintained and in continuous operation. Known General Obligation Bond Program expenditures for upcoming projects, within the next eight months, is approximately $2,000,000.

Procurement Information
An Invitation for Bid procurement was processed in accordance with City of Phoenix Administrative Regulation 3.10.

The City received seven offers, and five of them were deemed to be responsive and responsible. The Procurement Officer evaluated the offers based on availability and discounts off published prices, list prices, and catalog prices and recommends award to the following Offerors:

Crescent Electric Supply Company
Electric Supply, Incorporated
Elliott Electric Supply, Inc.
Lighting Unlimited, Incorporated
Six Points Hardware, Inc.

Contract Term
These contracts will begin on or about October 1, 2025, for a three-year term with two one-year options to extend.

Financial Impact
The contracts' combined aggregate value will not exceed $17,500,000. Funding is available in the Public Works Department's operating budget.

This item was adopted.

68 Generac Generators Maintenance and Repair Services Contract - RFA 26-FSD-018 - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52262) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Energy Systems Holdings,Inc. dba West Coast Energy Systems, LLC to provide maintenance and repair services for Generac

generators. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The total value of the contract will not exceed $163,950.

Summary

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and repair of generators located at facilities citywide, including 77 Generac generators. These generators provide backup, a power source, at critical locations such as wastewater lift stations, fueling stations, and 911 dispatch centers. The repair of this equipment requires calibration that only the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) dealer can provide. It is necessary to have repairs completed by the OEM dealership to ensure the proper operation of the generators in the event of a power failure. Generators that are not functioning properly can result in loss of power that can affect public health and safety.

Procurement Information

In accordance with Administrative Regulation 3.10, standard competition was waived as a result of an approved Determination Memo based on the following reason: Special Circumstance, Alternative Competition. Energy Systems Holdings,Inc. dba West Coast Energy Systems, LLC is the sole source provider of OEM Generac maintenance and repair services in Maricopa County.

Contract Term

The contract will begin on or about September 18, 2025 for a five-year term with no options to extend.

Financial Impact

The aggregate contract value will not exceed $163,950 for the five-year aggregate term.

Funding is available in the Public Works Department budget.

This item was adopted.

69 Geosynthetic Material Contract - IFB 26-SWDD-015 - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52269) - Out of City

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with PBR, Inc. dba SKAPS Industries, to provide

geosynthetic liners for the State Route 85 (SR85) Landfill, cell two phases three and four. Further request authorization for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The aggregate value of the agreement will not exceed $3,000,000.

Summary

The Agreement will provide geosynthetic liners at the SR85 Landfill design and construction project for cell two phases three and four. The geosynthetic liners are layered to protect the groundwater from landfill leachate. The layers conform to all industry standards and meet federal and state requirements for groundwater monitoring. The geosynthetic liners cover up to 3.4 million square feet in the new cell and ensures the landfill leachate does not contaminate the groundwater.

Procurement Information

Invitation for Bid (IFB) 26-SWDD-015 was conducted in accordance with Administrative Regulation 3.10. Four bids were received and evaluated based on the price of the estimated square footage of the project, responsiveness to all specifications, terms and conditions, and responsibility to provide the required goods. The offer submitted by PBR, Inc. dba SKAPS Industries was the lowest responsible and responsive bid.

Contract Term

The initial contract term is for three years beginning on or about October 1, 2025. This contract includes an option to extend the term up to two years, in one-year increments.

Financial Impact

The aggregate value of the agreement will not exceed $3,000,000. Funds are available in the Public Works Department's Capital Improvement Program budget.

Location

SR85 Landfill, 28361 W. Patterson Road, Buckeye, AZ.
Council District: Out of City

This item was adopted.

70 Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Recycling Grant

Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Ordinance S-52276) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to retroactively apply for, and if awarded, accept and enter into related agreements for disbursement of grant funding from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) through its Recycling Grant Program's Waste Reduction Assistance Grant (WRA). If awarded, grant funding will be used to install a camera system at the 27th Avenue Materials Recovery Facility, pilot an initiative that will help Green Business Leaders design and carry out customized waste reduction projects, and pilot an education, outreach, and collection program for lithium-ion batteries. Further request authorization from the City Treasurer to accept, and the City Controller to disburse, all funds related to this item, including sub-recipients associated with the projects. The total grant funds applied for will not exceed $185,000.

Summary

The ADEQ Recycling Grant Program promotes recycling and source reduction through public education and information on proper solid waste disposal and includes the WRA category. The WRA supports community initiatives aimed at significantly reducing solid waste output. Funding received is available through the Arizona Solid Waste Recycling Act of 1990 and is derived from landfill disposal fees. More than one project application per applicant may be submitted. Applications will be submitted under the WRA category.

Project 1 - 27th Avenue Materials Recovery Facility Residue Belt Camera Application

The Public Works Department oversees the 27th Avenue Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) which processes and sorts recyclables from the City’s recycling program. Phoenix continually seeks to improve its sorting efficiency, with one key focus being the identification of recyclable materials that are not being captured by the MRF system. Currently, the residue belt carries non-recyclables out of the MRF to be disposed of as trash at the landfill. If the system misses capturing a good recyclable, that also ends up on the residue belt. To better understand and reduce this loss, the Public Works Department is requesting grant funding to add a camera over the residue belt to determine what recyclable materials are

not being captured. The information will provide data on the quantity and type of recyclables, which will provide insight and justification for additional fine tuning or improvements to the MRF system. The total grant funds applied for in this application is approximately $55,000.

Project 2 - Local First Arizona Green Business Boot Camp Application
The City of Phoenix Green Business Leader (GBL) program certifies and recognizes businesses within City limits that implement sustainable practices to support Phoenix's 2050 sustainability goals. Certified businesses gain access to benefits like water efficiency audits, sustainability training, and promotional exposure through the City. Currently, the GBL Program does not provide technical project assistance or project-based incubation support to certified GBLs. To assess whether adding this assistance can drive measurable waste diversion impacts, the Public Works Department is requesting grant funding to launch a pilot program in collaboration with Local First Arizona that will help 10 Phoenix businesses build customized waste reduction project models. Recruitment for the boot camp will prioritize GBL-certified businesses to enhance the existing GBL Program, however, non-certified businesses will also be eligible to participate, creating an opportunity to expand the GBL Program. Participants will leave with actionable waste reduction projects and access to City of Phoenix or Local First Arizona resources to support implementation following the grant period. The total grant funds requested for this application is approximately $40,000.

Project 3 - Lithium-Ion Battery Collection Application
The increasing prevalence of lithium-ion batteries in the solid waste stream poses a fire risk to the City's solid waste collection trucks, transfer stations, material recovery facilities, and landfill when individuals improperly dispose of them. To extend outreach on the proper disposal of lithium-ion batteries, the Public Works Department is requesting grant funding to launch a six-month pilot program which aims to educate residents about responsible battery disposal and provide safe drop-off options for lithium-ion batteries. The total grant funds applied for in this application is approximately $90,000.

The Public Works Department is requesting retroactive authorization to

submit grant applications for ADEQ's Recycling Grant Program's WRA category due to the short application timeline. If not authorized, the grant applications will be withdrawn. If awarded, funds would be available by early 2026 and would need to be expended by June 30, 2026. The Public Works Department is also requesting authorization to enter into agreements to accept the funding if awarded.

Financial Impact

The Public Works Department is requesting grant funds up to $185,000 and the City's cost would be $0 for the local match.

This item was adopted.

71 SR85 Landfill Labor Services Contract - 26-SWDD-014 - Request for Award (Ordinance S-52263) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Arizona Labor Force Incorporated, dba Labor Systems to perform essential landfill services at the Arizona State Route 85 (SR85) Landfill. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The aggregate value of this contract will not exceed $900,000.

Summary

This contract provides essential services at the SR85 Landfill, including litter removal, tarp maintenance, landscaping and custodial services. Due to regulatory requirements from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and commitments with the City of Buckeye through an Intergovernmental Agreement, these services are critical to ensure that compliance is maintained.

Procurement Information

An Invitation for Bid procurement was processed in accordance with City of Phoenix Administrative Regulation 3.10.

The City received six offers, all of them were deemed to be responsible and responsive. Following an evaluation based on price, the procurement officer recommends awarding to the following bidder:

Selected Bidder:
Labor Systems - $26.99/hour

Other Bidders:
Bio-Janitorial Service, Inc. - $27.50/hour
Bunney's Inc. - $78.51/ hour
C Jenkins & Associates LLC. - $56/hour
Kary Environmental Services Inc. - $40/hour
Plan B Facility Services - $28/hour

Contract Term
This contract will begin on or about January 1, 2026, for a three-year term with two one-year options to extend.

Financial Impact
The aggregate value will not exceed $900,000. Funding is available in the Public Works Department's budget.

This item was adopted.

72 Southwest Gas Facilities Extension Agreement WR4538108 for City Project FD57100020 Fire Station 74 (Ordinance S-52274) - District 6

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Facilities Extension Agreement with Southwest Gas (SWG) for new gas services to serve Fire Station 74. Further request to grant an exception pursuant to Phoenix City Code 42-20 to authorize inclusion in the documents pertaining to this transaction of indemnification and assumption of liability provisions that otherwise should be prohibited by Phoenix City Code 42-18. Further request authorization for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item in an amount not to exceed $95,356.

Summary
The City is constructing Fire Station 74 located at 15800 S. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85045. This agreement represents the cost for SWG to install new services to provide commercial heating and backup generators for the new fire station.

Contract Term
The term of the agreement will begin on or about September 17, 2025 and will expire when the project is complete and accepted.

Financial Impact

Funding in the amount of $95,356 is available through the Fire Department's operating budget.

Location

15800 S. 19th Avenue
Council District 6

This item was adopted.

73 Innovation 27 Workforce Training and Education Collaborative - 2-Step Construction Manager at Risk Services Amendment - ED20000008 (Ordinance S-52293) - District 5

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to Agreement 161777 with Chasse Building Team, Inc. to provide additional Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services for the Innovation 27 Workforce Training and Education Collaborative project. Further request to authorize execution of amendments to the agreement as necessary within the Council-approved expenditure authority as provided below, and for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The additional fee for services included in this amendment will not exceed $27 million.

Summary

The purpose of this project is to renovate an existing former big-box department store into a workforce and training facility. The structure will provide a new vocational/trade school with classrooms, multipurpose room, workforce training space, conference rooms, huddle rooms, office space, and back of house support space.

The amendment is necessary as all funding for the project has been secured and is ready to advance to the construction phase.

Chasse Building Team, Inc.'s additional services include, but are not limited to: arranging procurement of materials and equipment; scheduling and managing site operations; providing quality controls, bid, award, and manage all construction related contracts while meeting City bid requirements; and maintaining a safe work site for all project participants.

Contract Term

The term of the agreement remains unchanged. Work scope identified and incorporated into the agreement prior to the end of the term may be agreed to by the parties, and work may extend past the termination of the agreement. No additional changes may be executed after the end of the term.

Financial Impact

The initial agreement for Construction Manager at Risk Services was approved for an amount not to exceed $4,942,428, including all subcontractor and reimbursable costs.

Funding in the amount of $2 million is available through the City's allocation of Housing and Urban Development funding. The remaining funds in the amount of $25 million is available in the Community and Economic Development Department Capital Improvement Program. The Budget and Research Department will separately review and approve funding availability prior to the execution of any amendments. Payments may be made up to agreement limits for all rendered agreement services, which may extend past the agreement termination.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council approved:

Construction Manager at Risk Services Agreement 161777 (Ordinance S-51327) on October 16, 2024; and

Ordinance S-51502 authorizing the acceptance and disbursement of Community Project Funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on December 18, 2024.

Location

2526 W. Northern Avenue

Council District: 5

This item was adopted.

74 Neighborhood Services Department Broadway Heritage Streetlights and North Central Streetlights Community Development Block Grant - Design-Bid-Build Services - ST85160021 (ND30070322) and ST87250010 (ND30010037)

(Ordinance S-52266) - Districts 4 & 8

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept BPG Designs, LLC as the lowest-priced, responsive and responsible bidder and to enter into an agreement with BPG Designs, LLC for Design-Bid-Build Services for the Neighborhood Services Department Broadway Heritage Streetlights and North Central Streetlights Community Development Block Grant project. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The fee for services will not exceed $679,625.

Summary

The purpose of this project is to provide all equipment, materials, transportation, managerial, administrative, and direct labor personnel to install 35 new streetlights and the replacement of three luminaires on existing poles at multiple locations within the Broadway Heritage neighborhood and 10 new streetlights at North Central neighborhood.

BPG Designs, LLC's services include, but are not limited to:

Trenching and surveying for installation of 25 37W LED Fixtures with photoelectric controls on existing mast arm.

Installation of 10 68W LED Fixtures with photoelectric controls on 38 feet by 6 inch direct-bury poles, each with 6 foot mast arm.

Removal of an existing luminaire and installation of three 68W LED fixtures with photoelectric controls on existing mast arms.

Removal and salvage of streetlight poles, mast arms, and luminaires, as specified.

The selection was made using an Invitation for Bids procurement process set forth in Section 34-201 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. Two bids were received on June 24, 2025 and were sent to the Equal Opportunity Department for review to determine subcontractor eligibility and contractor responsiveness in demonstrating responsiveness to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program requirements. A DBE goal has not been established for this project.

The Opinion of Probable Cost and the two lowest responsive, responsible bidders are listed below:

Opinion of Probable Cost: $482,100

BPG Designs, LLC $679,625
AJP Electric, Inc.: $1,080,730

Although the bid exceeds the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost by more than 10 percent, it has been determined the bid represents a fair and reasonable price for the required work scope. Additionally, the bid award amount is within the total budget for this project.

Contract Term
The term of the agreement is 300 calendar days from issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Work scope identified and incorporated into the agreement prior to the end of the term may be agreed to by the parties, and work may extend past the termination of the agreement. No additional changes may be executed after the end of the term.

Financial Impact
The agreement value for BPG Designs, LLC will not exceed $679,625, including all subcontractor and reimbursable costs.

Funding is available in the Neighborhood Services Department's Capital Improvement Program budget. The Budget and Research Department will separately review and approve funding availability prior to execution of any amendments. Payments may be made up to agreement limits for all rendered agreement services, which may extend past the agreement termination.

Location
Area Bounded by 31st Street to 24th Street, north of Roeser Road to south of East Illini Street.

Area bounded by 11th Avenue to 7th Avenue, south of Osborn Road to south of Indian School Road.

