

Phoenix City Council
Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2020

City Council Chambers
200 West Jefferson Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Subcommittee Members Present

Councilwoman Thelda Williams, Chair
Councilwoman Debra Stark
Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Councilwoman Betty Guardado

Subcommittee Members Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Williams called the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee to order at 9:03 a.m. with Vice Mayor Guardado, Councilwoman Pastor and Councilwoman Stark present via Webex.

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua read a memo announcing the withdrawal of item 19.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1. For Approval or Correction, the Minutes of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting on March 4, 2020

Councilwoman Stark made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020 Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee. Vice Mayor Guardado seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

CONSENT ACTION (ITEMS 2-12)

Items 2-12 were for consent action. No presentations were planned but staff was available to answer questions.

Councilwoman Stark made a motion to approve consent items 3-7, 9, 11 and 12. Vice Mayor Guardado seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

3. Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Foam Testing Equipment

4. Extend Guest Services and Customer Volunteer Management Services Contract

5. Fine Art Cleaning and Maintenance

6. Billboard Outdoor Advertising Revenue Contract Solicitation Request to Issue at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

7. Arizona Department of Public Safety Corporate Hangar Lease Extension

9. Authorization to Amend Parking Meter Contract

11. South Central Extension/Downtown Hub Project Funding Agreement Amendment

12. Northwest Extension Phase II Funding, Design and Construction Agreement Amendment
13. Metro, Regional Public Transportation Authority, and Maricopa Association of Government Meetings

2. American Airlines Passenger Boarding Bridges

Jennifer Birdwell, resident, submitted a request to speak but was not on the line.

Councilwoman Stark made a motion to approve item 2. Vice Mayor Guardado seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

8. Phoenix Deer Valley Airport Restaurant Revenue Contract Solicitation

Brent Kleinman, resident, submitted a request to speak but was not on the line.

Councilwoman Stark made a motion to approve item 8. Vice Mayor Guardado seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

10. Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Projects in Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

Jane Hendricks, resident, submitted a request to speak but was not on the line.

Councilwoman Stark made a motion to approve item 10. Vice Mayor Guardado seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

14. Citizens Transportation Commission Meetings

No Councilmember requested additional information.

15. Freeway Program Update

No Councilmember requested additional information.

16. Water Services Department Drought Resiliency Infrastructure Program Update
No Councilmember requested additional information.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEMS 17-19)

17. Phoenix City Code Amendments Related to Chapters 28 - Sewer and 37 - Water

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua introduced Water Services Director Kathryn Sorensen to present on proposed amendments related to Chapters 28 and 37 of the Phoenix City Code related to sewer and water.

Ms. Sorensen outlined the proposed amendments, including changes to the language to ensure transparency and consistency, conformance with the Clean Water Act and new practices that further the City's water equity initiative.

She presented two specific changes proposed to benefit customers, including limiting water flows to enforce the residential city services bill, rather than disconnecting them, and ceasing the accrual of late fees for single-family residential customers once their water service has been disconnected or restricted.

Ms. Sorensen stated staff requests the Subcommittee recommend to City Council the approval of the proposed updates to Phoenix City Code Chapters 28 - Sewer and 37 - Water.

Chairwoman Williams spoke in support of the proposed changes.

Councilwoman Stark made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Vice Mayor Guardado seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

18. Transit Furniture Manufacturing and Installation – Request for Award

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua introduced Public Transit Director Jesus Sapien to present on the transit furniture manufacturing and installation contract.

Mr. Sapien began by providing an overview of the bus shelter designs currently in use and then presented renderings and described the attributes of the new shelter designs: the T2050 standard shelter, a kit-of-parts shelter and the larger version.

Mr. Sapien discussed the solicitation process and explained the two-year agreement would provide staff time to test the new shelter design against use and wear in the field, and would expire in conjunction with the existing contract for the current shelter design. He shared staff intends to have a future solicitation in fiscal year 2022 to encompass the manufacture, installation and repair of the bus shelters utilizing the current design, the new design, or a mixture of both.

Mr. Sapien explained an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued in February and received two responsive bids. He shared, based on pricing, staff recommends awarding Talis Construction Corporation for approximately \$2.3 million.

Councilwoman Stark asked if the new design would replace existing bus shelters. Mr. Sapien stated there would be a mixture of both the current design and new design. Additionally, he explained staff would evaluate shelters up for replacement and new shelters to determine which design is more suitable.

Chairwoman Williams asked if the new design incorporates advertising. Mr. Sapien stated the new design does not currently have advertising; however staff will work to incorporate advertising ability in the new design if it is selected for future use.

Chairwoman Williams asked how much advertising revenue would be lost in the two-year period. Mr. Sapien explained the shelters would be placed strategically as to not impact revenue from existing advertising.

Councilwoman Pastor requested photos of the newly designed shelter that show the amount of shade provided throughout the day, asked if an analysis was conducted to compare the amount of shade created by each type of shelter, and asked about the timeline, location and quantity of shelters that would be part of the pilot program.

Mr. Sapien responded the new design provides shade both within the shelter and behind it. He also explained studies were conducted to see how the new shelter provides shade and that renderings from the time of day studies can be provided to the Subcommittee. The renderings would also be used to identify the appropriate shelter type for each bus stop location in the City.

Mr. Sapien stated staff will work with the contractor to analyze the appropriate location for each design. Additionally, staff anticipates installing 200 bus stops under this contract with most of them being the T2050 standard shelter.

Councilwoman Pastor expressed concern regarding the amount of shade and seating that the new design offers. Mr. Sapien said staff would incorporate seating where it is needed.

Councilwoman Pastor followed up by asking how seating would be managed for heavy use bus stops. Mr. Sapien responded a bench could be installed in the shelter design and an analysis of the necessary seating options is incorporated in the \$2.3 million contract.

Vice Mayor Guardado complimented the aesthetic design and suggested individual seating as opposed to a long bench. She recommended the ability to have signage on the shelter in English and Spanish to ensure that people who use the bus shelter are

riders. Mr. Sapien responded that type of signage has not been used for transit furniture in the past, but staff can research adding this.

Chairwoman Williams shared her appreciation that the shelters offer greater visibility of waiting riders for the drivers while providing shade. She asked if the shelter would be constructed in a different color. Mr. Sapien said staff would investigate that idea.

Mr. Sapien stated the Citizens Transportation Commission recommended approval to enter into an agreement with Talis Construction Corporation to construct and install new bus shelters on Aug. 27, 2020. He concluded by stating staff requests the Subcommittee recommend City Council approval of the agreement with Talis Construction Corporation to construct and install new bus shelters.

Councilwoman Pastor made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Vice Mayor Guardado seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

19. Street Mural Pilot Program

This item was withdrawn as explained by Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua. Councilwoman Pastor confirmed that discussion on legal issues related to the street mural proposal was planned for the City Council Executive Session scheduled for Sept. 8, 2020.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Mayor Guardado requested an update on the shields installed on Phoenix buses.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adeoffer-Marie Rabusa
Management Intern