



City Council Special Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

11:00 AM

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Phoenix City Council convened in special session on Dec. 20, 2017 at 11:21 am in the Council Chambers.

Present: 9 - Councilman Sal DiCiccio, Councilwoman Kate Gallego, Councilman Michael Nowakowski, Councilwoman Debra Stark, Councilman Jim Waring, Councilman Daniel Valenzuela, Councilwoman Thelda Williams, Vice Mayor Laura Pastor and Mayor Greg Stanton

Councilwoman Gallego joined the voting body by telephone.

1 Request to Name Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3 the John S. McCain III Terminal 3

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to formally name Terminal 3 at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport the John S. McCain III Terminal 3. The Heritage Commission unanimously recommended City Council approval of this item at its Dec. 18, 2017 meeting.

Summary

By a memo dated Dec. 18, 2017 (Attachment A), Mayor Stanton called a special meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017 for discussion and action regarding the renaming of Terminal 3 at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to the John S. McCain III Terminal 3 as a follow-up to the Heritage Commission action on Dec. 18.

The Terminal 3 Naming Proposal Application (Attachment B) and the Heritage Commission Name Proposal Instructions (Attachment C) are attached.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

The City Council unanimously approved initiation of the process to formally rename Terminal 3 at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport the John S. McCain III Terminal 3 at the Nov. 29, 2017 meeting.

The Heritage Commission unanimously recommended City Council approval of this item at its Dec. 18, 2017 meeting.

Location

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Terminal 3, 3400 E. Sky Harbor Blvd.

Council District: 8

Discussion

Mayor Stanton mentioned the City Council unanimously voted to send this request to the Heritage Commission earlier in the week in which it was unanimously approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this item.

Note: Councilwoman Gallego joined the voting body by telephone.

Councilman Waring mentioned that the public had the right to come down to the chambers to criticize this item as it is their freedom to do so. Though he disagreed with what the public had to say, he stated that this item was about more than one individual. He went on to relate a family motto of his "never quit" and also a quote from Winston Churchill, to Senator McCain and his will to fight for the things he believes in.

Jumana Hadeed opposed the item because she believes the wars that Senator McCain has been involved in have made the public less safe. She mentioned that Senator McCain's actions are causing radical groups to get stronger, and also that he accepted millions of dollars from allies in the Middle East. She suggested that Terminal 3 should be named after Sandra Day O'Connor or one of the many Hispanic people that make up the back bone of this state.

Grant Woods was in favor of the item and commended the council for honoring Senator McCain, as he believes there is no one more

deserving. He mentioned that along with Councilman DiCiccio and Councilman Waring, he worked with Senator McCain and that his service to the state and this country is heroic. He believes that this item is appropriate because of Senator McCain's history as a fighter pilot, and his leadership for human rights.

The following individual submitted a comment card in favor of the item but did not wish to speak:

James Deibler

Councilman DiCiccio said that he was lucky to work with two great Arizonans in John Rose and then Congressman John McCain, where Grant Woods was his boss. He mentioned that it was an amazing experience to work for Senator McCain, and that Senator McCain's focus has always been on Arizona and the country and how to make it better. He stated that the accomplishments of the Senator are easy to show, but that looking at how his children have grown up creates a legacy for him. He was fully supportive of this item and even though everything is controversial, he was excited to be part of this because the community can reflect on Senator McCain's legacy.

Councilwoman Williams said that she remembered when she joined the council in 1989, she was assigned to talk to Senator McCain about Terminal 4 and he was polite, listened, and got right into the problem. She talked about the most recent meetings with him that dealt with the F-35 program at Luke Air Force Base, and that Senator McCain helped make that happen. She was proud to vote on the item as Senator McCain had done so much for Arizona and Phoenix.

Councilwoman Stark said that when she first got elected, the first call she received was from Senator McCain. She said that when she thinks of Senator McCain, he reflects the state of Arizona as a rugged independent thinker. She said he really represents Phoenix, as well as the state and that she was proud to support the item.

