



Minutes City Council Issue Review Session February 21, 2008

Minutes of the Tempe City Council Issue Review Session held on Thursday, February 21, 2008, 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Tempe City Hall, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Hugh Hallman

Vice Mayor Hut Hutson

Councilmember P. Ben Arredondo

Councilmember Barbara J. Carter

Councilmember Shana Ellis

Councilmember Mark W. Mitchell

Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian

Mayor Hallman called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Call to the Audience

Mike Wasko, Tempe, re: Item #2. In the southeast quadrant, there are plans to build a 5-story parking garage as part of the Marriott Hotel which will provide approximately 432 spaces. In that particular quadrant, the study shows that the overall utilization of that area is only about 76%. Therefore, there is not an immediate need to provide additional parking. He suggested having staff re-evaluate having one story underground and only three stories above ground, making it a 4-story garage. That was the original proposal approved by the Development Review Commission (DRC). We need to be smart about where we put our parking and consider how traffic gets to and from that parking because it creates other issues. That would allow for the potential to develop other areas in the same vicinity in the near future if other parking is needed, such as the southeast corner of Forest and Sixth. He also didn't know if it was good to have a parking garage taller than City Hall.

Mayor Hallman clarified that it would not be taller than City Hall. Parking floors are significantly shorter than floors for commercial buildings.

Mr. Wasko added that it is stated as a height of 58 feet and he thought City Hall was 46 feet.

Mayor Hallman clarified that it starts at a different level. The parking spaces in that parking garage include the hotel parking spaces and an additional 300 spaces for the City, which are needed to address City staff concerns. We have been putting parking in the Brickyard at a substantial expense, as well as at the Chase Building. We are trying to move things around so that we can free up parking where people want to park for Mill

Avenue and meet those needs most cost-effectively. We have an obligation to supply 60 spaces for the retail center immediately across the street from City Hall. That need is currently met by the parking lot at Mission Palms Hotel, but that the hotel is now up for sale. We have to supply 186 spaces for the hotel under the deal that was done almost twenty years ago. Those are all the things that are causing us to have to deal with obligations that were imposed upon this City quite some time ago. This Council has decided to address those problems and spend the money to solve those problems. People complain about the lack of public parking in the downtown.

Bill Butler, Tempe, re: Item #2. When Council discusses the parking problems tonight, he would hope some picture of what's going to happen five, ten, twenty and more years down the road is provided. There will be several thousands of apartments coming in with the request for no parking. Light rail and buses are supposed to take over and these people are not supposed to buy cars. He asked Council to discuss the long range plans.

Downtown Parking

INFORMATIONAL BACKGROUND available in City Clerk's Office.

DISCUSSION – Presenters: Community Development Manager Chris Salomone; Deputy Community Development Manager Neil Calfee; Director of Operations for Downtown Tempe Community (DTC) Chris Wilson

Chris Salomone summarized that there are issues, challenges, and concerns regarding parking in the downtown area as a result of mass transit, light rail, new land uses, and new intensity construction. Staff would like to engage in a conversation, provide information and seek Council's advice.

Neil Calfee summarized that the downtown parking program is comprised of 11,000 parking spaces. This program has been built over thirty years of redevelopment in the downtown. It is designed to serve the needs of the employees and downtown customers while balancing those needs against the urban design goals that have come to make downtown Tempe so special. That system is feeling some stress, however. The good news is that what we are dealing with now is a temporary problem due to the success of Tempe. When buildings are being constructed, many of the buildings are being built on top of existing parking. For example, the Centerpoint Condominiums development is built where 150 parking spaces formerly existed. The addition of 200 construction workers into the downtown creates a stress on the parking. Utilization is day time. Light rail is coming. There is a significant opportunity that will not completely obliterate the need for parking, but at the same time will provide a very good alternative for those looking to come into the downtown. There has been a tremendous utilization of the alternative transportation modes, especially for special events.