Council Districts: 4 and 8

This item was adopted.

75 Mill and Overlay Pavement Maintenance Program - 2-Step Job Order Contracting Services - JOC242 (Ordinance S-52282) -

Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into separate master agreements with three contractors listed below, to provide Mill and Overlay Pavement Maintenance Program Job Order Contracting (JOC) services for the Street Transportation Department. Further request to authorize execution of amendments to the agreements as necessary within the Council-approved expenditure authority as provided below, and for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The total fee for all services will not exceed $375 million.

Additionally, request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to take all action as may be necessary or appropriate and to execute all design and construction agreements, licenses, permits, and requests for utility services relating to the development, design, and construction of the project. Such utility services include, but are not limited to: electrical, water, sewer, natural gas, telecommunications, cable television, railroads and other modes of transportation. Further request the City Council to grant an exception pursuant to Phoenix City Code 42-20 to authorize inclusion in the documents pertaining to this transaction of indemnification and assumption of liability provisions that otherwise should be prohibited by Phoenix City Code 42-18. This authorization excludes any transaction involving an interest in real property.

Summary

The JOC contractors' services will be used on an as-needed basis to provide Mill and Overlay Pavement Maintenance Program for the removal and replacement or restoration of existing deteriorated or damaged pavements in the right-of-way for Arterial, Major Collector, Minor Collector, and Residential Pavement Overlay on streets within Phoenix city limits. The program includes Crack Seal, Slurry Seal, Microseal, Sealcoating, Fractured Aggregate Surface Treatment, Scrub Sealing, and Fog Sealing. Additionally, the JOC contractors will be responsible for fulfilling Small Business Enterprise program requirements.

Procurement Information

The selections were made using a two-step qualifications and price-based selection process set forth in Section 34-604 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.). In accordance with A.R.S. Section 34-604(H),

the City may not publicly release information on proposals received or the scoring results until an agreement is awarded. Five firms submitted proposals and are listed below.

Selected Firms
Rank 1: Primavera Grading & Paving, LLC
Rank 2: M. R. Tanner Development and Construction, LLC
Rank 3: Talis Construction Corporation

Additional Proposers
Rank 4: Nesbitt Contracting Co., Inc.
Rank 5: ViaSun Corporation

Contract Term
The term of each master agreement is for up to five years, or up to $125 million, whichever occurs first. Work scope identified and incorporated into the master agreement prior to the end of the term may be agreed to by the parties, and work may extend past the termination of the master agreement. No additional changes may be executed after the end of the term.

Financial Impact
The master agreement value for each of the JOC contractors will not exceed $125 million, including all subcontractor and reimbursable costs. The total fee for all services will not exceed $375 million.

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute job order agreements performed under these master agreements for up to $4 million each. In no event will any job order agreement exceed this limit without Council approval to increase the limit.

Funding is available in the Street Transportation Department's Capital Improvement Program budget. The Budget and Research Department will review and approve funding availability prior to issuance of any job order agreement. Payments may be made up to agreement limits for all rendered agreement services, which may extend past the agreement termination.

This item was adopted.

77 Anchor Point Inspection, Testing and Repair - IFB-2021-WST-385 - Amendment (Ordinance S-52260) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to consent to assignment of Anchor Point Inspection, Testing and Repair Contract 155480 with PK Industries LLC to State 48 Safety LLC. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item.

Summary

The purpose of this amendment is to consent to assignment of the agreement with PK Industries LLC to State 48 Safety LLC. This amendment would allow for the project and project duties to move forward unhindered.

This contract provides anchor point load-testing inspections and repair of the sockets and surrounding matrix located throughout Water Services Department buildings. All parts, control systems and safety requirements must be inspected annually to ensure they are in safe operating condition, in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. OSHA mandates that acceptable anchor points be in safe operating condition with the capability of supporting 5,000 pounds of force per person tied to the device.

Contract Term

The contract term remains unchanged, ending on November 30, 2026.

Financial Impact

There is no requested change to the existing spending authorization, as part of this amendment.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council previously approved Anchor Point Inspection, Testing and Repair Contract 155480 (Ordinance S-48084) on November 3, 2021.

This item was adopted.

78 Amend City Code - Official Supplementary Zoning Map 1292 (Ordinance G-7417) - District 2

Request to authorize the City Manager to amend Section 601 of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance by adopting Official Supplementary Zoning Map 1292. This amendment reflects that the property owner has met all of the rezoning conditions previously approved by City Council with Z-135-04-2 and the entitlements are fully vested.

Summary

To rezone parcels located at the southwest corner of the 19th Avenue and Dynamite Mountain Road alignments.
Application No.: Z-135-04-2
Zoning: R1-10 PCD NBCOD, R-2 PCD NBCOD, and R-3A PCD NBCOD
Owner: Fireside at Norterra Community Association, et al.
Acreage: 51.13 (R1-10 PCD NBCOD); 28.94 (R-2 PCD NBCOD); 11.57 (R-3A PCD NBCOD)

Location

Located at the southwest corner of the 19th Avenue and Dynamite Mountain Road alignments
Address: N/A
Council District: 2

This item was adopted.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to suspend the rules to take Item 83 out of order to be heard at this time. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes:	8 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego
No:	1 -	Councilwoman Hernandez

83 ADD-ON - Enter Into Employment Agreement with the City Manager (Ordinance S-52295) - Citywide

Request to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, to enter into an agreement with Ed Zuercher as City Manager effective November 17, 2025, with the following principal terms.

Summary

The agreement with the City Manager shall commence on November 17,

2025 and shall continue for an indefinite term as provided in the City Charter.

The City Manager shall receive an annual salary of $415,542 paid bi-weekly, with annual increases equal to the total compensation percentage awarded by the City Council to employee bargaining groups, subject to City Council disapproval at the City Manager's annual performance review. The City Manager shall receive the same benefit and fringe benefit package as other City executives.

The City Council recognizes the importance of the City Manager's participation in professional and civic organizations in the performance of his duties and the City shall reimburse the City Manager for ordinary and usual educational and membership expenses incurred by the City Manager not to exceed $2,500 annually.

The City Manager, as a City employee, is entitled to full benefits of the City Retirement System as set forth in the City Charter, Chapter 24. Because the City Manager currently is a City of Phoenix Employees' Retirement System (COPERS) retiree, the City Manager’s current retirement benefit shall be suspended as of November 17, 2025 and the City Manager shall be restored to the status of an active Member in COPERS. In this regard, the City Manager shall accrue additional service credit and benefits in COPERS for his employment under this Agreement. Upon his termination in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement, the City Manager’s COPERS’ benefit shall be recalculated to include his additional benefit accrual. The City Manager’s current benefit option and designated survivor(s) shall remain in effect for his original COPERS benefit. However, the City Manager shall be entitled to elect a benefit option and to designate a survivor, if applicable, in accordance with COPERS’ plan terms for the additional benefit he accrues during his employment under this Agreement.

The City Manager, as a qualifying City employee, is entitled to full benefits of the Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP). Because the City Manager currently is a covered retiree, the City Manager’s current MERP benefit shall be suspended as of November 17, 2025 and the City Manager shall be restored to the status of an active employee. Upon his

termination in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement, the City Manager's MERP benefit shall be reinstated. The City Manager's current benefit ($202 per month) and designated survivor(s) shall remain in effect for his original MERP benefit.

The City agrees to defend and indemnify the City Manager against any claim or demand for damages, including legal actions, arising out of or in connection with any alleged act or omission occurring within the course and scope of performance by the City Manager of the City Manager duties as such.

Discussion

Mayor Gallego stated this was an important opportunity for the City which was a potential agreement with Ed Zuercher to return as City Manager. She opened the floor for public comment.

Mike Huckins spoke in support of this item on behalf of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. He emphasized that Council and the City needed the steady hand of Ed Zuerhcer to guide them through the coming years. Mr. Huckins remarked Ed Zuercher was a fair and reasonable person and listened to people which was important in the role of City Manager. Mr. Huckins mentioned Ed Zuercher proved he could work with different cities and government entities working at the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), especially during negotiations at the Legislature on Prop 479. Mr. Huckins urged Council to approve this item.

Jacques Avent, a retired City of Phoenix Deputy City Manager, spoke in favor of Ed Zuercher's appointment. Mr. Avent recalled one of Ed Zuercher's first jobs after his internship was management assistant in his office where he got to know Ed Zuercher very well. Mr. Avent said Ed Zuercher was smart, a great communicator, cared for people and was fair. Mr. Avent emphasized Ed Zuercher sought ways to say yes when possible, but was also able to say no effectively. Mr. Avent pointed out Ed Zuercher had a proven record as a City Manager and had refined and utilized those skills well. Mr. Avent expressed times were uncertain and the City needed stability at the top of its leadership. Mr. Avent urged Council to approve this item.

Leonard Clark expressed he wanted Ed Zuercher back and remembered

he was fair and calm which the City needed.

Chip Mulkins, a board member on the Support Sky Harbor Coalition, spoke in support of this item. He recognized City Manager Jeffrey Barton for his partnership and leadership during his tenure and thanked him for his service. Mr. Mulkins conveyed Ed Zuercher previously guided the City through some challenging and successful times and was confident he would again serve the City with excellence. Mr. Mulkins said he looked forward to working with him and continue to advance their organization's mission.

Maria Tyne, a board member on the Friends of Transit, thanked City Manager Jeffrey Barton for all of his work and years of commitment to the City. She mentioned she worked with Mr. Barton during her time with the City and knew he was an incredible leader. She said she supported Ed Zuercher as she also worked with him as a previous City employee. She stated she saw his commitment towards transit with Transit 2000 and Transportation 2050 as well as his commitment through MAG with Proposition 479. She expressed he would bring that passion back to the City.

Dominic Papa, senior director for the Phoenix Community Alliance, spoke in support to reappoint Ed Zuercher as City Manager. Mr. Papa remarked Ed Zuercher had already demonstrated the dedication required to keep Phoenix moving forward. Mr. Papa conveyed Ed Zuercher was a proven partner in the business community as members had worked with him over the years and that trusted relationship provided confidence to business leaders and reassured residents and investors Phoenix would not falter during this transition. Mr. Papa pointed out Ed Zuercher's reputation for integrity and ability to navigate challenges with steady leadership would provide the stability the City and business community needed.

Dianne Barker mentioned Ed Zuercher had been at MAG for a couple years and said he was good at bringing government people together, but she expressed concern when it came to hard issues.

William Charles Crowley provided testimony on the lack of funding for bus service and shelters because Ed Zuercher's priority was light rail.

Nancy Lam said she worked with Poder in Action and expressed the community was concerned about the decision to rehire Ed Zuercher as City Manager. She stressed this item was added to the agenda the day before this meeting with no opportunities for the community to ask him questions. She recounted negative police circumstances and the Department of Justice (DOJ) findings under his tenure. She urged Council to reject Ed Zuercher as City Manager and do a full search and hiring process for City Manager that includes multiple rounds of community forums.

Luke Black spoke in opposition of this hiring process for City Manager as there was no community or staff input. He expressed concern about the state of the City and country as well as recalled negative police situations during Ed Zuercher's tenure. He asked Council to vote no and start this process correctly.

NOTE: Councilman Robinson temporarily left the voting body during testimony of Mr. Black.

Jackie Alcaraz spoke in opposition of reinstating Ed Zuercher as City Manager based on negative police circumstances and DOJ investigation.

NOTE: Councilman Robinson returned to the voting body during testimony of Ms. Alcaraz. Councilman Waring temporarily left the voting body.

Cynthia Gonzalez spoke in opposition to reinstate Ed Zuercher as City Manager based on negative police situations and urged Council to oppose this item in support of their constituents.

NOTE: Councilman Waring returned to the voting body.

Roland Harris spoke in opposition and expressed Ed Zuercher failed the City once by not having hard conversations. He recommended Lori Bays as City Manager because she listened to people.

Jose Anca spoke in opposition to reinstate Ed Zuercher. Mr. Anca said

the City should do a fresh analysis and look for someone who could draw the trust and admiration of people.

Vannica Nit spoke in opposition of rehiring Ed Zuercher as City Manager due to the turbulence committed against certain people in the community.

Karen Olson spoke in opposition of rehiring Ed Zuercher as City Manager instead of making a change and growing as a City.

Mayor Gallego noted there was no one else wishing to speak and closed public comment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to enter into an employment agreement with Ed Zuercher for the position of City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Mayor Gallego stated she supported the decision to rehire Ed Zuercher as the next City Manager because he was the right person to lead Phoenix in the past and, more importantly, he was the right person to lead the City into the future. She conveyed Phoenix was one of the fastest growing cities in the country and Council had made remarkable progress on many issues. She also acknowledged the City had significant challenges ahead, such as economic uncertainty and meaningful departures from the City's executive teams. She emphasized Ed Zuercher was a world-class municipal leader and innovator and said the City was happy to add this special talent to an already outstanding executive team.

Councilwoman Hernandez expressed she wanted to be mindful of the concerns provided by community members, especially her office about this process and voting on this item.

A substitute motion was made by Councilwoman Hernandez to continue this item to the October 15, 2025 formal meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Pastor.

Mayor Gallego inquired if Council wanted to make comments on the motion or proceed with the vote.

Mayor Gallego stated she was opposed to the substitute motion since there was already a departure date for the current City Manager. She expressed she wanted to move forward today for continuity and planning.

Yes: 4 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington and Councilwoman Pastor

No: 5 - Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

City Clerk Denise Archibald announced the substitute motion failed 4-5.

Mayor Gallego advised Council would return to the original motion to enter into an employment agreement.

NOTE: Councilwoman Pastor temporarily left the voting body.

Councilwoman Hernandez asked if a City Manager position description was provided to the Council.

City Attorney Julie Kriegh requested clarification if the question related to description of the scope.

Councilwoman Hernandez said she wanted to know if a position description that publicly provided the scope of the duties of the City Manager was provided to the Council.

Ms. Kriegh replied that information was not provided to Council.

NOTE: Councilwoman Pastor returned to the voting body.

Councilwoman Hernandez questioned how Ed Zuercher was identified as a person interested in this role.

Ms. Kriegh answered she could not speak to all of the history as she was not involved in it, but stated Council held a couple executive sessions.

Councilwoman Hernandez asked what steps were taken to include resident or staff input to identify the desired qualities in the new City Manager.

Ms. Kriegh responded there was no community input prior to this meeting.

Councilwoman Hernandez inquired what opportunities were provided to internal candidates interested in this position.