Councilman Nowakowski stated that Sky Harbor Airport is the largest economic engine in Arizona and Phoenix, as the revenue brought in is over \$330 million annually. He believes that the council should have

gone through a more open and transparent process for naming Terminal 3, so that tax-paying individuals could have a voice on the matter. He didn't have an opinion against McCain, but mentioned a few other individuals like Sandra Day O'Connor, Raul Castro, Virginia Piper, and Ed Pastor as he has done so much for the City of Phoenix. He wasn't sure why the council was rushing this process and hoped that there could be more individuals included in the naming of Terminal 3. He also mentioned that the city has the financial responsibility in naming city streets such as Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. instead of Broadway Rd. and also naming a street after Caesar Chavez, and hoped that the city would work with the community in having those streets renamed. He supported the item, but believed the process should be open.

Vice Mayor Pastor questioned the cost of changing the name of Terminal 3 and where the money would come from.

Planning & Development Director Alan Stephenson mentioned that Aviation Director Jim Bennett would speak to that, but that the funds would come from Aviation.

Mr. Bennett stated that the funds would come from the Terminal 3 Modernization budget and that the estimated cost would be from \$50-\$60 thousand.

Vice Mayor Pastor said that Senator McCain is an American hero and has served the country honorably and has represented the state well. She said that it is a fitting honor to his legacy to name Terminal 3 after him. She said that growing up she's watched Senator McCain's political career and has seen both positive and negative impacts on the community from his actions. She mentioned that Senator McCain deserves this as part of his legacy, but there should be other buildings named after individuals as well because of their sacrifice for the community. She said that Senator McCain and her father were both mavericks in many ways, and they came together to fight for legislation. She was honored to support the item.

Councilman DiCiccio mentioned that he didn't want the renaming of Broadway Rd. to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to be mixed up with the naming of Terminal 3 after Senator McCain. He said that he is on-board

with the renaming of Broadway Rd., but wanted the naming of Terminal 3 to be acknowledged as a special day because Senator McCain has done so much for the state.

Councilman Valenzuela said that this was not about politics or ideology because Senator McCain fought for the country and the state. He said that you don't need to be a native Phoenician to recognize what he has done for the community, and that this is a small way to say thank you to Senator McCain. He mentioned that Arizona is home to many great leaders including Ed Pastor, and that his strong support for this item does not diminish or take away from the other great leaders in the state. He said that his support is based on the Senator's leadership and how he does the right thing.

Councilman Nowakowski mentioned that if the city is going to be spending money on art pieces for Terminal 3, that they should reflect Senator McCain's history.

Mayor Stanton said that an art exhibit that Councilman Nowakowski mentioned would be dealt with at a later time.

Aviation Director Jim Bennett said that the proposal they presented to the Heritage Commission would include work on a commemorative plaque that would be placed prominently inside the terminal listing Senator McCain's contributions to the state and that the plaque would be similar to Senator Barry Goldwater's plaque in Terminal 4.

Councilman Nowakowski said that he wanted community input in the future when naming buildings in Phoenix. He also said that he wants to make sure proper resources are used for the departments that are working on the Terminal 3 modernization.

Mayor Stanton said that on behalf of the council and the citizens of Phoenix, that he wishes and prays for Senator McCain and his family as he is battling his horrific disease. He said that the reason he wanted this item to move forward was because these are great times as Terminal 3 is being renovated and with \$600 million in improvements Terminal 3 might be just as busy as Terminal 4. He thought it was appropriate that this

Terminal is named after Senator McCain because it is not how he may have voted on a particular issue, but because of his lifetime of service for the country. He said that this request was a great way to honor his service and that he was happy the council unanimously supported this, and that which the Heritage Commission also supported it, and that he supported Councilman Waring's motion to approve.

A motion was made by Councilman Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Councilman DiCiccio, Councilwoman Gallego, Councilman Nowakowski, Councilwoman Stark, Councilman Waring, Councilman Valenzuela, Councilwoman Williams, Vice Mayor Pastor and Mayor Stanton

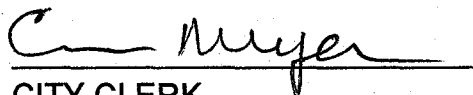
ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Stanton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



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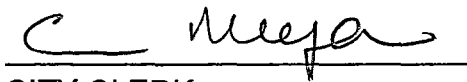


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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special session of the City Council of the City of Phoenix held on the 20th day of December, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present

Dated this 7th day of February, 2018



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