Chris Wilson summarized that the City is experiencing growing pains. Many of the parking lots that are full now are compounded by the high number of construction workers. There is a definitive line between the facilities that are being highly utilized and those that are almost not utilized. The Brickyard at lunchtime runs between 90% and 92% occupancy and that is effectively full. An 85% occupancy rate is about the point when customers become frustrated. The Centerpoint garage, however, has a 30% to 40% occupancy. This is because the Brickyard is more centrally located, is not blocked by construction, and is more accessible.

Another pressure is that the Centerpoint project has been a major blow to this system. We had 305 parking spaces and we had obligations to put parking permits in those 305 spaces. We reduced that by half, but we still had to meet all the permit obligations for the employees at Centerpoint and add parking for 200 construction workers. When that construction project is done, 305 spaces will be picked up. We have a study that talks about some of the things we've done right over the years, and some that we need to change. When it comes to the proposed City Hall garage, one of the concerns is whether it is too much parking. Based on the 2006 numbers, it is. Based on the actual study done in 2008, it is not. Based on what we will need in the future, absolutely not. This is about comprehensively planning for the future. The existing condition in that particular quadrant is about 85% occupancy.

Mr. Calfee confirmed. He added that the Armory lot is a good example of a temporary re-use. When the Armory facility was taken down, we asked them not to knock down the parking spaces which allowed us to convert those two public spaces and pick up 112 spaces in that area.

Councilmember Arredondo stated that this is a partnership and we will try to work together to solve problems. We're just going to try to make things better as we go along.

Mayor Hallman noted that the University Square parking lot is still shown as available. Because the rest of that facility was razed, is it possible to put temporary parking there as well?

Mr. Calfee responded that it is possible. One temporary solution staff is looking at is not razing the entire block simultaneously, but incrementally adding spaces as we go along.

Mayor Hallman asked about the lot on the southeast corner of 7th and Mill which was used as parking and was then closed. Why isn't it currently being used?

Mr. Wilson responded that the lot doesn't come close to meeting code. Maricopa County Clean Air group requires a high level of treatment and doesn't allow parking on dirt. The other paved section was considered to be in inadequate condition when the building existed and is even more so now.

Mr. Calfee clarified that all approved projects include additional parking for the uses proposed. As a project intensifies, it adds additional parking into the project to handle the load it will create. Projects are not being built on top of parking lots and creating a net deficit. Each of these projects will add additional public parking into the downtown and will not add to the load. In some cases, we have been able to add additional parking beyond what the City would require.

Mayor Hallman added that Avenue Communities has added 60 parking spaces, the OPUS project with US Airways will add 72 spaces, and we added parking to the hotel project in addition to the hotel spaces required to make up for the lot we were losing, plus some additional spaces.

Mr. Calfee added that staff would like the flexibility to look at solutions that will manage construction worker traffic as needed. At the University Square lot, for example, components of parking could be added so that we are not paving three acres of parking, but we can add 50 to 100 spaces at some point and be able to manage

that and flex with the system as it is needed.

Mayor Hallman asked if it is possible, for those 200 construction workers parking needs, to start requiring contractors to make use of off-site parking and move that pressure point out of the downtown?

Mr. Salomone responded that staff thinks that is a great idea and will work with Development Services, perhaps to make that a stipulation in the approval of the project.

Mayor Hallman added that whenever a project is coming forward with any kind of changes, we might ask them to stipulate to that.

Mr. Calfee added that this would be a short term solution without making any large investments. He continued that Centerpoint, for example, will be called the "P1 Garage" which is the garage directly adjacent to the Harkins Theater. That garage is not being utilized. That is basically a signage problem. We can provide better signage in order to do a better job of getting people into the available public parking and making it known that it is available.

Mayor Hallman clarified that we wouldn't cite a developer for putting a banner on the side of a parking garage noting "Parking Downstairs." There might be sign packages that might allow that.