Ms. Kriegh replied staff was not directed to conduct interviews.

Councilwoman Hernandez asked what qualifications were identified by Council as critical for this role.

Ms. Kriegh responded she did not receive a list.

Councilwoman Hernandez inquired what questions were asked of Ed Zuercher in his interview process.

Ms. Kriegh answered a formal interview process was not done.

Councilwoman Hernandez questioned if any type of scoring system was used to identify Ed Zuercher as the top candidate.

Ms. Kriegh replied she had not seen any rubric.

Councilwoman Hernandez asked who proposed the terms of his contract.

Ms. Kriegh responded staff was directed to have the new contract be similar to the current City Manager's contract.

Councilwoman Hernandez remarked there was discussion about the retirement system and recited Administrative Regulation 2.92 prohibits retirees from being rehired into the same role with the same duties and authority. She inquired how the City was legally rehiring Ed Zuercher.

Ms. Kriegh answered staff consulted with an outside attorney in reviewing the Charter and Code provisions related to those questions. She stressed she could not provide details of the legal advice received and discussed with Council, but advised Council had authority under the City Charter to appoint the City Manager.

Councilwoman Hernandez stated a concern regarding the retirement part was he retired and was coming back into the same role. She asked if he could come back into the retirement program and if "double-dipping" would occur.

Ms. Kriegh replied staff checked with outside counsel on that provision and advised the contract contemplates that Ed Zuercher would come back, suspend his current pension and re-enter the City system.

Councilwoman Hernandez inquired if the City was at risk of legal action moving forward with this decision.

Ms. Kriegh responded the City was always at risk of legal action, but said she was not aware of any specific legal action.

Councilwoman Hernandez stated there were concerns about negative police circumstances and ranking, including the loss of her brother, that led to the DOJ investigation during his first tenure as City Manager. She expressed her concern was he left his role when that occurred and alleged the same situation could return. She asked what had changed in his approach to policing and how would he use his leadership to prevent the same circumstances.

Ed Zuercher pointed out the Police Department was recognized by the DOJ in 2016 as one of the best trained Police Department's in the United States. He acknowledged in the late 2010's the country experienced waves of violence in Phoenix and other cities. He conveyed the City spent a lot of time during those years on reforms, policies, training and tactics. He stated in 2020-2021 the City was hit by the pandemic as well as the negative police situations, noting he initiated the investigation into those circumstances by hiring an outside law firm for an independent view. He emphasized he used their recommendations and reports to

administer discipline when necessary, plus used them for many of the reforms currently in place. He indicated changes had to be made slowly over time and wanted to continue in the direction Council and City leadership had set for continued reform and accountability for public safety.

Councilwoman Hernandez stated since the new police chief had taken office there had been four officer-involved shootings. She inquired what steps he would immediately take to curb such incidents.

Mr. Zuercher responded he needed to obtain all of the information first to understand the circumstances in each instance. He continued next would be working through each of the issues to determine any opportunities or failures and address them through changes. He remarked the reforms put in place by current leadership and supported by Council would be effective as it was continuity from the past and would carry through to the future. He expressed it took sustained pressure to move a big organization like the City and the Police Department, but he observed the policy direction and reporting in place would resolve the issues.

Councilwoman Hernandez mentioned the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) instances that were going on nationally, including Phoenix. She said the current City Manager and previous and current police chiefs had committed to not directly collaborate with ICE, but she knew ICE was at the County jail which was a concern. She continued federal administration was placing National Guard troops in cities and the current City Manager and current police chief committed to not allow that to happen in Phoenix. She asked if he would commit to continue not collaborating with ICE.

Mr. Zuercher replied he would commit to follow the policy direction of Council, noting if that was what the current City Manager was doing then his continuity in that was important. He conveyed the position of City Manager was changing not Council's direction, so he would continue to follow their policy direction.

Councilwoman Hernandez said she wanted to know if he was committed as an individual and the City Manager, not at the direction of Council, to

not collaborate with ICE.

Mr. Zuercher responded yes, but to the extent that he was following the law.

Councilwoman Hernandez inquired if he would commit to assert the County remove ICE from their intake process.

Mr. Zuercher answered that was a policy issue for Council, noting he would follow the policy direction of Council.

Councilwoman Hernandez questioned if he would commit to prevent the federal government's placement of troops and use of local police officers in Phoenix.

Mr. Zuercher responded he would need to understand the legal issues around that issue, but he would follow the law as well as the direction of Council.

Councilwoman Hernandez stressed housing was an important issue in Phoenix and other Arizona cities, noting he should understand through MAG based on their data. She asked if he would commit to work with Council to increase housing opportunities throughout the City.

Mr. Zuercher replied yes as that was a big issue, noting MAG had done a lot of work regionally on that aspect. He conveyed MAG's work on this issue had been informed by work done by the Phoenix, adding the first housing plan was completed when he was City Manager and the City continued doing that work.

Councilwoman Hernandez questioned if he would commit to a transparent labor negotiation process as she wanted to make sure they could help run the City on a daily basis.

Mr. Zuercher responded he valued all of the labor unions as they represented the vast majority of City employees. He emphasized it was important that he and the City continue to work transparently within the limitations of the City Charter on how contracts were negotiated. He said

he knew that was a high priority for Council and affirmed he was committed to further establish positive communication with employee unions.

Councilwoman Hernandez mentioned the City's economic times were uncertain due to federal government actions. She stated if the City went into a recession and had to make cuts to balance the budget, she asked if he would commit to cut the Police Department's budget versus service delivery or staff to balance the budget.

Mr. Zuercher replied he could not commit to that as it would have to be the direction of Council to determine what should or should not be cut. He mentioned five of the eight years when he was the City Manager the City was in recovery from a recession so he had experience in that regard. He stated he was only present because the current City Manager, Jeffrey Barton, was retiring and recognized Mr. Barton for the incredible job he has done to set up a positive financial pathway for the City's future.

Councilwoman Hernandez expressed her role was to fight certain mandates for her residents that were non-negotiable, noting police reforms were important and said there was movement that should not be reversed.

Mr. Zuercher interjected he agreed on that aspect.

Councilwoman Hernandez mentioned departments had developed programs in the last few years that were critical to bringing community safety to residents, such as the Community Assistance Program and the Office of Accountability and Transparency, Office of Homeless Solutions and Office of Heat Response and Mitigation. She emphasized those things were essential in keeping the City safe and she wanted to make sure they stayed in place moving forward. She conveyed one of the biggest priorities in her district was housing and wanted assurance he would work with her to obtain General Obligation Bond projects that were coming up for her community.

Councilman Robinson expressed he wished the current City Manager, Jeffrey Barton, was not leaving, but emphasized he had built on each of

the previous city managers which left the City in a great position. Councilman Robinson stated the City was going to have some tough times in the future so Council had to do a good job in selecting the next City Manager. He remarked he made decisions based on all of the information, noting it was unfortunate how Council got to this point but he listened to everyone's position. He stressed it was important that Council understand what was needed which was a steady hand to lead the City into the future. He said his statements did not mean Assistant City Manager Lori Bays could not do the job; however, Ed Zuercher has been down this path before and may be more prepared to lead Phoenix into the future.

Councilman Robinson stated it was everyone's right to speak about the negative police situations, but the City had lost 45 police officers in its history and he knew 26 of those individuals as a previous police officer himself. He expressed people needed to realize that negative conduct was aimed at police officers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. He acknowledged police officers were doing a tremendous job and said more recognition was needed as he did not want to see that number increase. He said he was happy that police officers were willing to do whatever it took to protect the public which was critically important.

Councilman Robinson stated he spoke with Ed Zuercher and what he received from him was a promise related to dealing with City employee groups more effectively than he had in the past. Councilman Robinson remarked he heard concerns from many people about Ed Zuercher returning as City Manager and asked him to reach out to the employee groups and have those tough conversations. Councilman Robinson added another promise from Ed Zuercher was that he had no plans to bring other people in with him, but would prepare current staff for future jobs when opportunities arose. Councilman Robinson said Ed Zuercher had the experience to go down that path in a positive way, noting Jeffrey Barton already set it up. Councilman Robinson expressed it was important that all residents and employees had a voice and Ed Zuercher said that was also important to him. Councilman Robinson thanked Mr. Barton for his commitment to the City, noting it was crucial that Phoenix had someone do the job as well as Mr. Barton had done and move the organization forward.

Vice Mayor O'Brien acknowledged City Manager Jeffrey Barton for his outstanding service, noting his retirement marks the end of his exemplary career with the City. She conveyed he navigated complex decisions to protect the City's financial stability and increased essential services as well as streamlined City policies and regulations. She emphasized Phoenix was losing him and other key leaders who had decades of experience and institutional knowledge, so the City needed someone who could start off quickly and Ed Zuercher was the right person now. She added his familiarity with organizational structure, financial systems, community partnerships and ongoing initiatives meant City business would continue without interruption. She expressed his return would provide the leadership Phoenix needed to continue building on the strong foundation established under Mr. Barton's tenure.

NOTE: Councilwoman Guardado temporarily left the voting body during Vice Mayor O'Brien's comments.

Councilwoman Stark thanked Mr. Barton for everything he had done for the City. She mentioned she was a City employee during the recession and her department decreased from over 500 staff to 280 people, but no one lost their job because City employees made sacrifices to support each other. She pointed out Ed Zuercher was part of that leadership and led the charge in trying to reinstate employee benefits which showed he cared about staff. She stated Ed Zuercher provided stability, noting the City already had great leadership in the management team but he was the right person at this time.

NOTE: Councilwoman Guardado returned to the voting body and Councilman Robinson temporarily left the voting body during Councilwoman Stark's comments.

Councilman Waring explained his involvement in this process was a councilperson called him about Ed Zuercher's interest in coming back, so he called Mr. Zuercher and confirmed that was correct. Councilman Waring recalled when the current City Manager was hired in 2021 he had one lengthy conversation about it with Councilwoman Pastor, so this was a similar situation. He emphasized an individual needed to have a special

skill set to be a City Manager, noting it was just as hard to find someone with the right skills to run the Phoenix airport or oversee the Police or Fire departments.

Councilman Waring remarked he worked with Ed Zuercher when he was the City Manager for eight years and was confident he could do the job. Councilman Waring said he understood there was staff who could do the job, but some leadership staff were leaving the City including Community and Economic Development Director Chris Mackay who brought in many projects that benefited Phoenicians. He expressed this was the right hire at this time which he also told The Arizona Republic as well as laid out why this decision made sense. He stated Ed Zuercher was responsive to him and would explain when his answer was no, noting some of the earlier questions related to actions that could be illegal and appreciated he was non-committal in his answers as it would be inappropriate. Councilman Waring conveyed the City could be facing some difficult times, but Ed Zuercher was with the City during the recession and guided Phoenix through it.

NOTE: Councilman Robinson returned to the voting body during Councilman Waring's comments.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington remarked she did not have an opportunity to work with Ed Zuercher in the past, noting her concerns related to the process so she wanted to confirm some things with him if this was the format for their decision. She asked what he would do different this time as the Council composition was dissimilar and the City did not have the same needs.

Mr. Zuercher replied what he did would be determined by the circumstances, but he was committed to being flexible and work from the present with current options. He stated the bigger picture was the key to any success was investing in City employees. He stressed a lot of decisions were made by a City Manager and there were some people who did not care for those decisions. He recalled when he was City Manager he negotiated contracts that took pay and benefits away from employees, but he also negotiated the return of pay and benefits with additional pay some time later. He remarked those decisions were made

to preserve services and employment which was a high priority for Council. He expressed he had a deeper appreciation of how critical employees were to the City's success and would invest in them.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington stated if he were rehired he would be entering an environment with low employee morale due to this process. She questioned how he would strengthen employee relationships.

Mr. Zuercher recalled when he started as the City Manager in 2013 about 40-50 percent of the department head and Manager's Office positions were either acting, interim or vacant. He stated he spent the first 18 months recruiting and hiring people into those positions, noting Jeffrey Barton was one of them. Mr. Zuercher remarked he would build from the current team as five senior leadership positions would be vacant in a short period of time and would need to be filled. He emphasized listening to what people wanted to do in their careers and giving them those opportunities would build morale.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington stressed one of his core responsibilities was to ensure proper succession planning within the City. She wished to provide him an opportunity to respond to the criticism about his capacity in this role.

Mr. Zuercher expressed the role of the City Manager was being the final decision maker and people either liked or did not like the decisions made and he respected that because everyone had independent thoughts. He said he was committed to making the best decision based on the information provided and in the best interest of the City and employees as well as service to the Council. He acknowledged the Police Department went through a difficult period, but the City worked on it and he still saw continued effort with reforms so he was committed to keep up the improvement.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington stated police-involved shootings had increased and the City needed to be responsive to that issue, but she wanted to know how he would move forward in that area. She pointed out Council had approved some reforms and asked how he would implement those policies.

Mr. Zuercher responded it took time to move a large department with 2,700 police officers who worked 24/7/365 and dealt with different situations. He recognized there was improvement from the work being done, but every incident had to be examined and everyone had to cooperate to implement the changes. He pointed out OAT was doing that work and recommendations had come from their review and said that was the way to move forward.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington conveyed her role was to advocate for District 8 residents and there were priorities they had outlined that were being worked on since she took office. She stressed a high priority for her was Fire Station #69, noting there was a lack of investment in parts of her district and wanted his partnership to continue the needed investments in her district. She expressed it was hard to hear the City needed a steady hand when that was already happening when Assistant City Manager Lori Bays acted in this role in Mr. Barton's absence. Councilwoman Hodge Washington thanked Ms. Bays for all she had done for the City.

Mr. Zuercher interjected another recruit he made while in this role was Lori Bays and she had proven to be a great hire. He remarked he looked forward to working with her and the team.

Councilwoman Pastor expressed she did not agree with the process, noting the current City Manager and Lori Bays were present and guided the City through the DOJ investigation so the City did have stability. Councilwoman Pastor thanked everyone who was involved during that time as Council decided how best to move forward. She recalled pushing for OAT with the Council and City Manager as it was needed for police officers and the community. She said she was struggling with this decision, noting the vote would be about the process and not the person. She remarked there were qualified women who could have led the City forward and thought there was succession planning under the current City Manager, but she recognized these women might not have the experience Ed Zuercher has because they were not in a leadership role during that time. She stated she wanted to honor the labor groups that perceived they could move forward on advocated items, such as

compensation, under the current leadership and wanted them to continue having a voice. She said she appreciated the previous work done under Ed Zuercher, noting her intent was to work closely with him to continue the City's growth and support for the labor groups.

