

# City of Phoenix

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City Council Chambers  
200 W. Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003*



**City of Phoenix**

## **Agenda**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**City Council Chambers**

### **Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee**

*Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Chair  
Councilwoman Laura Pastor  
Councilman Kevin Robinson  
Councilwoman Debra Stark*

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **000 CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

## **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

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**000 CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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**Members:**

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Chair  
Councilwoman Laura Pastor  
Councilman Kevin Robinson  
Councilwoman Debra Stark



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Agenda Date: 6/10/2026, Item No. 1

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**Minutes of the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee Meeting**

This item transmits the minutes of the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee Meeting on May 14 for review, correction, or approval by the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee.

**THIS ITEM IS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.**

The minutes are included for review as **Attachment A**.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Ginger Spencer and the City Manager's Office.

# ATTACHMENT A

**Phoenix City Council  
Economic Development and the Arts (EDA) Subcommittee  
Summary Minutes  
Thursday, May 14, 2025**

City Council Chambers  
200 W. Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Subcommittee Members Present

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Chair  
Councilwoman Debra Stark  
Councilman Kevin Robinson  
Councilwoman Laura Pastor, joined meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Subcommittee Members Absent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman O'Brien called the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee to order at 10:00 a.m. with Councilwoman Stark, and Councilman Robinson present. Councilwoman Pastor joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**1. Minutes of the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee Meeting**

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026, Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee meeting. Councilwoman O'Brien seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3-0.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**2. Annual Public Art Plan**

Deputy City Manager Frank McCune, Interim Arts and Culture Director Carrie Brown, and Interim Deputy Arts and Culture Director Catina Crum presented this item.

Ms. Brown mentioned the percent for art funds that help financially support art throughout the City and the work done to create the Annual Public Art Plan.

Ms. Crum spoke about art projects located throughout the City and highlighted the Environmental Excellence Award that was received by one of the shade art projects.

Councilwoman Stark highlighted the art room at Alice Cooper's The Rock Teen Center. Councilwoman Stark asked if there is an opportunity to partner with schools to do an art project such as a mural.

Ms. Brown confirmed that there are opportunities for partnerships for art projects with the City.

Councilwoman Stark offered to connect the Office of Arts and Culture with the school.

Councilwoman Pastor highlighted the Environmental Excellence Award that the City received for the Sombra art piece. Councilwoman Pastor mentioned shade and heat mitigation as an important aspect for the art shade structures.

Chairwoman O'Brien asked what steps are taken to get community input.

Ms. Brown shared that the community is engaged through surveys and public meetings throughout the various phases of art projects.

Chairwoman O'Brien asked how stakeholders are identified for engagement with the art projects.

Ms. Brown shared the Office of Arts and Culture identifies stakeholders with the help of City Council Offices, the Office of Arts and Culture's grants and community engagement, Neighborhood Associations, and Village Planning Committees.

Chairwoman O'Brien suggested engaging with community alliances and community block watch groups as well to ensure residents near the art are involved. Chairwoman O'Brien highlighted the various art projects shown in the presentation and the importance of having art throughout the community.

Councilwoman Pastor made a motion to approve the item. Councilwoman Stark seconded the motion.

### **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

#### **3. Phoenix Economic Overview and Update: Part 4 – State of Downtown Phoenix**

Community and Economic Development Director Ryan Touhill and Deputy Community and Economic Development Director Xandon Keating presented this item.

Mr. Touhill highlighted various areas that attract people to downtown Phoenix, such as dining, nightlife, sports, major events, and conventions. Mr. Touhill provided a comparison of downtown Phoenix in 2010 compared to today, including the increase in median income, which he shared highlights the positive impact.

Mr. Keating spoke about the main drivers of downtown Phoenix growth, such as the Arizona State University campus, Light Rail and other transit connectivity, residential

growth, the Phoenix Bioscience Core, and entertainment and amenities. Mr. Keating discussed how these factors have made downtown Phoenix a civic, cultural, and economic hub.

Mr. Touhill highlighted that the success of downtown Phoenix is a collaborative effort between various City departments and other external organizations.

Chairwoman O'Brien thanked staff for the presentation.

Councilwoman Stark highlighted the Downtown Strategic Plan that Downtown Phoenix, Inc. has been working on and asked for an update in a future subcommittee meeting on the Downtown Strategic Plan.

Councilman Robinson asked who the biggest employer in downtown Phoenix is.

Mr. Touhill answered that staff would work on getting an answer.