Mr. Calfee added that staff would also like to study the best alternatives for site-specific solutions and come back to Council with a program, knowing that there might be short term solutions such as banners. We want to get a longer term solution on the street as soon as possible in order to work towards comprehensive, very visible, very recognizable, public parking signage.

Councilmember Arredondo didn't think we should wait for signage. We need to let people know what's available now, not when something opens and when. .

Mayor Hallman suggested putting information in the water bill that people could put keep in their cars for use when they come downtown.

Councilmember Ellis asked about the policy on valet parking. Some of the public lots turn into valet lots in the evening and they are not public anymore. They charge when you pull your car up.

Mr. Wilson responded that there is only one managed valet lot within this program. The rest of the valets are managed as part of Centerpoint or Z-Tejas, as related to their lease contract. Councilmember Ellis was probably referring to the lot behind Hooters. That particular lot is a public lot and the meters shut off at 6 p.m. The problem is that the employees would then fill up that lot starting at 5:30, pay for a half hour and stay there for the whole night, which would eliminate public parking. In order to prevent that from happening, they have gone to a valet system which allows for the public to utilize that space. One of the principles of smart parking is the concept that employees, while important, need to be farther away from the core. The customers shouldn't have to go as far to get to their destination.

Councilmember Ellis clarified that, potentially, an employee could pay the \$6.

Mr. Wilson responded that price seems to be a fairly effective tool. He didn't think most of the employees are using that valet. Different types of management techniques other than valet are being discussed for that lot, but currently that is the tool.

Councilmember Ellis asked if the future lots are being turned over to valet.

Mr. Wilson responded that they are not.

Councilmember Arredondo stated that because we are a college town, we don't have control over when games get switched. Sometimes they move to an afternoon and none of the meters allow enough time to see a sporting event.

Mr. Wilson responded that a policy decision could be made for that, but the existing policy of allowing the meters to run during sporting events is in order to create a balance. Sporting events happen randomly throughout the year and at different times and businesses are down here 24/7. When events happen, parking lots fill up. The only available customer parking for turnover becomes the on-street metered parking. They have tried to leave the meters running there to allow for regular business to occur during sporting events.

Councilmember Arredondo suggested bringing that forward as a recommendation for a vote. He asked when parking is free.

Mr. Wilson responded the meters are free after 6 p.m. and all day on Sundays.

Mayor Hallman added that if we change the policy, the parking spaces won't be available because they will be filled with people who aren't there for the sporting events or the shopping. Last year we changed the price on the east side, increased the cost of the parking meters, and shortened the amount of time so that it makes it nearly impossible for ASU students to use those meters and get to a class and back on time. The goal is that if we made it long enough for other people, then it would be longer for ASU students, too. The students aren't buying things in the stores or going to the sporting event. They are going to class.

Councilmember Arredondo added, by the same token, the calls he has received are from long-time supporters that say they have bought season ticket and should have at least an opportunity like anyone else.

Mayor Hallman suggested supplying, on some regular basis to residents (in the water bill, for example), hang tags with an expiration date. The user can park on the street as part of the fact that they have paid the taxes to help us develop the downtown.

Councilmember Arredondo suggested looking at what's feasible and changing the way we do business.

Mr. Wilson added that they look at parking in three distinct times: daytime parking, night time parking, and, special event parking. Based on their surveys, they have discovered that the daytime parking issue is the

problem. At night or on weekends you can park in any garage anywhere you want and we are running at 30% to 50% occupancy during that time. For special events, the alternate modes of transportation are working. ASU event-goers are parking on campus more often. During special events, none of the downtown facilities are currently filled. If people are going to a Saturday afternoon ASU basketball game, he would suggest parking in one of the long-term lots. Maybe a marketing piece would be to talk about the long term lots and the available garages.

Mayor Hallman suggested doing some outreach with ASU. When they are putting together their packages for events, we disseminate the same kind of notice.