Mayor Gallego confirmed no one else wished to make comments and recognized anyone who wished to explain their vote.

Prior to her vote, Councilwoman Hernandez mentioned she spent over 12 years in management and leadership positions prior to running for public office and one of her responsibilities was hiring people who would strengthen her team to deliver the best services and improve morale. She stated she consistently engaged with her team to get their feedback which was why she did not make hiring decisions on her own as it was not the ethical thing to do for her staff, clients or the business. She conveyed Council was looked at as leaders, but she had learned other elected officials did not make decisions like she had in her previous career. She emphasized this vote on a contract for a new City Manager was an important vote for the Council as this person was tasked with running the City and creating the best environment for staff's morale. She continued the new City Manager had to work with Council to ensure delivery of tangible solutions to communities that would improve their conditions.

Councilwoman Hernandez expressed this process lacked transparency and disregard for City staff, unions and communities as well as some council members. She said she could not vote for this contract to hire Ed Zuercher as the process lacked proper vetting and input from staff and community leaders. She recalled the City experienced its worst years of negative police incidents during his first tenure as City Manager which was also when the DOJ investigation began. She remarked her brother's death guided her work to ensure the City invested in people who could help build community safety. She pointed out there had been four police shootings since the new police chief took office and she did not think Ed Zuercher was the right leader to stop these circumstances. She stated this process was inconsiderate of City leadership who may have wanted to compete for this role and said she was confident Council could have found a new City Manager from among the talented staff under Jeffrey Barton. She expressed she stood with the City staff, unions and

communities who wanted a voice in this process and said her vote was no.

Prior to her vote, Councilwoman Hodge Washington reiterated she had issues with this process from the start and was still undecided as she was processing things. She indicated she did not have enough information to conclude Ed Zuercher could not do this job nor did she not have data to determine whether there was staff who could do this role. She said she was voting no because of the process as this was the most important vote for the Council and she did not get an opportunity to address her concerns.

Prior to his vote, Councilman Robinson acknowledged this process had been of great concern to many people, but it was pointed out earlier that the previous process was similar with little involvement from other groups. He remarked he was not excited about this process, but he took everything into consideration and understood the reason behind it. He said the right thing to do in this situation was to vote yes.

Following the vote, Mayor Gallego welcomed an incredible public servant back to the City. She briefly paused the meeting so those who were present for this item could exit the Chambers.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted to enter into an employment agreement with Ed Zuercher for the position of City Manager. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	5 -	Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego
No:	4 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington and Councilwoman Pastor

40 Amendments to the City’s Combined Classification and Pay Ordinance (S-51144) in Accordance With the Recommendation of Human Resources Committee 636 (Ordinance S-52287) - Citywide

Establish the classification of Project Coordinator, Job Code: 08690, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 063 ($54,454 - $118,872/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals,

FLSA Status: Exempt.

Establish the classification of Senior Economic Development Specialist, Job Code: 08840, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 063 ($54,454 - $118,872/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Exempt.

Regrade the classification of Economic Development Specialist, Job Code: 08830, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 055 ($44,803 - $97,781/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Exempt to Grade/Range: 059 ($49,379 - $107,806).

Establish the classification of Apprentice Attorney (NC), Job Code: 10100, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 064 ($55,806 - $121,826/annual), Labor Unit Code: 008, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Exempt.

Establish the classification of OAT Deputy Director, Job Code: 06820, Salary Plan: 013, Grade/Range: 842 ($117,000 - $160,202/annual), Labor Unit Code: 008, Benefit Category: 009, EEO-4 Category: Officials and Administrators, FLSA Status: Exempt.

Regrade the classification of Aviation Director (NC), Job Code: 25190, Salary Plan: 018, Grade/Range: 929 ($207,126 - $289,994/annual), Labor Unit Code: 008, Benefit Category: 010, EEO-4 Category: Officials and Administrators, FLSA Status: Exempt to Grade/Range: 932 ($239,782 - $335,005).

Establish the classification of Retired AZ Police Officer - School Resource Officer (SRO), Job Code: 6221R, Salary Plan: 007, Grade/Range: 4SR ($98,238 - $107,827/annual), Labor Unit Code: 004, Benefit Category: 004, EEO-4 Category: Protective Service Sworn, FLSA Status: Nonexempt.

Regrade the classification of Assistant Crime Lab Administrator, Job Code: 62460, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 069 ($63,045 - $137,592/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4

Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Exempt to Grade/Range: 073 ($69,493 - $151,694).

Regrade the classification of Forensic Scientist Section Supervisor, Job Code: 62950, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 067 ($60,029 - $131,040/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Exempt to Grade/Range: 071 ($66,186 - $144,477).

Establish the classification of Forensic Scientist IV*Tech Lead, Job Code: 62941, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 071 ($66,186 - $144,477/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Exempt.

Regrade the classification of Forensic Scientist IV, Job Code: 62940, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 065 ($57,179 - $124,800/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Exempt to Grade/Range: 069 ($63,045 - $137,592).

Regrade the classification of Forensic Scientist III, Job Code: 62930, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 057 ($47,029 - $102,669/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Nonexempt to Grade/Range: 063 ($54,454 - $118,872).

Regrade the classification of Forensic Scientist II, Job Code: 62920, Salary Plan: 001, Grade/Range: 051 ($40,643 - $88,691/annual), Labor Unit Code: 007, Benefit Category: 007, EEO-4 Category: Professionals, FLSA Status: Nonexempt to Grade/Range: 057 ($47,029 - $102,669).

Regrade the classification of Forensic Scientist I (NC), Job Code: 62910, Salary Plan: 006, Grade/Range: 347 ($36,858 - $80,454/annual), Labor Unit Code: 003, Benefit Category: 003, EEO-4 Category: Technician, FLSA Status: Nonexempt to Grade/Range: 353 ($42,661 - $93,122).

Regrade the classification of Equipment Service Worker II, Job Code: 73070, Salary Plan: 004, Grade/Range: 237 ($31,845 - $63,045/annual), Labor Unit Code: 002, Benefit Category: 002, EEO-4 Category: Service

Maintenance, FLSA Status: Nonexempt to Grade/Range: 241 ($31,845 - $69,493).

Regrade the classification of Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Job Code: 50430, Salary Plan: 004, Grade/Range: 250 ($39,666 - $86,590/annual), Labor Unit Code: 002, Benefit Category: 002, EEO-4 Category: Skilled Craft, FLSA Status: Nonexempt to Grade/Range: 256 ($45,926 - $100,235).

Regrade the classification of Utility Technician Trainee (NC), Job Code: 53000, Salary Plan: 004, Grade/Range: 228 ($32,635 - $50,627/annual), Labor Unit Code: 002, Benefit Category: 002, EEO-4 Category: Service Maintenance, FLSA Status: Nonexempt to Grade/Range: 234 ($32,635 - $58,594).

Summary

Effective August 7, 2023, the City implemented a systemic overhaul of its compensation structure. Following this implementation, additional adjustments have been identified to address and restore internal alignment within specific job families or career paths. These changes stem from the findings of the Classification and Compensation study. Staff respectfully requests approval of the adjustments listed above.

Financial Impact

The estimated initial cost for this action is $157,500.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

On August 14, 2025, Human Resources Committee 636 reviewed and recommended these modifications for approval effective on September 29, 2025.

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Vice Mayor O'Brien stated she supported this item which established a new job title as Retired AZ Police Officer - School Resource Officer (SRO). She stressed there were more requests for school resource officers than the City could accommodate. She conveyed she partnered

with State leaders to craft a proposal, noting this new job classification invited experienced retired officers to return as school resource officers without losing their pension or creating an unfunded liability for the City. She expressed students needed to have safe learning environments and teachers deserved support. She remarked this solution strengthened the educational system and public safety infrastructure. She thanked Assistant City Manager Lori Bays, City staff, Arizona State Senator David Gowan who sponsored the bill and Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs for signing the bill into law.

Mayor Gallego remarked these retired officers had so much to contribute to safer schools and she was thankful for their willingness to return to service. She mentioned this item included compensation changes in a couple areas, including Forensic Scientists as well as created a new classification that allowed the City to promote people with technical excellence. She pointed out a small number of people processed 25,000 pieces of evidence each year. She congratulated the lab on a particular case where DNA data led to an arrest tied to four kidnappings and sexual assaults in Phoenix that occurred from 1998-2013, noting that outcome was important to the victims. She stated this item would also help the City invest in its legal team, OAT and many other important functions of Phoenix.

Mayor Gallego announced Councilman Waring would not participate in this item.

Prior to her vote, Councilwoman Hernandez said she had an issue with the SRO compensation and voted no.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	7 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego
No:	1 -	Councilwoman Hernandez
Conflict:	1 -	Councilman Waring

41 Ak-Chin Indian Community 2025 Gaming Grant (Ordinance S-52259) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply, accept, and if awarded, enter into related agreements for up to $87,206.60 in new funding from the Ak-Chin Indian Community under the 2025 funding cycle. Further request authorization for the City Treasurer to accept and the City Controller to disburse funds as directed by the Ak-Chin Indian Community in connection with these grants.

Summary

If awarded, these monies would be applied, as directed by the Ak-Chin Indian Community towards the following:

Nonprofit Application

South Mountain Community College: $87,206.60 for the STEM PREP (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math: Prepare, Retain, Excel, and Progress) Academy, which aims to increase the participation and success of students in STEM disciplines. The program will address both academic and systemic challenges faced by non-traditional students by providing two extracurricular programs for students, a project-based summer bridge program and undergraduate student research opportunities.

The gaming compact entered into by the State of Arizona and various tribes calls for 12 percent of gaming revenue to be contributed to cities, towns, and counties for government services that benefit the public including public safety, mitigation of impacts of gaming, and promotion of commerce and economic development. The Ak-Chin Indian Community will notify the City, by resolution of the Tribal Council, if it desires to convey to the nonprofit a portion of its annual 12 percent local revenue-sharing contribution.

Financial Impact

There is no budgeted impact to the City and no general purpose funds are required. Entities that receive gaming grants are responsible for the management of those funds.

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Mayor Gallego announced Councilwoman Pastor would not participate in this item.

Mayor Gallego stated this item would support South Mountain Community College with investments in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and help prepare students for STEM jobs.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	8 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego
No:	0	
Conflict:	1 -	Councilwoman Pastor

45 Proposed Shopping Cart Ordinance (Ordinance G-7419) - Citywide

Request City Council approval of the proposed amendment to the City Code, adding Sections 39-56 through 39-70, Article X related to Shopping Carts.

Summary

In October 2024, Neighborhood Services Department staff presented to the Economic Development and Housing Subcommittee an update on the Abandoned Shopping Cart Retrieval Program (Retrieval Program) and information on what other cities are doing to reduce the abandoned shopping carts. Additionally, staff presented the framework of a possible new ordinance requiring restrictive devices to prevent the removal of shopping carts from retail premises. Subcommittee members provided feedback and requested staff meet with the retailer associations to get more data about the efficacy, or lack thereof, of locking wheel mechanisms.

Between October and March, staff held multiple meetings with representatives from the Arizona Retailers Association, Arizona Food Marketing Alliance, and Arizona Lobbying to discuss the issue and

strategies to better address the problem. Staff requested data on the efficacy of locking wheel mechanisms; however, the level of data was not available for local stores. The retailer representatives did share a partial list of stores using these systems; however, they were not able to provide details about whether the systems are properly maintained.

The representatives appreciated being included in the conversation and shared some of the challenges of implementing a broad requirement for locking wheel systems over other solutions. They noted that the systems are costly to implement and maintain, and in many cases have not been able to reduce the number of carts that end up beyond retail property boundaries. They also discussed the additional challenges retailers that rent space may face in convincing their landlords of the necessity for infrastructure improvements required.

In March 2025, staff provided an update to the Economic Development and Housing Subcommittee, including additional program metrics. An analysis revealed that most retailers are either small enough, or have sufficient systems in place, to require only a minor number of carts to be collected through the program. Based on this information, staff proposed a new ordinance to better address the blight, nuisance, and public health and safety hazards associated with off-site shopping carts.

Proposed Ordinance

The proposed ordinance (**Attachment A**) codifies the current Retrieval Program and fees, establishes an annual shopping cart certification requirement for all retailers providing shopping carts for their customers, and requires large retailers to maintain locking wheel mechanisms on their carts or to submit a Shopping Cart Management Plan (SCMP). The SCMP will outline how they will prevent removal of carts from the premises and ensure prompt cart retrieval for the carts that are removed from the site. At a minimum, a shopping cart retrieval contract will be required under the SCMP, with weekly retrieval services as part of the cart retrieval plan plus one additional prevention measure.

Should the City continue to collect a substantial quantity of shopping carts under the Retrieval Program after the proposed City Code amendments are implemented, an SCMP will be required, if none exists, or

enhancements to their existing SCMP will be required to address the amount of shopping carts that are leaving the premises. If the plan revisions fail to reduce City retrievals, a mandatory plan may be imposed with specific requirements to reduce the ongoing burden on the public resources to continue retrieving a substantial number of carts. Failure to meet certification, SCMP, or SCMP enhancement requirements, will result in revocation of the retail store's certification.

Failure to timely deliver or maintain a certification will be a violation of the City Code with the following civil penalties:
- Civil sanction of not less than $500 for a first violation.
- Civil sanction of not less than $750 for a second violation within 36 months.
- Civil sanction of not less than $1,000 for a third violation within 36 months.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action
On March 26, 2025, the Economic Development and Housing Subcommittee unanimously recommended City Council approval for a new ordinance to reduce the number of shopping carts outside retail premises by a vote of 4-0.