Councilman Robinson noted that in the past, the largest employer was Valley National Bank.

Councilwoman Stark suggested perhaps the City of Phoenix or Maricopa County is the largest employer in downtown Phoenix.

Chairwoman O'Brien agreed that perhaps City of Phoenix or Maricopa County may be the largest employer in the downtown area.

Mr. Touhill confirmed that he would work on getting an answer.

Chairwoman O'Brien requested information on the largest public and private employer in downtown.

Councilman Robinson also asked how many Black-owned businesses there are in downtown Phoenix.

Mr. Touhill noted the information is not tracked in the City's licensing process; however, the information may be found through other sources.

Councilman Robinson noted that there are many successful Black-owned businesses in downtown Phoenix and shared that other cities in the metro area have asked how the City has done this.

Councilwoman Pastor noted that even with current residential growth, there is still further need for residential growth in the City, especially in downtown Phoenix.

Councilwoman Pastor asked for more information on residential growth.

Mr. Keating confirmed there is additional need for downtown residential growth. Mr. Keating shared there is interest from developers to continue building more residential

units, however, developers also like to ensure that units are filled. Mr. Keating noted the importance of growing the residential base to support additional amenities and businesses, such as retail stores and other services.

Councilwoman Pastor noted the City needs to keep up with the demand for residential units to support the Downtown Entertainment District and Downtown Strategic Plan. Councilwoman Pastor noted the importance of the Downtown Strategic Plan for moving towards the future and helping with downtown Phoenix as an entertainment district.

Chairwoman O'Brien asked if the Clean and Green team are volunteers or City employees.

Mr. Keating shared that the Clean and Green team are Downtown Phoenix, Inc. employees that focus on keeping downtown Phoenix clean and inviting, such as caring for trees and shrubs in the right-of-way.

Chairwoman O'Brien highlighted the concerted effort to keep downtown Phoenix beautiful. Chairwoman O'Brien asked about future challenges and opportunities for downtown Phoenix.

Mr. Touhill answered that future opportunities and challenges include a variety of different types of residential units in downtown. Mr. Touhill shared the number of hotel rooms is also of importance to the Convention Center and Visit Phoenix. Mr. Touhill highlighted a recent project to transform an office building to residential units. Mr. Touhill mentioned the importance of adding to, or enhancing, amenities such as venues.

Chairwoman O'Brien highlighted the importance of transforming downtown Phoenix and the success of National Collegiate Athletic Association's Women's Final Four.

Councilwoman Pastor asked about the diversity of small minority-owned businesses in downtown Phoenix.

Mr. Touhill confirmed that staff could explore the diversity of businesses.

Chairwoman O'Brien asked if additional information could be voluntarily collected from businesses about whether they are minority-owned or other information.

Mr. Keating clarified that the City does not track business licenses, but can get information from other databases and Downtown Phoenix, Inc.

Councilwoman Pastor suggested that staff work with the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian Chamber of Commerce, and Black Chamber of Commerce to get data.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilwoman Stark asked for an update on the Downtown Strategic Plan in September or October.

Councilwoman Pastor also asked for an update on the Downtown Strategic Plan and to hear a little bit about the Entertainment District at a high-level.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Alcantar  
Management Fellow

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Report

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Agenda Date: 6/10/2026, Item No. 2

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**19th Avenue & Montebello Avenue - Authorization to Issue Disposition and Redevelopment Solicitation - District 4**

Request the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee recommend City Council approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the disposition and redevelopment of the approximately 10.2-acre City-owned property located at the southeast corner of 19th and Montebello avenues.

**THIS ITEM IS FOR CONSENT ACTION.**

**Summary**

The City owns approximately 10.2 acres of land located at the southeast corner of 19th and Montebello avenues (Site), currently improved with a 794-space park-and-ride facility and transit center serving the 19th and Montebello avenues light rail station. The Site is owned by the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department and includes multiple parcels zoned Walkable Urban Code, Transect 5:6 District, Transit Solano Character Area (WU CODE T5:6 SL). In 2025, in anticipation of issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP), the Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) processed a rezoning application requesting a change to the Walkable Urban Code to allow mixed-use, commercial, and residential uses consistent with the long-term vision for the area outlined in the Solano Transit-Oriented Development Policy Plan. The Site was developed as the initial end-of-line park-and-ride location and opened in 2008; however, subsequent light rail system extensions have moved the end-of-line further north and this park-and-ride is now underutilized. Some parking spaces may need to be maintained on Site, which will be determined by the Public Transit Department before the RFP is issued.