Councilmember Mitchell asked if there is a way the participating lots could participate in a rebate and whether that exists today.

Mr. Wilson responded that the Hayden Square, the Centerpoint, the Brickyard, and the City Hall garage all participate in a level of validation. Originally that was for two hours free with validation. There was no cost to the business. If someone parked at Hayden Square, but went to a Centerpoint business, Hayden Square had no obligation to validate the Centerpoint business. We had to learn to exchange those validations. Hayden Square would take a Centerpoint validation but they would get repaid for it later, and visa versa. More recently, the system has gone to one hour free, no matter what. It is possible to park at any of those facilities and get one hour free right off the top. All of the downtown businesses still have the ability to validate, but it's their choice. They have to buy extended validations at a discounted rate from the individual property owners and they can pass those along to their customers.

Mr. Calfee added that the lots are one thing, but on-street parking is another. We have maintained that parking needs to have a fee charged and it needs to be turned over.

Mayor Hallman added that it has to be convenient and it has to be available.

Councilmember Shekerjian added that there are seven people who spent an extensive amount of time learning about the City in terms of parking, etc. They didn't even realize all of the parking that exists and she agreed that we really need to let people know, on a regular basis, where parking is available and let them know the top ten reasons to come downtown and park there. She stated that she would support the idea of having a promotion quarterly to include a hang tag with an expiration date in the water bill. A lot of south Tempe residents don't come downtown because they don't know where the parking is located. There are also short term and long term signage issues.

Mr. Wilson added that there was a way-finding system in place but over the years the construction moved. We need to create a system that is much more flexible to be responsive to adjusting for these construction issues. In the long run, the studies strenuously talk about the way-finding signage and that is one of the top priorities.

Councilmember Arredondo suggested considering parking alternatives. Parallel parking is the hardest for people to do and maybe it's time to look at angle parking. We should also take a look at some of the streets

where we can open, close, or not have it and let Council make a decision. We are losing streets.

Councilmember Mitchell added that although the water bill is important, we also have the City's webpage.

Mr. Calfee responded that staff is considering linking to the DTC's website.

Mr. Wilson added that the recommended changes, short of the agreements with the developers for providing construction parking, are quick changes. We can move banners and arrows on the light poles around as we move forward. We can put arrows on the maps to show how to get to the parking areas.

Councilmember Mitchell suggested adding those participating in the validation program because that would be helpful information.

Councilmember Ellis added that bus service doesn't run for the employees that work for businesses in the downtown. It stops at 1:30 a.m., and most bars are open until 2 a.m. Is there any way Tempe could expand its bus service? Is there any need for consideration for additional taxi zones? She knew some of the meters were taken out for taxi zones during certain times.

Mr. Wilson responded that they do want to look at extending the local Orbit routes first and then moving on the buses in the future. He would be happy to bring anything forward to Council. They want to explore more taxi stands. They are finding a slight problem with the taxi stands on Mill Avenue. Taxis come and park in those zones and stay there, preventing other taxis from coming in. They are considering changing those to 5-minute passenger loading and unloading areas. There is a low utilization of the meters on the north side of 5th Street between the transit station and Mill Avenue and that creates a taxi parking area where they could stay and then pull through. A lot of the bars and tax companies are interested in that. Some taxis will provide radios to the bars where they can actually call to the cabs.

Councilmember Arredondo concurred on extending the buses. That should be a direction we give to the City Manager. He suggested looking at incentivizing for parking at the Library and using shuttles for special events.

Mayor Hallman directed staff to continue to work to make this practical. Concerning the "Park It" signs, they are not readable unless you know what you are looking for. We are supposed to be accommodating people who want to come down here for a good experience. No one wants to have to be educated about where to park. If customers have to feel they need to read a manual on the internet on where to park, they won't come. That's still the biggest problem. We want people to feel good about their experience here. We are competing against other places where people can have good experiences and we need to make this cost-effective, efficient, and sensible. Make it work before making it cute.