Discussion
City Clerk Denise Archibald read the title of Ordinance G-7419.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Vice Mayor O'Brien stated this ordinance achieved a balance between reducing neighborhood blight and recognizing retailer's challenges. She conveyed over the past years the City had retrieved about 8,000 abandoned carts from more than 450 stores which cluttered streets, blocked sidewalks and diminished communities quality of life. She remarked City staff had conversations with retailers and found most stores had sufficient systems in place which meant a small number of carts would be collected through the retrieval program. She pointed out most collected carts came from 12 large retailer companies that had many stores across Phoenix. She explained this ordinance required carts have locking mechanisms or plan submittal that outlined prevention

efforts on how the business would promptly retrieve their carts. She added the ordinance included clear requirements for all retailers and non-compliance penalties without attaching red tape for businesses that did their part to ensure carts remained on-site which led to cleaner and safer neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Guardado expressed she stood with residents and neighborhood leaders who were concerned about the consistent issue of abandoned shopping carts across the City, especially in residential areas. She stated these abandoned carts were not just a nuisance but obstructed sidewalks, cluttered public spaces and contributed to the deterioration of communities quality of life. She remarked the City should take a more proactive and accountable role in addressing this issue that included enforcement or strengthen existing ordinances to hold retailers responsible as this action does, have recurring cart retaining systems or retrieval services from stores, impose fines for ongoing violations that impacted neighborhoods and support of community reporting tools to expedite removal and tracking. She said this ordinance was more about respecting residents, protecting the integrity of neighborhoods and ensuring businesses contributed positively to the City. She stated she was committed to working with City staff and the business community to develop lasting solutions.

Lisa Bednar, President of the Arizona Food Marketing Alliance, explained they were a retail trade organization that represented grocery retailers in Arizona. She expressed appreciation for the Neighborhood Services Department's willingness to engage in dialogue regarding the proposed retailer cart registry. She also thanked Council for meeting with them and considering their perspective on this issue, noting the registry would be an important tool to help prevent carts from leaving lots. She stated their industry had concerns about the cost recovery ordinance passed last year, but they were committed to ongoing collaboration as well as work with stakeholders to address concerns, develop effective solutions and achieve positive outcomes for the community.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

46 **Request to Enter Into an Agreement with UMOM New Day Centers for Halle Women's Center Chiller Replacement (Ordinance S-52291) - District 8**

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with UMOM New Day Centers, Inc. (UMOM) to replace the chiller system at Halle Women's Center. The total value of the contract will not exceed $150,000. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. Funding is available from Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CDBG-CV) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). There is no impact to the General Fund.

Summary

HUD funds the Neighborhood Enhancement Program to address community infrastructure needs and improvements including critical projects for non-profit organizations operating facilities that provide a public benefit.

UMOM’s Halle Women’s Center serves single women without children who are in need of emergency shelter, including victims of domestic violence. The existing chiller system, which serves multiple buildings, including three that house shelter units, is nearing the end of its operational life. The aging infrastructure and failing plumbing system pose a significant risk of system-wide failure. To ensure reliable climate control and prevent disruption to shelter operations, UMOM proposes replacing the chiller system with individual air conditioning units for each room and office.

UMOM applied for funds to replace the chiller system through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. The project will ensure continued

use of the center and eliminate major cooling outages in the future. Funding from the City would cover the replacement expenses associated with this project.

Contract Term
The 12-month contract term will begin on or about September 22, 2025, with an option to extend for three months, that may be exercised at the discretion of the City Manager, or designee.

Financial Impact
The total contract value will not exceed $150,000. Funding is available in the Neighborhood Services Department's Neighborhood Enhancement Program budget using HUD CDBG-CV funds. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Location
Council District: 8

Discussion
A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington expressed support for this item as the Halle Women's Center would provide emergency shelter to single women, many who were domestic violence survivors. She stated the current chiller system was aging and could break down which could disrupt shelter operations and put vulnerable residents at further risk. She conveyed this investment made possible by CDBG-CV would replace the outdated system with modern individual air conditioning units for climate control and air conditioning in each office. She said she was proud to be using federal dollars responsibly to support infrastructure improvements for an organization that provided a vital public service. She thanked UMOM for their ongoing work and commitment to women who relied on their services and urged Council to approve this item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

47 **Aviation Land Reuse Strategy Land Disposal Located Adjacent to Interstate 17: 16 Parcels within Area G and 5 Parcels within Area I (Ordinance S-52257) - District 8**

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to perform all acts necessary to sell City-owned property identified by the Aviation Department as excess Aviation Land Reuse Strategy land inventory at a price negotiated on the open market based on the City's appraisal to Valutek, Inc. and De Rito Partners Development, Inc. Additionally, request to authorize the City Treasurer to accept all funds related to this item.

Summary

The Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) Land Reuse Strategy (LRS), developed in 2017, addresses the reuse and redevelopment of 793 fragmented City-owned parcels acquired for noise mitigation. In December 2022, the Aviation Department received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization for the disposal or redevelopment of 427 of these parcels. In April 2025, the Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) requested and received City Council authorization to dispose of parcels in Areas F, G, H, I, and J, per the FAA's determination (Ordinance S-51817). Working in coordination, Aviation and CEDD prepared two groupings for public offering.

Grouping A

The entire Area G between 12th and 14th streets and north of Interstate 17. The grouping consists of 16 separate and non-contiguous parcels, and their development potential is impacted by their irregular shape and size, and remaining private property owners within the block **(Attachment A)**. The parcels are zoned R-3 and appraised at $1,690,000 as of March 2025.

Grouping B
A portion of Area I located at 16th Street and Watkins Street. The grouping consists of five separate and non-contiguous parcels, which impacts their development potential **(Attachment B)**. The parcels are zoned A-2 and appraised at $790,000 as of November 2024.

Public Offering Process
The groupings were offered for sale from April 22 to May 21, 2025, (30 days) through the City's website and an ad in the Arizona Republic. Each offer was required to include:
A narrative of intended site use and/or business operations.
A preliminary conceptual site plan or improvement description.
An offer meeting or exceeding the appraised value.

Results and Recommendation
The City received one offer for each grouping. Staff reviewed the offers and recommends the following:

Grouping A
The recommended buyer, Valutek, Inc., proposes a two-phased development. Phase 1 will consist of a 45,000 square foot state of the art headquarters including: 5,000 square foot office, 5,000 square foot clean room manufacturing space, and 35,000 square foot warehouse. Phase 2 will require additional privately owned parcel assemblage with a timeline to be determined based on the surrounding parcel owners. The buyer has submitted an offer of $1,690,000 for all 16 parcels. The offer meets the appraised value.

Grouping B
The recommended buyer, De Rito Partners Development, Inc., proposes to construct a modern convenience store and gas station, designed to serve the area's high volume of commuters, logistic teams, and small business owners. Additionally, two light industrial buildings will be constructed providing vital infrastructure to support the area's growing workforce and business ecosystem. The buyer has submitted an offer of $790,000 for all five parcels. The offer meets the appraised value.

All disposals will require execution of an avigation easement and include

a deed restriction prohibiting residential use.

Financial Impact

The total revenue from this disposition will be $2,480,000 and will be returned to the Aviation Department.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council authorized the disposition process on April 9, 2025, with Ordinance S-51817.

Location

Grouping A (16 Assessor Parcel Numbers) - Multiple addresses, see **Attachment A**.
Grouping B (5 Assessor Parcel Numbers) - Multiple addresses, see **Attachment B**.
Council District: 8

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington wished to recognize a significant community engagement that took place to shape the City's approach to this land reuse strategy. She conveyed in partnership with the Community and Economic Development Department her office hosted multiple meetings with residents in this area to ensure their needs remained a priority and their feedback directly influenced the City's direction. She stated the community wanted development that reflected their needs, enhanced their neighborhoods and prioritized access to open space, food security and transparency, so the City went with the pocket park and was scheduling additional community meetings to keep the process collaborative. She noted the City was also exploring relocation and expansion of the community garden around Lewis Park to make sure the vital resources were preserved and strengthened.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington emphasized it was important to keep the community informed through the rezoning process for this proposed development to ensure the growth was equitable and the people who lived there benefited from the changes taking place around them. She

remarked these parcels were required for aviation purposes but their future use should reflect the residents voices who invested their time in this process. She said she appreciated the commitments from Valutek and De Rito Partners and recognized the potential for job creation as well as commercial revitalization, but the City needed to remain vigilant that these projects be delivered responsibly with the community involved in every step moving forward. She thanked the Community and Economic Development, Aviation and Neighborhood Services departments for attending the last meeting and helped provide solutions to meet the community's needs. She emphasized she was committed to ensure this community first development moved forward.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

51 Authorization to Amend Ordinance S-51289 Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Venture Café Sponsorship (Ordinance S-52281) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to approve the amendment to Ordinance S-51289 for the sponsorship of Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation’s Venture Café Phoenix Events Programming on the Phoenix Bioscience Core (PBC) in the amount of $200,000 annually for three years, for a total amount not to exceed $600,000. Further request to authorize the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. There is no impact to the General Fund. Funding is available in the Genomics Facilities and Operations Fund.

Summary

Launched in 2022, Venture Café Phoenix is a collaborative initiative to bring people of all backgrounds together with a shared vision of building and sustaining an inclusive community that champions innovation in Arizona. To date, this has been accomplished through weekly gatherings

of meaningful events that connect, inspire, and encourage participants to take positive action and support one another’s goals. Venture Café Phoenix is a community-driven movement to unleash local and state-wide potential and make Phoenix a leader in innovation.

Since its inception, Venture Café Phoenix's event programming has facilitated 157 weekly events that resulted in over 1,097 break-out sessions with over 20,400 attendees, over 960 speakers, and an average weekly attendance of 160. The highest attended Thursday Gatherings have ranged from 225-340 attendees. One-on-one mentorship and office hours with subject matter experts are now available for attendees. Venture Café Phoenix's weekly events encourage connectivity and collaboration and serve to enhance Phoenix’s ecosystem and infrastructure to support the growth of existing Phoenix companies, both in early-stage development and mature organizations, along with the formation of new companies leading to the creation of new jobs for Phoenix residents. Venture Café Phoenix has been an instrumental platform for showcasing Phoenix's domestic and international economic development efforts in bioscience, sustainability, advanced manufacturing, and other synergistic industries and was awarded 2023 Fastest Growing Venture Café “Making Things Happen Award” by Venture Café Global.

Venture Café Phoenix was modeled after the successful Thursday Gatherings of Venture Café programs taking place in Wexford Science+Technology innovation communities that have served to grow and strengthen the innovation districts in those respective communities. Venture Café Phoenix events are free, open to the public, and serve to connect attendees to employers, innovators, academic educators/researchers, business mentors, and the community. Presentations and breakout sessions are purposely curated to support the community’s connectivity, collaborations, talent and workforce development, business strengthening, and access to resources. Venture Café strengthens Phoenix’s entrepreneurial ecosystem and enhances the City's Bioscience Healthcare Strategic Initiative.

Venture Café Phoenix plans to host approximately 40 Thursday Gatherings annually with an annual goal of more than 6,000 attendees

who will all convene on the City’s Phoenix Bioscience Core, elevating its visibility as a premier location for companies to locate for bioscience research, collaboration, and access to talent. Venture Café Phoenix is hosted at the 850 PBC building and includes benefits such as:
Serving as a convening hub of innovators from the region.
Elevating the PBC’s brand as a premier location for bioscience-related companies and Phoenix’s robust bioscience ecosystem.
Increasing partnerships between and among the City, academia, industry, the startup ecosystem, arts and culture.
Facilitating international connections via the Innovation Bridge programming with visiting business delegations.
Curating meaningful events that connect, inspire/encourage participants to take positive action.
Prioritizing participation and support of attendees with marginalized identities.
Enhancing infrastructure for research, education, entrepreneurship, arts and culture.
Providing access to one-on-one mentoring with subject matter experts.
Bringing entrepreneurs, researchers, investors, artists, designers, corporate innovators, technologists, small businesses, community members, etc. together to:
Find commonalities;
Share knowledge from different perspectives;
Forge partnerships; and
Explore opportunities for collaborations.

The City's original Founders Circle sponsorship has proven to be very successful in engaging with Phoenix’s innovation community. The increased level of sponsorship to a Legacy Founders sponsorship will provide the City with heightened visibility and engagement, increased program planning and direct messaging to attendees to further the City's economic development position as setting the standard for advanced technology innovators to thrive.

The Legacy Founders Sponsorship will include at a minimum:
Two seats on the Leadership Council.
Premier logo placement on Venture Café’s website and newsletters with recognition as the sole Legacy Founders sponsor.

Recognition at all events, including announcements at beginning and end of event programs.
Inclusion in marketing material, social media, and Venture Café Phoenix's weekly newsletter.
Monthly City of Phoenix economic development short article in the weekly newsletter.
Two City of Phoenix pop up banners at each event.
Program planning for six events with the option for more to include programming around visiting international delegations and industry conferences.
Dedicated Legacy Founders slide with City of Phoenix logo on monitor rotation for programming during events.

The increased sponsorship level will allow staff to be more actively engaged in the planning and attending of events to pursue opportunities for business recruitment, retention and expansion, and introductions to workforce development services and programs.

The organizational framework will include the Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation as the host institution along with providing programming, financial management, and staff support. Venture Café will provide the City with an annual report of metrics of attendance, voluntarily collected demographics of attendees, qualitative and quantitative information from surveys, and engagement metrics.

Financial Impact

The fee for a Legacy Founders sponsorship is $200,000 annually, with a three year total amount not to exceed $600,000. There is no impact to the General Fund. Funding is available in the Genomic Facilities and Operations Fund.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

This item was recommended for approval by the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee at the September 10, 2025 meeting by a vote of 2-0.

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item.
The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Mayor Gallego announced Councilwoman Pastor would not participate in this item.

Mayor Gallego expressed this was an exciting partnership, noting the City invited the community to free weekly events where people can connect with entrepreneurs, educators, researchers, mentors and other innovators. She conveyed that tomorrow would be the 160 Thursday gathering and the agenda included clean technology and sustainability, plus a presentation on cooling technologies. She stated Venture Cafe partnered with the City's Innovation Office to hold successful hack-a-thons which resulted in the cool water fountains. She said she looked forward to supporting this item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	8 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego
No:	0	
Conflict:	1 -	Councilwoman Pastor

53 Authorization to Apply for FFY 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds (Ordinance S-52279) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for, and accept, if awarded, up to $17,273,107 from federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025 Department of Homeland Security grant funds that include the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. Further request authorization for the City Treasurer to accept, and for the City Controller to disburse, all funds related to this item.

Summary

The Department of Homeland Security distributes Homeland Security Grant funds to enhance regional authorities' ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to terrorist attacks and other disasters.

The Police and Fire departments use UASI and SHSGP grant funds to purchase equipment and vehicles, conduct training and exercises, assess critical infrastructure sites, and implement target hardening measures to protect critical infrastructure. Programs funded under the Homeland Security Grant Program include the Terrorism Liaison Officer Program, Threat Mitigation Unit, Community Emergency Response Teams, Rapid Response Task Force, and the Metropolitan Medical Response System.

