

## ATTACHMENT A

### SUMMARY MINUTES COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING COMMUNITY-WIDE HEARING (VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON) CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS APRIL 2, 2024

City Manager Jeff Barton opened the budget hearing at 6:04 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance and introducing the interpreter. The interpreter briefly introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Councilwoman O'Brien thanked City Manager Jeff Barton, Budget and Research Director Amber Williamson, and their teams for their budget work, expressing eagerness for citizen feedback.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington thanked Budget and Research staff and community members for their engagement, highlighting the importance of public input for Phoenix's budget.

Councilwoman Pastor thanked attendees and staff, highlighting the importance of addressing community needs for decision-making.

Mr. Barton introduced the Parks Master Plan video. Following the video, he explained the speaking process for the budget hearing and introduced the Trial Budget video. Following the video, he opened the floor for public comment.

1. Teresa Hill asked to prioritize homelessness support within the budget, urging the use of surplus funds toward housing, legal aid, and mental health while criticizing expenditures on private property cleanup.
2. Ginnie Ann Sumner praised Graffiti Busters' digital updates and supported safety and park upgrades, calling for more funds for homeless services, police resources, and city planning for storefront revitalization, while also criticizing inefficient street sweeping and advocating for improved park facilities and infrastructure.
3. Annie Eldon of Phoenix Spokes People requested funding for safer city initiatives, including protected bike lanes, a designated Complete Streets position, and support for the Phoenix CAN program.
4. John Walker of Phoenix Spokes People supported building separated bike lanes on Third Street, urging continued funding to expand, connect, and enhance safety for cyclists, alongside advocating for removing age restrictions on e-scooter and e-bike use.

5. Patrick McDaniel, from Phoenix Committee Alliance, praised budget preparation efforts and advocated for maintaining funding for homeless services, historic preservation, and active transportation, proposing increased staffing in the Housing Department for affordable housing initiatives.
6. Steven Gilman, from the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), voiced concern over the absence of plans or budget for hiring more firefighters, emphasizing the importance of addressing response times and prioritizing public safety.
7. Chris Murphy, a Phoenix firefighter, urged the council to invest in more resources to improve declining fire department response times and ensure public safety.
8. Jason Newman, a Phoenix firefighter, emphasized the urgent need for more personnel and equipment to meet increasing demands and ensure timely emergency response amid the city's population growth.
9. Lisa Glow, representing Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), expressed gratitude for the City's partnership in addressing homelessness and requested budget support for operating costs for the Sunnyslope Family Shelter and additional funding to meet the rising demand for services.

Mr. Barton ended the hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Consador  
Management Fellow

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 4  
STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK  
APRIL 4, 2024**

Deputy City Manager Inger Erickson opened the Community Budget Hearing at 6:02 PM. Ms. Erickson welcomed those in attendance and made opening remarks. The Spanish language interpreter introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Ms. Erickson also introduced Deputy Budget and Research Director Aaron Mertz. She stated public input on the 2024-25 Trial Budget was important and briefly explained the budget status and approval process. Ms. Erickson encouraged residents to provide feedback on the 2024-25 Trial Budget by engaging with FundPHX, an online tool on the City's website.

Councilmember Laura Pastor encouraged attendees to provide comments on the proposed budget to reflect needs in the community.

Ms. Erickson introduced a video regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Councilmember Pastor urged residents to become engaged and provide input on the Master Plan.

Ms. Erickson requested the budget video presentation to be played and stated that staff was available to answer questions. After the video, she opened the floor for public comments.

1. Noah Wolodkin spoke in favor of funding for more Fire Department positions to improve response times.
2. Rebecca Denis spoke in favor of funding for more water fountains outside of City facilities, maintenance of existing water fountains, a renters/emergency eviction legal services program, more services for unsheltered individuals, more permanent supportive housing units, and more low-barrier shelters.

Councilmember Pastor asked if the request was for more low-barrier or permanent housing. Ms. Denis replied she was advocating for both.