With approval, CEDD will issue an RFP seeking high-quality, transit-oriented, mixed-use redevelopment concepts. CEDD is assessing the feasibility for a portion of any proposed residential use to be affordable to households that qualify as Affordable (at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income) or the Workforce range (at or below 120 percent Area Median Income). CEDD is currently working with stakeholders to determine if an additional reservation of space for a City purpose may be needed and will include any identified needs in the desired project.

Proposers will be required to retain key transit functions, including park-and-ride spaces and the bus loop, as determined necessary by the Public Transit Department, and to have experience successfully completing at least one vertical development of at least three stories in the last seven years. Proposers will be required to comply with all applicable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations regarding the disposition or use of the site.

The RFP will seek proposals that:

- Provide mixed-use commercial and residential redevelopment supporting transit-oriented land use.
- Capitalize on the Site's strategic location adjacent to the 19th and Montebello avenues light rail station.
- Support the long-term vision established in the Solano Transit-Oriented Development Policy Plan.
- Incorporate pedestrian-oriented design, public access, and Site activation consistent with the Walkable Urban Code.

### **Procurement Information**

Responsive proposals will be evaluated by a panel including City staff and community representatives. The evaluation criteria will be:

- Concept to Redevelop the Site (0-375 points)
- Return to the City (0-350 points)
- Proposer's Qualifications and Experience (0-275 points)

Following negotiations with the recommended proposer, staff will present business terms to the Subcommittee for review and recommendation, and subsequently to the full City Council for approval. Due to the use of federal funds disbursed by the FTA for the original property acquisition, all resulting Agreements are subject to the review and approval of the FTA.

### **Financial Impact**

This action will have no financial impact to the General Fund. Any revenues gained resulting from this RFP will be directed to the City's Public Transit fund for transit uses per FTA guidelines.

### **Public Outreach**

Public outreach regarding proposed redevelopment was conducted through the rezoning process. Additional public outreach will be completed prior to releasing the RFP.

**Location**

Southeast corner of 19th and Montebello avenues.  
Council District: 4

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Ginger Spencer, Deputy City Manager Amber Williamson, and the Community and Economic Development and Public Transit departments.



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Agenda Date: 6/10/2026, Item No. 3

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**Greater Phoenix Economic Council - Authorization to Add Funding - Citywide**

This report requests the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee recommend City Council approval to add additional funding to Contract 158892 with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) for business attraction and development services.

**THIS ITEM IS FOR CONSENT ACTION.**

**Summary**

GPEC's mission is to attract and grow quality businesses in the region and advocate for Greater Phoenix's economic competitiveness. Its efforts include marketing the region, including coordinating regional prospect proposals, real estate tours, domestic and international sales missions and other strategic activities resulting in business investment in Greater Phoenix.

The City has been a member of GPEC since the organization's inception in 1989. Since 2020, the fee for each GPEC member in Maricopa County is calculated using a rate of \$0.4897 per resident, based on the most current population estimates from the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity. The 2025 population estimate for Phoenix is 1,709,489. Based on this formula, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 contract amount is \$837,137, which will be shared equally by the Aviation, Community and Economic Development (CED), Public Works and Water Services departments.

GPEC regularly collaborates with CED to generate prospects and attract new business investment from outside the region. As of April 30, 2026, GPEC's efforts this Fiscal Year have helped locate 32 companies to the region, with the expectation of creating nearly 5,507 jobs and capital investments exceeding \$1.9 billion. To date, 11 of those companies have chosen to locate in Phoenix. Over the past five years, Phoenix's return on investment from its partnership with GPEC has been \$111 of direct revenue for every \$1 invested.

GPEC represents 22 municipalities in the region, as well as Maricopa and Pinal Counties, and conducts a variety of diverse and value-added services and activities on behalf of its members. In addition to its public sector members, more than 220 private

investors contribute resources to support GPEC's efforts.

**Procurement Information**

In accordance with Administrative Regulation 3.10, an exception to the procurement process was approved to select this vendor as a Sole Source given its unique role in performing business attraction and development services for the Greater Phoenix region.

**Contract Term**

On June 28, 2023, City Council authorized a one-year contract with four one-year renewal options. If funding for FY 2026-27 is approved in the amount of \$837,137, the third contract option will be exercised, and one one-year renewal option will remain.

**Financial Impact**

The FY 2026-27 contract amount is \$837,137, which will be shared equally by the Aviation, Community and Economic Development, Public Works and Water Services departments.