CONSENSUS

- **Require contractors to make use of offsite parking.**
- **Look at public parking way-finding signage.**
- **Advertise in water bill to promote parking and list who participates in validation.**

- On City website, show locations of parking.
- Continue to work to make parking practical and workable to the City.
- City Manager to look at extension of bus services as relates to budget, etc.

Follow-up Responsibility: Chris Salomone, Neil Calfee

Citizens Satisfaction Survey

INFORMATIONAL BACKGROUND available in the City Clerk's Office.

DISCUSSION – Community Relations Manager Shelley Hearn

Shelley Hearn summarized that an RFP was issued about a year ago based on Council direction to create a survey tool that would produce real information and become a tool for prioritizing and budget preparation. She thanked the team of Cecilia Robles, Nikki Ripley, and Tom Mikesell for helping with this effort. She introduced Chris Tatham from ETC Institute. She showed a map of all the different cities across the country that ETC surveys and which were compared for benchmarking.

Chris Tatham summarized the results of the survey. The overall results represent more than 1,000 households. The data has a precision of +/- 3% at the 95 percentile level of confidence. GIS mapping shows the residential areas which are the areas of survey responses. There was good representation from all residential areas.

- Tempe is definitely one of the best performing cities when it comes to the quality of service delivery. Looking at the GIS maps, the mean rating based on where people live is color-coding based on the ratings. Blue and dark blue shows the average person in that area was satisfied or very satisfied. The entire city is noted in blue when it comes to quality of services.
- The overall perception of Tempe as a place to live, work and retire revealed very little dissatisfaction. By comparison to other national cities, Tempe ranks 13% above the national average as a place to live, but 21% above the national average as a place to work.
- When it comes to what people think about the community and overall quality of services, quality of life, and image, there is very little dissatisfaction. 88% responded with positive ratings and the national average is only 53%. Tempe is the highest rated city of more than 100K residents.
- Concerning public safety, there is very little dissatisfaction with 0%. Tempe sets a new national standard with performance with enforcement of local traffic laws, with 66% giving positive ratings.
- An analysis was performed based on the relative importance of services compared to how satisfied they were to provide a sense if there were areas that were out of sync. There is not one item that was a high priority. High priorities are not problems now, but things that you should pay attention to.
- Parks, facilities and recreation show great usage of the City's facilities. 76%, or 3 out of 4 persons, had visited parks in the last months. Most communities average 2 out of 3. The most dissatisfaction for any area is 5% on City swimming pools. All other areas have less than 5% dissatisfaction. Nationally, city swimming pools rank fairly low. Tempe is above average in all areas, but the one item of most dissatisfaction has the strongest comparative advantage, having 67% giving positive ratings compared to 49%.
- Concerning Neighborhoods, most issues were related to quality of neighborhood parks, streets, safety, and private property maintenance were generally good. One unique issue, for which benchmarking is

not available, is the condition of alleys and that is a concern for a number of residents.

- Regarding Community Services, Tempe is off the charts with satisfaction of the Library, with 89% giving positive ratings. Good ratings for all.
- Many times college communities have challenges in keeping people informed. We asked how people get information, and the “Tempe Today” newsletter reached 3 of 4 households. The website is used by more people than the average community. When it comes to satisfaction, with availability of information and efforts to keep residents informed, will typically show 20% to 25% dissatisfied, but in Tempe there was very little satisfaction. Tempe towers over the average community with 16% above the national average for availability of information.
- Transportation is a big issue, but overall preponderance is satisfaction. One of the keys to success is if communities invest in infrastructure. Overall satisfaction with streets is significantly over the national average of 74% compared with 57%. When communities do that right, and they are also safe, they tend to do well. They are a number of items in the high priority category which suggests the City has done a good job balancing these issues, but needs to continue to pay attention to them.
- Concerning the appearance of the City, there was generally a preponderance of positive ratings. In looking at the issues, it is the responsiveness to the code enforcement complaints that is something to continue to watch.
- Utility services definitely set the standard. Over 8 out of 10 are satisfied in all services. Water services set a new national high at 88%.