The Fire Department and Police Department have received Homeland Security Grant awards since 2003. In 2024, the total grant award from both UASI and SHSGP totaled $5,250,000: $4,250,000 from UASI and $1,000,000 from SHSGP. In 2025, the total regional allocation is $17,273,107 for both UASI and SHSGP. As the primary UASI city, Phoenix is expected to receive a large portion of these funds.

Contract Term

The grant period of performance begins October 1, 2025, and ends September 30, 2028.

Financial Impact

No matching funds are required. Grant funds will be reimbursed through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and managed through the Fire Department and Police Department.

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Leonard Clark spoke in support of this item as the City needed these funds to keep residents safe during times of disaster.

Nancy Lam urged Council to vote no and not permit the Police and Fire departments to increase funding for the Terrorism Liaison Officer Program and Threat Mitigation Unit.

One electronic comment was submitted for the record in opposition of this item.

Councilwoman Hernandez requested more information on the four units as well as what each unit did and how they worked together.

Police Chief Brian Lee explained within the Urban Area Security Initiative were different functions that were broken up into several committee groups. He stated the Arizona Threat Liaison Officer Program was designed to focus on the collection, analysis and dissemination of Homeland Security and crime-related information in criminal intelligence. He remarked the Community Emergency Response Team, also known as the CERT Program, was administered by the Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management that was designed to educate and prepare citizens to take care of themselves, their families and the community during an all-hazards event. He added the program provided additional support for all incidents and events within a region, such as preparation for inclement weather like monsoons and flooding. He conveyed the CERT Program had already built relationships with the community and could reach out in an on-going way.

Councilwoman Hernandez asked if the Fire and Police departments used this grant money to identify terrorist groups in Phoenix.

Chief Lee replied Phoenix was a sub-grantee under the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, noting the State received the grant as the applicant that applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Justice. He pointed out Phoenix was the core agency responsible for managing the other 17 participating jurisdictional agency partners, which included Office of Emergency Management and Fire and Police departments, as well as local, state, county and tribal. He stated each of the partners could submit projects and request funding to support on-going programs. He remarked under the guidelines the partners could also enhance existing capabilities by building new and more effective efficiencies from the current system.

Councilwoman Hernandez recalled public testimony about terrorism liaison officers labeling certain groups terrorism organizations. She inquired what steps were being done to ensure certain groups were not targeted by the City.

Chief Lee clarified the submitted ordinance states terrorism liaison officer, but was changed to threat liaison officer a couple years ago to reflect the current environment these officers worked in so that was an oversight. He conveyed these officers received specialized training to access needed information for distribution to other state agencies as well as across the country. He emphasized the premise behind the Arizona Counterterrorism Information Center was a state-wide fusion center based off the intelligence information sharing model which was how law enforcement agencies communicated across the country. He explained when a threat was made officers determined if it was a credible threat regardless of what group made it to ensure the safety of the public.

Councilwoman Hernandez expressed concern for herself and the community based on the shift in political landscape. She requested examples of the types of threats identified in the City.

Chief Lee replied any time a threat was received involving a possible school shooting a threat liaison officer becomes engaged and would work directly with school resource officers and the school to collect information on the individual. He conveyed most times the situation could be averted by making a house call and talking with the parents and child to determine if it was a credible threat which was a proactive step. He continued threats to a public official were received in that office and the same deployment would occur, such as researching the information to find its point of origin then take appropriate steps to vet that information or contact the person.

Councilwoman Hernandez said she wanted clarification on the types of threats monitored in the City.

Chief Lee explained it depended on the information like if somebody was trying to cause harm to someone else that would be a concern to public safety. He added personnel in the Fire Department were trained as a threat liaison officer and often times protected critical infrastructure including communication and transportation sectors. He stressed the change in the name was more reflective of the threat environment that staff worked in and increased their response posture.

Councilwoman Hernandez expressed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was being used to carry out the current federal administration's agenda which was harmful to some Phoenix residents. She inquired what City infrastructure was in place to prevent funds being used to carry out this administration's agenda.

Chief Lee provided the following examples of items submitted by staff:
Citizen Core;
Cyber Security Subcommittee which was a new group;
Emergency Management;
Interoperable Communication;
Incident Support Team and Rapid Response Task Force that was staffed by both the Police and Fire departments;
Mass Medical Response Team; and
Prevention Team which again was law enforcement and fire centric.

Councilwoman Hernandez conveyed the State Legislature referred an initiative to the ballot in November 2026 that would designate drug cartels as terrorist groups and require DHS to target those groups. She asked, if the City received funds from DHS, if Phoenix would be required to cooperate with targeting drug cartels.

Chief Lee said he could not recall a time when the City interacted in that type of scenario. He explained the grant programs the City submitted for varied, noting there were 17 different participating agencies included in those submittals. He emphasized the scenario mentioned would not be an issue the City responded to as that was funded and handled at the federal level.

Mayor Gallego questioned when something happened elsewhere if the City learned how to prevent the same thing from occurring to keep residents safe. She recalled an incident that happened in New Orleans that happened around New Year's which made Phoenix consider how to keep large events safe, such as vehicle barriers. She requested staff explain how vehicle barriers allowed large gatherings to be safe while permitting free speech.

Chief Lee responded that item was part of this notice of funding

opportunity. He stated open air space events like large gatherings were a concern for the Police Department because they were difficult to secure. He stressed there had been national and international incidents involving vehicle intrusions as they drive through a route and harm people. He remarked he was submitting for a project to purchase anti-ramming vehicle devices which would allow the Police Department to deploy metal stanchions to secure a venue. He explained if a vehicle did drive through a venue the metal device would get wrapped up in the under-carriage of the vehicle and prevent it from moving forward. He remarked the department was looking at having one set of devices to protect the City's smaller fixed static events like First Fridays as well as additional devices to be used in conjunction with the other set of devices for extended routes.

Mayor Gallego expressed that was an important point to make that his team was able to provide recommendations to people holding events and how to make them safe. She specified newer technology would prevent vehicles from entering and allow people their right to free speech as well as protect smaller events like First Fridays.

Prior to her vote, Councilwoman Hernandez thanked staff for providing additional information as she wanted to understand more about this program when talking to residents in her community. She expressed concern about the current political environment and was taking into account how the City took action against this political shift. She reiterated she needed to understand if this grant would allow the federal government to use the City's tools which were in place to protect residents. She indicated she was voting no, but she would continue working with staff to ensure threats were taken seriously while taking into account her residents' concerns.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 1 - Councilwoman Hernandez

55 Enter Into 2025 Readiness Cooperative Agreement with FEMA (Ordinance S-52289) - Citywide

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to retroactively apply for, accept, and disburse Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds totaling $1,418,311 for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System Readiness Cooperative Agreement. Further request authorization for the City Treasurer to accept and the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item.

Summary

The Department of Homeland Security and FEMA provide support and funding for the maintenance and readiness of the National US&R Response System. This readiness cooperative agreement aims to support the continued development and maintenance of the National US&R capability. It provides direction to the Phoenix Fire Department regarding the use of funding to provide administrative and program management, training, support, equipment cache procurement, maintenance, and storage.

The Phoenix Fire Department is the sponsoring agency of Arizona Task Force One (AZ-TF1), one of 28 National US&R response system task forces that can rapidly deploy skilled personnel and state-of-the-art equipment to sites of natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and building collapses. In addition to search and rescue, task force members provide immediate medical treatment to survivors, hazardous materials monitoring, and stabilization capabilities.

In the past, AZ-TF1 has deployed to a wide range of disasters and emergencies, including flooding in New Mexico, wildfires in New Mexico, the Oklahoma City bombing, the 9/11 World Trade Center response in New York City, Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, Harvey, Irma, and Florence, as well as more recent events such as Tropical Cyclones Helene and Milton and the Kerr County, Texas floods.

Contract Term

The agreement's term is three years, from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2028.

Financial Impact

The Fire Department will receive an amount not to exceed $1,418,311 from FEMA for the FY 2025 National US&R Response System Readiness Cooperative Agreement.

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

NOTE: Councilman Waring temporarily left the voting body.

Mayor Gallego stated this was support for Arizona Task Force One which was deployed during disasters like flooding, fires and hurricanes to support communities across the country. She remarked that expertise also helped the City.

Leonard Clark expressed concern about the current federal government, but said this was a good thing and asked Council to support this item.

NOTE: Councilman Waring returned to the voting body.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

59 Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3 North Concourse 2 Package 3 Airport Concourse - Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services Amendment - AV08000087, AV13000003 (Ordinance S-52270) - District 8

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an

amendment to Agreement 160205 with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. to provide additional Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services for the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3 North Concourse 2 Package 3 Airport Concourse project. Further request to authorize execution of amendments to the agreement as necessary within the Council-approved expenditure authority as provided below, and for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to this item. The additional fee for services included in this amendment will not exceed $53,242,704.

Summary

The purpose of this project is to develop a new six-gate, two-level airport concourse at Terminal 3 (T3) of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to accommodate operations for airlines, passengers, and airport staff. The planned work will include an aircraft apron to accommodate six Airplane Design Group III aircraft that may service two Airplane Design Group V via two-for-one exchange; a connector bridge between the existing and new concourse with moving walkways to facilitate passenger movement; and one or more passenger bus lobbies at Terminal 4 north concourses to facilitate a passageway or tunnel for inter-terminal passenger connections between Terminal 3 and Terminal 4.

This amendment is necessary for the construction of a T3 Vertical Transportation Node, a Passenger Level Video Wall, and a Mezzanine Level Lounge. This amendment will provide additional funds to the agreement.

Contract Term

The term of the agreement amendment remains unchanged at five years. Work scope identified and incorporated into the agreement prior to the end of the term may be agreed to by the parties, and work may extend past the termination of the agreement. No additional changes may be executed after the end of the term.

Financial Impact

The initial agreement for Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services was approved for an amount not to exceed $325,785,000, including all subcontractor and reimbursable costs.

This amendment will increase the agreement by an additional $53,242,704, for a new total amount not to exceed $379,027,704, including all subcontractor and reimbursable costs.

Funding for this amendment is available in the Aviation Department's Capital Improvement Program budget. The Budget and Research Department will separately review and approve funding availability prior to the execution of any amendments. Payments may be made up to agreement limits for all rendered agreement services, which may extend past the agreement termination.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council approved:

Architectural Services Agreement 158106 (Ordinance S-49589) on April 19, 2023;

Amendment to Architectural Services Agreement 158106 (Ordinance S-50678) on March 20, 2024;

Construction Manager at Risk Preconstruction Services Agreement 158125 (Ordinance S-49591) on April 19, 2023; and

Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services Agreement 160205 (Ordinance S-50680) on March 20, 2024.

Location

2485 E. Buckeye Road

Council District: 8

Discussion

NOTE: Councilman Waring temporarily left the voting body.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Mark Cardenas, representing Western States Carpenters, spoke in support of the Terminal 3 expansion as it would make sure the City was ready for the coming growth and opportunity. He thanked Council for selecting a contractor that used local sourced labor because it ensured Phoenix had a stronger economy for everyone.

Leonard Clark urged Council to support this item and expressed his

support for the carpenters union.

James Stewart, a member of Local 1912, thanked Council for recognizing the importance of using local union labor for the Terminal 3 expansion. He emphasized this project meant steady work that would also bring business opportunities to the City, and said he supported moving this expansion forward.

Bill Ruiz, a business representative of Local 1912, expressed his appreciation for Council's commitment in utilizing union carpenters on Citywide projects, particularly the Terminal 3 expansion. He conveyed this project would deliver quality construction, on-time completion and a highly trained workforce. He thanked Council for their commitment to the members and their families.

NOTE: Councilman Waring returned to the voting body.

Councilwoman Guardado congratulated Local 1912 for getting this contract, noting it was important to have skilled union labor do the work on this project. She said she would be supporting this item.

Prior to her vote, Councilwoman Hernandez expressed she was excited to support this item and also congratulated Local 1912 on this contract. She stated it was important that local labor was hired as it reinvested in the community.

Prior to her vote, Councilwoman Pastor indicated her vote was yes and thanked staff for making sure there was skilled labor for this project as it would be built correctly.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

62 **Trego/Dugan Aviation of Grand Island, Inc. Terminal Facility License Agreement at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (Ordinance S-52275) - District 8**

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a facility license agreement with Trego/Dugan Aviation of Grand Island, Inc. (Trego/Dugan) for approximately 275 square feet of exclusive space in Terminal 3 at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Summary

Trego/Dugan operates under Commercial Use Permit Number 525-23 (CUP) to provide passenger support services to Sun County Airlines, including passenger assistance and skycap services. Trego/Dugan intends to use approximately 275 square feet of terminal space as an office in support of its CUP operation.

Contract Term

The term of the facility license agreement will be month-to-month and will be retroactive effective on December 19, 2024.

Financial Impact

Trego/Dugan shall pay the terminal rate of $187.08 per square foot for the period of December 19, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Starting July 1, 2025, Trego/Dugan will pay the terminal rate of $197.88 per square foot. The terminal rate will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Rates and Charges provision of Article IX of Chapter 4 of the Phoenix City Code.

Location

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, 2485 E. Buckeye Road.
Council District 8

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

George Williams shared a story about a fellow union member who worked two full-time jobs with no healthcare at the airport to support his

family. He wanted a livable wages of at least $25 an hour for contract workers as that would allow this individual to have a better life with his family. He urged Council to raise the standards for airport workers and support a $25 an hour livable wage.

Mayor Gallego requested Mr. Williams relate his testimony to this agenda item about a lease. She stated the lease involved sky cap services and asked if he wanted the City to pay workers well.

Mr. Williams responded yes.

Mayor Gallego emphasized testimony had to relate to the agendized item, noting he could speak during open comment at the end of the meeting as testimony could be more broad.

Mark Cardenas approached the podium and stated these were contract workers that would be working under this lease.

Mayor Gallego said she had to be consistent with the rules and ensure appropriate testimony was on the record. She confirmed Christopher Hall agreed with the comments provided by Mr. Williams, noting he wanted to same wage for workers on this lease.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

64 **Amend Ground Lease with Cutter Aviation Deer Valley, Inc. at Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (Ordinance S-52284) - District 1**

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to amend Ground Lease 148261 with Cutter Aviation Deer Valley, Inc. (Cutter) to add 4,193 square feet to the leased premises at Phoenix Deer Valley

Airport (DVT) to enable the construction of an additional executive aircraft storage hangar facility.