**Concurrence/Previous Council Action**

On June 28, 2023, City Council authorized this contract and funding for first year of the contract in an amount not to exceed \$811,450 through Ordinance S-49920. On May 29, 2024, City Council authorized the FY 2024-25 budget in an amount not to exceed \$823,701 for the first one-year renewal option through Ordinance S-50895. On June 4, 2025, City Council authorized the FY 2025-26 budget in an amount not to exceed \$831,362 for the second one-year renewal option through Ordinance S-51966.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Ginger Spencer, Deputy City Managers Alan Stephenson and Frank McCune, and the Aviation, Public Works, Water Services, and Community and Economic Development departments.



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Agenda Date: 6/10/2026, Item No. 4

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**Report on Art in Private Development Research and Ordinance Framework**

This report provides information to the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee on research, stakeholder feedback, and program structure for an Art in Private Development ordinance. The Subcommittee may provide direction to staff on program structure, ordinance language, and/or stakeholder engagement strategies.

**THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.**

**Summary**

Since its establishment in 1986, the City of Phoenix Public Art Program, managed by the Office of the Arts and Culture, has served as a national model for engaging artists in designing and building a better city. The program is funded through an ordinance that allocates one percent of the City's annual Capital Improvement Program to public art projects integrated into a wide range of public buildings, spaces, and City infrastructure.

In addition, the private sector has bolstered its investment in the arts community by commissioning murals, incorporating sculpture and architectural enhancements into development projects, and creating vibrant environments that attract businesses, thereby boosting local economies. Regions with thriving arts and culture ecosystems consistently outperform peer markets in attracting and retaining talent and companies.

This report is in follow up to the Art in Private Development presentation shared with the Subcommittee in October 2025. Since then, staff hosted several listening sessions with various stakeholders, conducted additional research with assistance from Bloomberg Associates and their contracted attorney, and spoke with leadership from the Community and Economic Development and Planning and Development departments, with the goal of developing an Art in Private Development ordinance for the City of Phoenix.

Stakeholders engaged to date:

- Mayor and City Councilmembers.
- Artlink Artist Council (local artists).

- Valley Partnership.
- Individual developers (Sharon Harper, Kyle Jardine, Trevor Barger).
- Sarah Conely Odenkirk, attorney (AIPD expertise).
- Phoenix Community Alliance - Arts, Culture, and Public Life Committee.
- Community and Economic Development Department leadership.
- Planning and Development Department leadership.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Frank McCune and the Office of Arts and Culture.



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Agenda Date: 6/10/2026, Item No. 5

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**2026 NCAA Women's Final Four Review - Citywide**

This report provides an overview of the successful NCAA Women's Final Four events held in Phoenix.

**THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.**

**Summary**

From April 2 to 5, 2026, Phoenix hosted the NCAA Women's Final Four for the first time. Downtown Phoenix served as the epicenter of fan-related activities and ancillary events in addition to the semifinal and championship games. Multiple venues were activated, including the Phoenix Convention Center, Margaret T. Hance Park, Heritage Square, and the Mortgage Matchup Center. Hundreds of thousands of people participated in various events throughout downtown Phoenix during the week.

Safely hosting these large crowds was made possible by the efforts of partner organizations, including the NCAA, Phoenix Local Organizing Committee, Visit Phoenix, and Downtown Phoenix Inc. In addition, multiple City departments were involved in the planning effort leading up to the Final Four. An internal Steering Committee composed of leadership representing Aviation, City Clerk, Communications, Community and Economic Development, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Phoenix Convention Center, Planning and Development, Police, Public Transit, Public Works, and Street Transportation departments worked over the past year to develop operational plans to support the events and coordinated with various other City departments as well. Valley Metro supported Final Four week by transporting visitors and residents to and from Final Four events via light rail.

A summary of the successful Final Four activities and key outcomes will be presented to the City Council Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Cynthia Aguilar and the Phoenix Convention Center Department.



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Agenda Date: 6/10/2026, Item No. 6

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**Phoenix Economic Overview and Update: Part 5 - Building a Stronger Regional Workforce - Citywide**

This report provides the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee with an overview of Phoenix’s workforce system and its continued shift toward high demand industries. The presentation highlights the City's coordinated programs, employer partnerships, and innovative training models that strengthen the regional talent pipeline and support long-term economic competitiveness.

**THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.**

**Summary**

This presentation is the fifth installment of the Phoenix Economic Overview and Update series and provides an overview of how Phoenix’s workforce system is evolving in response to rapid population growth, shifting labor market demands, and the expansion of high-demand industries. The City continues to strengthen its workforce infrastructure through coordinated partnerships with the Phoenix Business and Workforce Board, employers, education institutions, ARIZONA@WORK City of Phoenix providers, and community partner organizations.

Phoenix's collaborative workforce system ensures that Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funded services, training programs, and employer-driven strategies are delivered cohesively across job centers, community sites, and innovative platforms to support a resilient workforce and a strong regional talent pipeline.

The City’s workforce efforts are further strengthened by employer-driven and industry-aligned training models, including advanced manufacturing apprenticeship pathways developed with partners such as TSMC, the National Institute for Industry and Career Advancement, and local community colleges. Initiatives like Summer Youth RISE, ElevateEdAZ, and the Industry Driven Skills Grant expand opportunities for youth, job seekers, and workers to access high-quality work-based learning, early career exposure, and upskilling aligned with industry demand.

Innovative delivery models, including the Phoenix Mobile Career Unit and the forthcoming Innovation 27 workforce training and education center, further expand

access and ensure that training, employer engagement, and career services remain responsive to labor market needs.

Workforce development partner organizations play a critical role in training, upskilling, and aligning workers with in demand jobs. The presentation will highlight the programs of ecosystem partners Helios and Westmec to showcase how efforts across the workforce ecosystem collectively support long-term economic resilience and reinforce Phoenix's ability to cultivate and sustain a stronger regional workforce.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Ginger Spencer and the Community and Economic Development Department.



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Agenda Date: 6/10/2026, Item No. 7

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**Current Smart City Innovations - Citywide**

This report provides the Economic Development and Arts Subcommittee with an update on Phoenix's first Smart Cities strategy and citywide innovations.

**THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.**

**Summary**

The City of Phoenix Office of Innovation and Information Technology Services are developing Phoenix's first Smart Cities strategy to advance and coordinate the use of data and smart technologies across City departments. Examples of these technologies include: sensors to collect and activate real-time data in city operations; artificial intelligence (AI) to support city staff, streamline processes and enhance service delivery; Geographical Information Systems to collect, analyze and visualize data; Augmented Reality for enhanced community engagement; drones and unmanned aircraft systems; and collaborative platforms, among others.

The Smart Cities strategy supports the advancement of approved City plans and focuses on strategic priority areas, including: Heat Mitigation and Water Management; Smart Transportation and Mobility; Intelligent Public Safety; Smart Operations; and Accessibility. During the development of the Smart Cities strategy, more than 150 projects have been identified across City departments, in various phases of deployment. Sensei IQ is a dynamic, collaborative platform being utilized to coordinate Smart Cities projects across departments.

Current Smart Cities projects include:

- Information Technology Services - Microsoft Copilot was implemented citywide, empowering city staff with an AI assistant to streamline work flows, increase efficiencies and enhance customer service.
- Public Works Department - Optical sorters, with high-speed, infra-red detection and an AI-powered sorting robot increasing processing speeds, safety and efficiency at the City's 27th Avenue Materials Recovery Center. These technologies also provide powerful insights that support the marketing of recovered materials.

- Street Transportation Department - NoTraffic, an AI-powered advanced-detection system that optimizes traffic flow and improves safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. The system detects pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles and adapts signal timing according to traffic levels, in real time.
- Water Services Department - SewerAI uses artificial intelligence to accelerate sewer pipeline inspections; SmartCover sensors provide real-time alerts of rising manhole water levels; and Kando uses machine learning to monitor sewer entry points for contamination.
- Office of Innovation and Information Technology Services - Partnered to install Hearing Loop technology at Phoenix City Council Chambers. This assistive listening technology directly connects a hearing aid to the audio system within the Chambers, providing a seamless listening experience for residents, staff and elected officials during Phoenix City Council Meetings. Additional locations are being identified to expand the use of assistive listening technologies.
- Office of Innovation - NOWi water monitoring and leak-detection sensors, piloted at more than a dozen locations. The low-cost, easy-to-install device is expanding for City use in buildings and landscape irrigation.
- Planning and Development Department - Shape PHX, Phase III, is now live, completing the implementation of the City's comprehensive, 24/7 digital development center for residents and businesses.
- Phoenix Police Department's Unmanned Aerial Systems Program won the 2026 Smart Cities North America Award in the Public Safety Category, flying 12,500 missions in its first two years of operation.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Deputy City Managers Gina Montes and David Mathews, and the Office of Innovation and Information Technology Services.