Mr. Tatham continued that one of the basic core services that cities provide is public safety. That is typically the top issue for residents when other things are aligned. Many communities will have utilities as the number one concern for people, and this suggests that people feel safe now, but as they grow and change, they want to make sure they continue to feel safe, want managed neighborhoods, and transportation issues addressed. He urged the Council to keep these top three or four issues in mind as they make decisions, because message points about what is being done in those areas will resonate well with the residents.

Mr. Tatham summarized that Tempe is setting the standard. Tempe is in the top 5% of all cities surveyed. 35% above the national average is a phenomenal accomplishment. No major deficiencies were identified, with no high priority item categories of the items assessed. Tempe is rated above average in all the areas assessed. In moving forward, the challenge will be how to sustain these high levels of satisfaction. There are always diminishing returns. You can only make people so satisfied. Look at some of the high priority issues to make sure they don't become issues in the future.

Councilmember Shekerjian noted that one of the things people need to understand about this survey is that surveys can be formulated to get nothing but positive comments. This survey was designed to get to the issues so Council knew what the priorities should be in the next few years. Also, Council got a copy of the results as well as the open-ended comments which really give a flavor to the issues as well as the compliments. This GIS mapping piece is phenomenal. It lends itself so well to being able to look at issues that departments need to deal with. It would be helpful in using this tool to go across departments and look at particular areas and attack problems specific to that geographic area. The GIS map document provides the tool to do that. The one thing she is most impressed about is our staff and when they receive information like this, they celebrate, but it doesn't stop the level of quality of service they provide for the community. Our staff will not rest on their laurels.

Councilmember Mitchell thanked staff for their phenomenal effort. Tempe is an All-American city. This survey provides good data to utilize.

Councilmember Carter thanked Shelly Hearn for facilitating this. If our new City Manager wants to take us from good to great, we found out we're great, so he might to take us to greater. There is always room for improvement.

Mayor Hallman suggested accessing the raw data, as well. The GIS maps are one of the best tools he has seen. A year ago, Council examined the survey instrument and moved things around to get better clarity and focus on what we can do better. It is gratifying that the results are tremendous, and our goal is how to improve. Get the data for correlations that could help us improve. A neighborhood with concerns over the image of the City, how well the City is planning growth, the quality of life, safety, alleys, and enforcement of traffic laws is instructive. We can use this data to see what the core issues are for that group. Is it the fact that the quality of the alleys gives people the sense of lack of safety? If the condition of the alleys is not good and the parks aren't good, is that what helps set people up for this disposition that they are not as well off as people across the street? That is very instructive data to help focus attention on areas that may be feeling they are getting shorted. If we had done this the old way, we would have asked how we are planning for growth, and you would think since we talk the most about it, it's all about the downtown. In fact, that really isn't what this shows. It shows the satisfaction level is a little lower along Apache Boulevard where the streets have been torn up for the last year and a half and where we've never gotten the movement toward redevelopment to improve those neighborhoods. It's now just starting to take hold and this City has worked on that problem in some ways for the last two decades. This is a great instrument. He directed the City Manager to ask staff to pull this apart department by department and look at those areas. On top of that, he would ask Councilmembers to look through the survey results and identify those items for their committees to take responsibility for and work with the departments to seek to apply efforts to improve in those areas where we can improve.

Councilmember Arredondo concurred.

Councilmember Ellis noted that 72% of the people get their information through the water bill. That is outstanding. Is there a large demand for articles to go in there that actually don't make the cut because there isn't much room? Maybe we should look at increasing the size of the newsletter.

Ms. Hearn responded that staff tries to supplement that newsletter along with the flyer. By adding any more, the weight and expense are increased. Staff is aggressively working on marketing things.