Summary

Cutter currently leases 1,131,854 square feet of land (approximately 26 acres) at DVT to operate a Fixed Base Operator business, which includes covered tie-down units and executive hangars in addition to providing aircraft fueling, aircraft maintenance, flight training and aviation supply sales.

Cutter seeks to expand their leased premises by 4,193 square feet to accommodate construction of an additional 55,000 square foot executive aircraft storage hangar facility. The hangar construction will require removal of two rows of covered tie-down spaces on Cutter's leased premises.

Contract Term

The term of Ground Lease 148261 commenced on July 1, 2018, and will expire on June 30, 2048. This amendment does not change the lease term.

Financial Impact

Cutter currently pays approximately $601,232 per year in ground rent. This amendment will increase annual rent by approximately $2,851 per year or approximately $65,578 over the remaining 23 years of the lease.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

City Council previously approved:
Ground Lease Agreement 148261 (Ordinance S-44150) on December 13, 2017;
The Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board Business and Development Subcommittee recommended approval of this item on August 7, 2025, by a vote of 3-0; and
The Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board recommended approval of this item on August 21, 2025, by a vote of 9-0.

Location

Phoenix Deer Valley Airport: 702 W. Deer Valley Road
Council District: 1

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Vice Mayor O'Brien expressed she was excited about this item as this would be the second recent investment Cutter Aviation has made at Deer Valley Airport that included future corporate hangars. She mentioned there was a recent ribbon cutting for a 100,000-square-foot hangar campus featuring 8 new private hangars with a commitment from the developer to double the campus size in the next couple years. She conveyed lease negotiations were underway for 200 new corporate and private hangars at the northeast corner of the airport with plans to do a future Request for Proposal for a second fixed-base operator to manage the southeast corner. She stated the existing terminal building would soon be renovated to include an event space and an elevated patio to watch the planes. She thanked Aviation staff who supported all of this work, noting Deer Valley Airport had two runways, a manned Federal Aviation Administration tower and a Mexican brewery.

Mayor Gallego added this was an exciting time for Deer Valley Airport.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

76 Authorization to Apply for and Accept Transportation Funding for Traffic Signal Optimization Through Maricopa Association of Governments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Ordinance S-52294) - Districts 7 & 8

Request to retroactively authorize the City Manager, or designee, to apply for, accept, and if awarded, enter into agreements, if necessary, for transportation funding through the Maricopa Association of Governments

Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP). Further request an exemption from the indemnification prohibition set forth in the Phoenix City Code Section 42-18 for a governmental entity pursuant to Phoenix City Code Section 42-20. The total value of the requested grant funding will not exceed $24,420 and there is no financial impact to the City.

Summary

On July 28, 2025, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) announced a regional competitive grant opportunity through a Call for Projects for TSOP funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds. The purpose of the program is to provide technical assistance to MAG member agencies for improving traffic signal coordination, and traffic operations, with the goal of reducing traffic delays and crashes along major travel corridors.

There are three eligible TSOP project types:
Traffic signal retiming
Data collection (turning movement counts)
Offset Optimization

Eligible projects funded with TSOP should be focused on, adjusting signal timing to account for changes in traffic patterns due to new developments and traffic growth, reduce motorist frustration and unsafe driving by cutting down stops and delays, improve traffic flow through a group of signals, which reduces emissions and fuel consumption, and postpone or eliminate the need for a costly capital improvement project. The City has identified a traffic signal re-optimization project directly related to the Interstate 10 Broadway Curve Project. The City will look to improve signal timing in and around the area bounded by Broadway Road to the north, Baseline Road to the south, 7th Street to the west and 48th Street to the east. The project area has not been re-timed in the last five years.

The deadline for the grant is Monday, August 25, 2025.

Financial Impact

The City requested $24,420 in TSOP funding. There is no financial impact to the City of Phoenix as a local agency match is not required.

Location

Council Districts: 7 and 8

Discussion

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Mayor Gallego expressed this was an exciting item as traffic signal optimization ensured vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians moved in a safer manner as well as minimize delays and air pollution. She remarked this was a cost effective way to improve traffic movement and make City streets efficient with a project benefit ratio of 40:1. She thanked the Street Transportation Department for pursuing a grant in this area for Districts 7 and 8 near the Broadway Curve project. She added that project was an area where people called her office about the traffic signal timing and was pleased it would be more automated.

Blue Crowley remarked bus infrastructure, such as bus pull-outs should be part of the process and placed at every intersection.

Mayor Gallego announced the City would have advanced traffic signals for rapid bus transit.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	9 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego
No:	0	

79 Amend City Code - Ordinance Adoption - Rezoning Application PHO-1-25--Z-58-24-8 - Approximately 710 Feet North and 305 Feet West of the Northwest Corner of 20th Avenue and South Mountain Avenue (Ordinance G-7418) - District 8

Request to authorize the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to approve the Planning Hearing Officer's recommendation without further

hearing by the City Council on matters heard by the Planning Hearing Officer on August 20, 2025. This ratification requires formal action only.

Summary

Application: PHO-1-25--Z-58-24-8
Existing Zoning: R1-10
Acreage: 4.54

Owner: Dorothy Hallock
Applicant / Representative: John Fox

Proposal:
1. Legislative review and approval of conceptual site plan and landscape plan by the Planning Hearing Officer per Stipulation 1.
2. Legislative review and approval of conceptual elevations by the Planning Hearing Officer per Stipulation 2.

VPC Action: The South Mountain Village Planning Committee heard this request on August 12, 2025, and recommended denial by a vote of 12-0.
PHO Action: The Planning Hearing Officer recommended approval with a modification.

Location

Approximately 710 feet north and 305 feet west of the northwest corner of 20th Avenue and South Mountain Avenue
Council District: 8
Parcel Address: N/A

Discussion

Councilwoman Hodge Washington stated a staff presentation was not needed for this item.

NOTE: Councilwoman Pastor temporarily left the voting body.

John Fox, the applicant on this project, recalled at the last Council meeting he was asked to discuss his most recent submittal of the site and landscape plans with the Planning Hearing Officer. He continued he was also requested to have another meeting with the South Mountain Village Planning Committee to talk about the elevations. He said he

agreed with the wording on both stipulations.

NOTE: Councilwoman Pastor returned to the voting body. Councilwoman Guardado temporarily left the voting body.

Jewel Clark spoke in support of the stipulation changes from the Planning Hearing Officer.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington verified with staff the original rezoning was approved a few months ago. She inquired if there was a confirmed builder or development partner.

Mr. Fox responded there was a developer, American Homes 4 Rent, that would be taking over this project, noting the developer owned property southwest of this site. He stated the developer saw an opportunity to expand their community and made an offer which he accepted. He added the developer would be presenting elevations to the Village Planning Committee soon.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if the City had seen proposed plans.

Mr. Fox replied two-dimensional plans were provided at a previous meeting, but the elevations to be presented by the developer would address these stipulations.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hodge Washington to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Pastor.

NOTE: Councilwoman Guardado returned to the voting body. Vice Mayor O'Brien temporarily left the voting body.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington said she was initially concerned since this was a recent approval, but the applicant had done community outreach and had their support so she was moving the case forward with the requested revisions.

Mayor Gallego announced Jai Goudeau was registered to speak if necessary in opposition.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington requested Mr. Goudeau be given an opportunity to speak; however, he confirmed he did not wish to speak.

Mayor Gallego confirmed there was a motion and a second on the floor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hodge Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Pastor, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	8 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring and Mayor Gallego
No:	0	
Absent:	1 -	Vice Mayor O'Brien

80 (CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2025) - Public Hearing - Abandonment Appeal of Hearing Officer Decision - ABND 250004 - 817 W. Madison Street - District 7

Abandonment: 250004 (**Attachment A**)
Project: 05-205
Abandonment Applicant: Greenman Law/Jordan Greenman
Date of Abandonment Hearing Officer’s Decision: May 15, 2025
Appellant: Greenman Law/Jordan Greenman

Summary

Rationale: Appellant is the original Applicant for abandonment, and is appealing the Hearing Officer's DENIAL of the request to abandon the east 20 feet of the 45-foot right-of-way lying westerly of lot 19, APN 112-05-016A. The Appellant's narrative, the hearing summary, and the original staff report have been attached (**Attachments B and C**) for consideration by City Council.

Location

Generally located at 817 W. Madison Street
Council District: 7

Discussion

Mayor Gallego confirmed a staff report was not needed then declared the public hearing open.

Jordan Greenman, with Greenman Law Firm, spoke on behalf of the applicant. He remarked the goal of their appeal was to collaborate with the Planning and Development and Street Transportation departments as well as Councilwoman Hernandez's Office to create a public/private streetscape at the southeast corner of 9th Avenue and West Madison. He thanked Councilwoman Hernandez for her leadership and City staff for their assistance to ensure there was proper pedestrian connectivity, increased shading and future outdoor use of patio assembly at this location which would revitalize the Capitol Mall area and benefit the downtown community.

NOTE: Vice Mayor O'Brien returned to the voting body. Councilwoman Guardado temporarily left the voting body.

Councilwoman Hernandez thanked Mr. Greenman for meeting with her and City staff to make sure this is a responsible project. She mentioned there was a proposed stipulation as a condition of approval for modified abandonment of 14 feet in width that requires the project to provide 75 percent shade coverage on the adjacent sidewalk. She asked if he supported that stipulation and was prepared to work with the Street Transportation and Planning and Development departments for compliance.

NOTE: Councilwoman Guardado returned to the voting body.

Mr. Greenman replied he was amenable to that stipulation. He thanked Councilwoman Hernandez for attending the meetings with City staff to make sure this project benefited the neighborhood and properly shade the area while ensuring connectivity for pedestrians as well as brought new development to the Capitol Mall area.

NOTE: Mayor Gallego temporarily left the voting body. Vice Mayor O'Brien assumed the Chair.

Councilwoman Hernandez requested he explain what the applicant

planned to do with the abandoned area and how it would benefit this property and the surrounding community.

Mr. Greenman stated the applicant was proposing a two-story outdoor assembly use, noting the interior space would also be used as assembly. He conveyed the goal was to create something similar to Crescent Ballroom with an outdoor use that includes the street and engaged the community. He remarked another goal was to add jobs and revitalize the area with a six-foot sidewalk and integrated streetscape as well as inside the site to create shading as walkability was a key asset in this area.

Councilwoman Hernandez said she wanted the applicant to continue working in good faith with City staff and the community.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hernandez to overturn the Abandonment Hearing Officer's decision and approve a modified abandonment area per the September 17, 2025 memo from the Planning and Development Director. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Vice Mayor O'Brien declared the public hearing closed.

The hearing was held. A motion was made by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be approved to overturn the Abandonment Hearing Officer's decision and approve a modified abandonment area per the September 17, 2025 memo from the Planning and Development Director. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	8 -	Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring and Vice Mayor O'Brien
No:	0	
Absent:	1 -	Mayor Gallego

81 (CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2025) - Public Hearing and Resolution Adoption - General Plan Amendment GPA-SM-1-25-8 - Approximately 1,130 Feet East of the Northeast Corner of 23rd Avenue and Baseline Road (Resolution 22329) - District 8

Request to hold a public hearing on a General Plan Amendment for the following item to consider adopting the Planning Commission's recommendation and the related resolution if approved. Request to amend the General Plan Land Use Map designation on 14.37 acres from Residential one to two dwelling units per acre, Residential two to three-and-a-half dwelling units per acre, and Residential three-and-a-half to five dwelling units per acre to Residential 10 to 15 dwelling units per acre. This item is a companion case to Z-31-25-8 and must be heard first, followed by Z-31-25-8.

Summary

Application: GPA-SM-1-25-8
Current Designation: Residential one to two dwelling units per acre (5.29 acres), Residential two to three-and-a-half dwelling units per acre (8.90 acres), and Residential three-and-a-half to five dwelling units per acre (0.18 acres)
Proposed Plan Designation: Residential 10 to 15 dwelling units per acre
Acreage: 14.37
Proposal: Minor General Plan Amendment to allow for multifamily residential.

Owner: Mundall Family Revocable Trust c/o Danny Mundall and Georgia Mundall
Applicant/Representaive: Brian Greathouse, Burch & Cracchiolo, P.A.

Staff Recommendation: Approval.
VPC Action: The South Mountain Village Planning Committee heard this item on June 10, 2025, and recommended approval, per the staff recommendation, by a vote of 7-4.
PC Action: The Planning Commission heard this item on August 7, 2025, and recommended approval, per the South Mountain Village Planning Committee recommendation, by a vote of 8-0.
Appeal: The Planning Commission recommendation was appealed by a community member on August 13, 2025.

Location

Approximately 1,130 feet east of the northeast corner of 23rd Avenue and Baseline Road

Council District: 8
Parcel Address: 2102 and 2150 W. Baseline Road

Discussion

Vice Mayor O'Brien declared the public hearing open.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington requested a staff presentation followed by the applicant then other individuals who wished to speak.

Deputy Planning and Development Director Tricia Gomes inquired if Items 81 and 82 could be heard together.

Vice Mayor O'Brien responded yes, the hearing was for both items.

Ms. Gomes stated these companion items were located approximately 1,130 feet east of the northeast corner of 23rd Avenue and Baseline Road, noting the items would need separate actions. She conveyed Item 81 was a request to change the General Plan land use designation from Residential one to two, Residential two to three-and-a-half and Residential three-and-a-half to five to Residential 10 to 15. She continued Item 82 was a request to rezone 14.37 acres from S-1 to R-3 to allow multifamily residential. She pointed out to the north and west were single-family subdivisions zoned R1-10 and R1-8, and to the east were single-family homes zoned S-1 with a commercial shopping center zoned C-2. She indicated the proposal was for 188 units with a mix of one- and two-bedroom units with one point of ingress and egress from Baseline Road. She remarked the conceptual building elevations which showed varied four-plex, duplex and single unit structures.

Ms. Gomes stated the South Mountain Village Planning Committee heard these items on June 10, 2025 and recommended approval of Item 81 per staff recommendation by a vote of 7-4 and for Item 82 denied as filed and approved R-2 with deletion of Stipulation 1 and modification of Stipulation 2 by a 6-5 vote. She conveyed the Planning Commission heard the items on August 7, 2025 and recommended approval of Item 81 per the Village Planning Committee recommendation by a vote of 8-0 and for Item 82 approved per staff recommendation by a vote of 7-1. She noted the Planning Commission recommendation was appealed by a community member on August 13, 2025. She emphasized the

September 17, 2025 memo from the Planning and Development Director modifies and adds several stipulations to address community concerns as follows:
Updated site plan;
Reduction in the maximum number of units to 175;
Height restrictions along Baseline Road;
Enhanced landscape standards on the north and west perimeters; and
Limitations on the ingress and egress to right-in and right-out only on Baseline Road.