3. Phillip Scharf thanked the City for its support for affordable housing and services for unsheltered individuals.
4. John Walker thanked the City for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street improvements and advocated for cycling infrastructure and connectivity.

5. Zachary Holman spoke in favor of funding for bicycle and pedestrian-friendly street improvements and advocated for improvements to light rail safety and timeliness.

Councilmember Pastor stated the City was working to increase police visibility on light rail platforms and was reviewing street light timing.

6. Lara Sands spoke in favor of funding for safe streets for all bicyclists and pedestrians and commended street improvement projects in the Willow neighborhood.
7. Shirley Dieckman submitted a card in favor of continued funding for Fire and Police and efforts to repeal State laws that hurt funding for cities.

Councilmember Pastor reiterated her support for bicycle-friendly street improvements, lower Fire response times, functioning water fountains, affordable housing, mental health services and emergency eviction services for renters. She thanked residents and staff for attending and sharing their comments.

Ms. Erickson adjourned the hearing at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Budget and Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 6  
DEVONSHIRE SENIOR CENTER  
APRIL 4, 2024**

Councilmember Kevin Robinson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua welcomed those in attendance and introduced the interpreter. The interpreter briefly introduced herself and provided instructions for anyone needing Spanish-language interpretation.

Councilmember Robinson welcomed and thanked the citizens and staff for participating in the budget process and stressed the importance of letting the Council know what the community wants to see in the annual budget.

Mr. Paniagua introduced the Parks Master Plan video. Following the video, he explained the speaking process for the budget hearing and introduced the Trial Budget video.

Councilmember Kevin Robinson opened the floor for public comment.

1. Nicole Dizon asked funds to be prioritized in the budget for neighborhoods, safety, community connection and efficiency. She asked for park restrooms to be updated; an increase to the number of community events; and investment in technology to increase efficiencies. She spoke in support of the budget set aside for heat resiliency and tree planting projects.
2. Ginnie Ann Sumner supported safety and park upgrades, calling for more funds for homeless services, police resources, while also criticizing inefficient street sweeping and advocating for improved park facilities and infrastructure.
3. Mike Brannon, a Phoenix firefighter, urged the Council to invest in more resources to improve the Fire Department response times and ensure public safety.
4. Lisa Glow, representing Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), expressed gratitude for the City's partnership in addressing homelessness and requested budget support for operating costs for the Sunnyslope Family Shelter and additional funding to meet the rising demand for services.
5. Christina Eichelkraut, discussed disabled residents with mobility issues focusing on the lack of safe passage to the Cross Cut Canal and nearby shopping, medical, employment and other services.

6. Annie Eldon of Phoenix Spokes People requested funding for safer city initiatives, including protected bike lanes, a designated Complete Streets position, and support for the Phoenix CAN program.

Councilmember Robinson thanked everyone for being there and participating. He reminded citizens that City staff is available to answer any additional questions. He adjourned the hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Budget and Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 1  
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PHOENIX NORTH  
APRIL 5, 2024**

Assistant City Manager Lori Bays opened the community budget hearing at 8:00 a.m. by welcoming those in attendance and introducing the interpreter. The interpreter briefly introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Councilmember O'Brien welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending to provide feedback on the budget process.

Ms. Bays introduced the Parks Master Plan video. Following the video, she explained the speaking process for the budget hearing and introduced the Trial Budget video. Following the video, she opened the floor for public comment at 8:12 a.m.

1. Stan Bates supports fully funding public safety services and continuing to fund security officers at city parks. He also agrees with setting aside the budget surplus for next year.
2. Tim Knobbe advocated for more firefighters, paramedics, fire trucks and ambulances to aid in response times.
3. Mary Searle did not wish to speak but requested to increase funding for the Police Department and provide additional facilities for the Fire Department. She is also in favor of continuing security at city parks.

Ms. Bays thanked everyone for attending the hearing and ended the hearing at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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