Vice Mayor Hutson added that this is a good document. He thanked Charlie and staff for the service done for the City. This is just a baseline. We will never get to 100%. We should set our plan and goal to continue this level of service because that's what everyone expects. Again, the job will be to maintain this level of service.

Councilmember Carter asked how this information will be conveyed to the citizens.

Ms. Hearn responded that staff met with both newspapers ahead of time to make sure they comprehended what this data means. A press release will be issued, as well as posting the survey on the website. Nikki Ripley will put something in the "Tempe Today" newsletter regarding the results with the web address where it can be viewed.

Councilmember Ellis stated that she feels as a councilmember like she is standing on the shoulders of giants. The fact that she is sitting here when this survey came out has nothing to do with her. It has to do with staff and those on Council who have been here for a long period of time. It is a challenge to keep those results up. She thanked staff and Council for setting this vision.

Charlie Meyer added that this is one of the best reports he had seen, not just the results, but the quality of the survey itself. He did send a newsletter out to all employees stating that we were going to give it a rest for a week or so and bask in the sunlight of these terrific results. We are engaged now to determine how we can drill down into the data and use it as a measure for future benchmarking.

Councilmember Shekerjian added that part of the reason why this community continues to be as good is because we don't rest on our laurels and we realize that good is the enemy of great.

CONSENSUS

- Staff to examine individual department areas.
- Council committees to look at areas as pertain to their committees.
- Obtain data so correlations can be assessed.

Follow-up Responsibility: Shelley Hearn

2008 Federal Legislative Program

INFORMATIONAL BACKGROUND available in City Clerk's Office.

DISCUSSION – Presenter: Community Relations Manager Shelley Hearn; Government Relations Director Amber Wakeman

Mayor Hallman asked if there is there anything to change on the recommendations.

Councilmember Carter stated that she wanted to get this on the table and start the conversation about it. We have talked about the fact that we have set aside money for the dams. While Council and staff will be in Washington, D.C. soon, we should take the opportunity to start the process of rolling out that request. It took five years to get the pedestrian bridge funded and she wanted to start the discussion and get consensus to at least start the subject with our congressmen.

Mayor Hallman asked for consensus to move forward and asked who will be in Washington, D.C.

Amber Wakeman responded that Councilmembers Ellis, Carter, and Shekerjian will be going.

Mayor Hallman directed Councilmember Carter to start the conversation.

Ms. Wakeman thanked staff for assistance in compiling this program.

CONSENSUS

Move forward.

Follow-up Responsibility: Amber Wakeman

ADA Task Force Report Update

INFORMATIONAL BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION – Diversity Manager Rosa Inchausti; ADA Accessibility Specialist Karl Stephens

Rosa Inchausti introduced Karl Stephens, ADA Accessibility Specialist. She summarized that Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires that all municipalities conduct a self-examination to make sure programs and services are accessible for people with disabilities.

Karl Stephens stated that the history outlines where we've been and what was provided to Council a year ago. All of the outstanding requirements have been met since March of 2007. Tempe is moving forward.

CONSENSUS

All outstanding issues noted in the ADA Task Force Report have been resolved.

Follow-up Responsibility: Rosa Inchausti

Consideration of Rescheduling of June Council Meeting Date

Mayor Hallman summarized that it is necessary to move the June Council meeting because it is required to separate by two weeks the formal adoption of the final operating budget and CIP from the meeting scheduled on June 19th for the adoption of the property tax rate. The option is to move the IRS and Formal Meeting to June 5th.

Councilmember Ellis stated that she has a conflict on June 5th, but would be able to participate by telephone.

CONSENSUS

Move Council Meeting date from June 12, 2008, to June 5, 2008. City Clerk to notify departments and public of the change.

Follow-up Responsibility: Jan Hort

Formal Council Agenda Items

No agenda items were discussed.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Mayor's Announcements/Manager's Announcements

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Jan Hort
City Clerk