Ms. Gomes specified staff recommends approval of Item 81 per the Planning Commission recommendation and adopt the related resolution. She continued staff recommends approval of Item 82 per the September 17, 2025 memo from the Planning and Development Director and adopt the related ordinance.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington said she wanted to hear the applicant first as some concerns were addressed.

NOTE: Mayor Gallego returned to the voting body and resumed as Chair.

Brian Greathouse, representing Taylor Morrison, recalled Council's request two weeks ago and held two meetings with neighbors so they could obtain information about this case. He emphasized 11 people attended the first meeting and 7 people attended the second meeting, noting there were 6 people in attendance who had not seen their presentation. He stated during those two meetings people raised concerns and he tried to find solutions as well as communicated with the District 8 Office. He said his client accepts the stipulations in the revised memo, specifically the following:
Reduction in units to 175;
Additional landscape buffers and hedge around the perimeter to address privacy concerns;
Reduce the perimeter building heights to single-story to eliminate second-story windows;
Plant a minimum of one tree in every backyard around the perimeter of the site; and
Eliminate site access on Baseline Road to right-in and right-out to

address traffic concerns.

Mr. Greathouse requested Council approve the items, noting he had a presentation available that was shown at the last meeting.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington thanked him for his testimony and requested the appellant provide comments.

Brittany Conklin stated this matter was continued two weeks ago with direction the community meet with the applicant's representatives to discuss this project, address concerns and come to a potential compromise. She conveyed the applicant held two virtual meetings, but not all questions asked by community members were answered. She listed the following community feedback after the two meetings:
Applicant advised the community's request for R-2 zoning was not financially beneficial for them;
Commercial center was not approached for a secondary point of egress;
Map of the area does not take into consideration traffic from other approved housing;
Daily traffic was higher than presented, noting the Traffic Count Database System reported there were 49,898 vehicles in 2024;
Online and door-to-door outreach continued by the applicant; and
Additional 30+ letters were signed in opposition.

Ms. Conklin remarked traffic and safety remain the key issue as Baseline Road was a major hazard with growth compounding it. She pointed out the applicant was unable to address traffic concerns and showed a rollover accident at the intersection where this proposal would be located. She mentioned there were other community concerns, such as blackouts which was a safety issue during the summer. She claimed an anonymous home inspector informed her that many new homebuilders, including the applicant, do not construct to Arizona minimum standards. She said that was important due to one point of egress which would become a safety hazard in an emergency. She emphasized there was strong opposition to this project, noting the Village Planning Committee recommended less density. She stated the community was asking Council to consider the following stipulations to mitigate concerns:
R-2 zoning;

Limit building height to one story throughout the community;
Median on Baseline Road to control traffic flow between communities;
Large landscaped easement;
Additional point of egress directly into the Lowe's shopping center;
Solar panels; and
Heat mitigation.

She concluded if the developer was not willing to compromise with the community then residents request that Council deny this rezoning.

Mr. Greathouse rebutted this was a strong compromise, noting R-3 zoning permitted up to 15.23 dwelling units per acre under the PRD option which equaled 219 units. He recalled that opposition asked for 150 units with the halfway point between those two numbers was 184 units. He conveyed the applicant previously requested 188 units but had come down to 175 units which was below the halfway point. He specified the applicant agreed to do privacy screening, buffering and would look into doing solar on this site. He expressed he did not know if the City would support a median at this location as it was a two-way left-hand turn lane, noting the development was restricted to right-in and right-out which would alleviate left turn issues.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington mentioned she reached out to the Street Transportation Department to inquire about a traffic signal as well as a raised median at this location. She requested staff provide a response to that discussion.

Street Transportation Director Briiana Velez stated staff evaluated the proposed raised median at this location; however, because the site was narrow it would be a small median which would not provide any benefit. She added a median would restrict access to the existing subdivision to the south so staff did not recommend a median at this location.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked staff how the right-in and right-out option would address traffic concerns.

Ms. Velez replied the driveway with restrictive movement would only allow right-in and right-out which would limit drivers exiting the property and

make it a safer access point.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington recalled concerns about the capacity on Baseline Road and whether the road could handle additional traffic with new development.

Ms. Velez stated staff determined that Baseline Road was not at full capacity, noting there were opportunities through traffic signal time optimization to maximize capacity on existing roadways with modifications.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington questioned if staff's determination took into consideration proposed development the City was aware of but not yet constructed.

Ms. Velez responded yes, noting staff reviewed the traffic statement prepared as part of this development.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington requested confirmation that the City had limitations on off-site restrictions with rezoning matters, such as requiring the applicant to seek an egress through an adjacent property.

Ms. Gomes responded that was correct, noting the applicant would need permission from the adjacent property owner to have access through that property.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington said she understood the City could not require the applicant to do the egress.

Ms. Gomes affirmed that was correct.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington mentioned another concern was the potential developer not building to City standards and asked what the process was to confirm compliance with City codes.

Planning and Development Director Joshua Bednarek replied before someone could file a rezoning application, a pre-application file meeting had to be done with the Development Services Section. He explained

that provided a preliminary review from traffic engineers and the Fire Department, noting it would have been noted at that time if another driveway was needed. He pointed out if this request was approved today it would go through a subsequent review to ensure all codes and ordinances were met as part of the site planning process. He continued it would then go to building plan review followed by inspections to make sure that before certificate of occupancy was issued all codes and ordinances were met.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington stated there was concern about utility blackouts and water shortages. She asked if the City had any indication this additional development would not be served by general utilities.

City Manager Jeffrey Barton responded he was not aware of anything that would create such a situation.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington requested staff explain the R-3 recommendation in terms of having commercial and residential.

Ms. Gomes remarked in this instance there was single-family to the west and north, noting multifamily would offer a transition to commercial zoning by providing a buffer as well as increase the density.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington inquired if staff wanted to add anything regarding the basis for their recommendation.

Ms. Gomes replied this site was isolated and did not encroach into other residential so it would limit the impact on traffic in that area.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked if there were additional speakers.

Mayor Gallego confirmed there were more individuals wishing to speak.

NOTE: Councilman Robinson temporarily left and returned the voting body during Ms. Simmons testimony.

Sasha Simmons said she lived west of the proposed development and

spoke in opposition as currently presented. She urged Council to encourage the developer to keep R-2 zoning due to concerns with the project's density on Baseline Road given the current infrastructure. She recalled Mr. Greathouse said the applicant was meeting the community in the middle with R-3 zoning, but the community was asking for R-2 zoning and a cap of 150 units. She stated residents wanted to explore a second interest in the commercial property which would provide better traffic flow for the community. She expressed residents wanted development that was safe and consistent with the character of the community, and asked Council to consider their perspective on this matter.

Jai Goudeau recalled Council passed the area plan in 1998 with a vision to preserve the rural character, open space and low density. He stated the plan boundary was limited and approved developments disregarded the plan's direction, noting higher density should be near the river and decrease closer to South Mountain. He added the plan had design guidelines that required developers to use compatible architecture, landscaping, setbacks and open space so projects blended with the community. He expressed this developer should comply with those standards and urged Council to uphold the agreement made with the community.

Joe Melton emphasized his home would share a property line with three of the proposed rental units and encouraged Council to vote against the proposed zoning changes. He mentioned he worked in the mortgage industry and supported housing; however, he also understood the positive and negative impacts on communities and home values. He expressed this development was too dense for the area and did not fit in their community or the General Plan. He stated Baseline Road was already a busy street and was concerned about this development only having one entrance and exit. He indicated the community supported responsible and forward-thinking improvements, but this project did not represent the best interests of existing neighbors. He recommended that 100 percent of the dwelling units be one-story, include solar panels on 75 percent of the units, look at a second ingress and egress, and that zoning be R-2.

Tawee Phattarak stated he lived close to the proposed site. He said he

understood the developer conducted a traffic study in the area, but he did not think this project would improve traffic and therefore did not meet the standard of care. He stressed another traffic study was needed as increased traffic was a concern for the community.

Mayor Gallego declared the public hearing closed.

NOTE: Mayor Gallego temporarily left the voting body. Vice Mayor O'Brien assumed the Chair.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington thanked the residents for their engagement as that played a role in shaping this proposal. She acknowledged there were concerns with the original plan around the proposed density, traffic impacts on the corridor, the need for privacy and compatibility with existing neighborhoods. She conveyed as a result of that feedback the following important stipulations were added:

Maximum number of units was capped at 175 which significantly reduced the project's scale and addressed overcrowding concerns;

Right in and right out access point to help manage traffic flow and increase safety for drivers and pedestrians in the area; and

Requiring one-story homes around the perimeter which aligns with the area plan and provided a buffer with respect to privacy as well as protected the character of neighboring homes.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington emphasized while this General Plan amendment opened the door for higher density residential development there were guardrails in place. She stated the revised proposal was a more appropriate balance between the need for new housing and protected the integrity of existing neighborhoods.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hodge Washington to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stark.

Prior to her vote, Councilwoman Hernandez said she shared this area with Councilwoman Hodge Washington and a big issue was about homelessness in Laveen. Councilwoman Hernandez stressed the City could not solve that problem without more housing. She remarked she

heard the residents concerns, but the City needed to take every opportunity to embrace that growth was good for Phoenix and Laveen. She agreed the revised proposal was a good balance that would help the City solve the homelessness issue, along with housing attainability for residents. She indicated her vote was yes.

NOTE: Mayor Gallego returned to the voting body and resumed as Chair.

The hearing was held. A motion was made by Councilwoman Hodge Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be approved per the Planning Commission recommendation with adoption of the related resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

82 **(CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2025) - Public Hearing and Ordinance Adoption - Rezoning Application Z-31-25-8 - Approximately 1,130 Feet East of the Northeast Corner of 23rd Avenue and Baseline Road (Ordinance G-7416) - District 8**

Request to hold a public hearing and consider amending the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance, Section 601, the Zoning Map of the City of Phoenix, by adopting Rezoning Application Z-31-25-8, and rezone the site from S-1 (Ranch or Farm Residence) to R-3 (Multifamily Residence District) to allow multifamily residential. This is a companion case to GPA-SM-1-25-8 and must be heard following GPA-SM-1-25-8.

Summary
Current Zoning: S-1
Proposed Zoning: R-3
Acreage: 14.37
Proposal: Multifamily residential

Owner: Mundall Family Revocable Trust c/o Danny Mundall and Georgia Mundall

Applicant/Representative: Brian Greathouse, Burch & Cracchiolo, P.A.

Staff Recommendation: Approval, subject to stipulations.
VPC Action: The South Mountain Village Planning Committee heard this item on June 10, 2025, and recommended denial as filed and approval of R-2 with a deleted stipulation and a modified stipulation, by a vote of 6-5.
PC Action: The Planning Commission heard this item on August 7, 2025, and recommended approval, per the staff recommendation, by a vote of 7-1.
Appeal: The Planning Commission recommendation was appealed by a community member on August 13, 2025.

Location
Approximately 1,130 feet east of the northeast corner of 23rd Avenue and Baseline Road
Council District: 8
Parcel Address: 2102 and 2150 W. Baseline Road

NOTE: Refer to Item 81 for discussion on this item.

The hearing was held. A motion was made by Councilwoman Hodge Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Pastor, that this item be approved per the September 17, 2025 memo from the Planning and Development Director with adoption of the related ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

84 ADD-ON - Request Authorization to File a Petition for Special Action Relief with the Arizona Court of Appeals Related to Airport Baggage Handling Systems Operations and Maintenance Procurement - District 8

Law and Aviation departments request approval to file a Petition for

Special Action Relief and/or appeal with the Arizona Court of Appeals from Maricopa County Superior Court's ruling in *Daifuku Services America Corporation v. City of Phoenix.*

Summary

In August 2024, the City's Aviation Department posted its recommended award of a contract under a solicitation for baggage handling systems, AVN RFP 24-0156. Daifuku Services America Corporation ("Daifuku") was the unsuccessful incumbent. In November 2024, Daifuku protested the City's recommendation of award to another bidder and the City's disqualification of Daifuku for a violation of the City's Solicitation and Transparency Policy. After Daifuku exhausted its administrative remedies through protest and protest appeal, on May 19, 2025, Daifuku filed a Special Action in the Maricopa County Superior Court. On August 28, 2025, the Maricopa County Superior Court issued its ruling. On September 15, 2025, the Maricopa County Superior Court entered Final Judgment.

Justification

The City Attorney, after consultation with Aviation and outside counsel, requests authority to file a Petition for Special Action Relief, with a request for expedited review, and/or appeal with the Arizona Court of Appeals. Council must vote in a public meeting whether to file a lawsuit or appeal a ruling. *See Desert Mountain Energy Corp. v. City of Flagstaff*, 566 P.3d 333 (App. 2025), *review denied* (September 9, 2025).

Location

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, 2485 E. Buckeye Road
Council District: 8

Discussion

Mayor Gallego announced this item was pulled for public comment and confirmed with staff the individuals wishing to speak were no longer present.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hernandez, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER, COMMITTEES OR CITY OFFICIALS

None.

000 CITIZEN COMMENTS

City Attorney Julie Kriegh stated during Citizen Comment, members of the public may address the City Council for up to three minutes on issues of interest or concern to them. She advised the Arizona Open Meeting Law permits the City Council to listen to the comment, but prohibits council members from discussing or acting on the matters presented.

Leonard Clark expressed concern about the physical safety of citizens given the current tragedy of Charlie Kirk who had a business in Phoenix. Mr. Clark encouraged people to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit at the State Capitol.

William Charles (Blue) Crowley expressed concern about the lack of funds for the bus system.

Noah James Markum mentioned his encounters with two Phoenix police officers. He suggested the City hire more women police officers and requested more education for police officers regarding people with disabilities. He also asked Council to bring Japan Airlines to the airport given the history in Arizona.

Jarrett Maupin submitted a citizen petition to rename a segment of Beverly Road between 48th Street and Pointe Parkway to Charlie Kirk Way.

Dianne Post spoke on behalf of Uncage and Reunite Families Coalition about the activity occurring at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, specifically the treatment and transportation of immigrants by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gallego declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the formal session of the City Council of the City of Phoenix held on the 17th day of September, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2026.

CITY CLERK