



**MINUTES OF THE
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Council Chambers
5850 West Glendale Avenue
December 20, 2011
4:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, with Vice Mayor Steven E. Frate and the following Councilmembers present: Joyce V. Clark, Yvonne J. Knaack, H. Philip Lieberman and Manuel D. Martinez.

Councilmember Norma S. Alvarez was absent.

Also present were Ed Beasley, City Manager; Horatio Skeete, Assistant City Manager; Craig Tindall, City Attorney; and Pamela Hanna, City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the City Council at a work session. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion.

Mr. Ed Beasley, City Manager, read agenda item numbers 1 and 2.

1. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE, LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

This is a request for City Council to approve a special event liquor license for the Leland Stanford Junior University, commonly known as Stanford University. The event will be held at Pendergast Property located at 6252 North 91st Avenue on Monday, January 2, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this special event liquor license is for a pre-game tailgate party.

If this application is approved, the total number of days expended by this applicant will be one of the allowed 10 days per calendar year. Under the provisions of A.R.S. § 4-203.02, the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control may issue a special event liquor license only if the Council recommends approval of such license.

The City of Glendale Planning, Police, and Fire Departments have reviewed the application and determined that it meets all technical requirements.

Based on the information provided under the background, it is staff's recommendation to forward this application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control with a recommendation of approval.

2. AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE ACTION FOR CONDEMNATION

Craig Tindall, City Attorney, presented this item.

This is a request for City Council to authorize the City Attorney to acquire, for a public purpose, clear title to any or all of the property described in the attached Exhibit A by condemnation or otherwise.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) strongly encourages airports to pursue runway protection zone (RPZ) land acquisitions. The Glendale Municipal Airport seeks to acquire approximately 42.6 acres of land for an RPZ located beyond the end of Runway 19 on two parcels owned by Conair Corporation. City staff has met with representatives of Conair to attempt to negotiate a voluntary sale of the property. The city made an offer to Conair of \$5,033,000 based upon a preliminary appraisal. Conair rejected the city's offer and made a counter-offer of \$14,612,901. In the event Conair and the city are not able to reach a mutually-agreeable property value, this authorizes the city to pursue litigation.

In light of the potential litigation and issues involved, the amount that may be incurred as a result of the condemnation action will be discussed with Council in executive session.

The recommendation is to authorize the City Attorney to acquire, for a public purpose, clear title to any or all of the property described above by condemnation or otherwise.

Andrew Marwick, a Phoenix resident, noted he was not sure who would end up paying for this, whether it was a federal grant or something similar. He provided information on general runway protection zones where there have been many dangerous situations and major safety issues. He remarked on a problem that happened in the late 1970's at Chicago O'Hare Airport as well as other cities. He added that because of these incidents, the federal government has become involved and began cracking down on this issue. He noted that even if this land remains in private hands, it will be very difficult to build anything there.

John Lyon, an Ocotillo resident, asked to comment on the tailgate party that Stanford University would like to have in the city. He remarked on the high probability of there being alcohol at this event and expressed his concern that these young college people will make it home safe. He believes it was not wise to combine this kind of event with the Fiesta Bowl, as well as all the drinking that might happen. He stated he was opposed to having liquor at this event.

Councilmember Clark asked to comment on the tailgating event since the speaker might not have all the information provided to the Council. She explained this event was being put on by the Stanford Alumni Association as a charitable fund raising event for the Association. She believes this event was not being targeted for young people.

It was moved by Frate and seconded by Knaack, to approve the recommended actions on Consent Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 2, including to forward Special Event Liquor License Application for Leland Stanford Junior University, commonly known as Stanford University for a tailgating event to be held January 2, 2012, State of Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, with the recommendation for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ken Jones, an Ocotillo resident, stated that the morale of Glendale's rank and file employees cannot get any lower. He said the Council and City Manager owed them a public apology. He noted that Mr. Beasley and staff had received fat salary increases, meanwhile honest city workers who make half the money lost part of their income to mandatory furlough days. He referred to the recent story in the paper regarding this issue and believes it gives the city a black eye. He believes city managers should cut their pay back to where it was when the mandatory furlough went into effect. He asked the Council to keep their word on the time limit for the Coyotes and start looking at plan B. He wished all city employees who took furlough days, a Happy Holiday Season.

Andrew Marwick, a Phoenix resident, commented on the Coyotes issue still being open with no information coming from the city and no end in sight. He stated that things did not look very promising. He also commented on the average attendance at the games, as well as the surrounding areas. He still believes hockey will not work in Arizona.

Arthur Thruston, a Cactus resident, stated he had some things prepared to discuss at today's meeting regarding what has been reported in the newspaper; however, after listening to the other speakers, these things can wait until the first of the year. Instead he would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE WORKSHOP AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Frate, and seconded by Martinez, to hold a City Council Workshop at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-3 of the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, to be followed by an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03. It was additionally moved to hold a Special City Council Workshop on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in Room B-3 of the City Council Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ

It was moved by Frate, and seconded by Lieberman, to excuse Councilmember Alvarez from tonight's Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Councilmember Clark stated that this had been a difficult year for staff and the Council since it seemed that every time they turned around, there was something new with which to deal; however, they weathered the year. She said she was very optimistic for the coming year and expects to see a lot of these issues resolved well for Glendale. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Lieberman thanked the speakers for their remarks and for repeatedly coming to the meetings and speaking before the Council. He noted he agreed with a lot of their comments. He only wished more people would take the initiative to become more involved in the city. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and Prosperous New Year. He also asked them to keep safe and be careful on the roads.

Vice Mayor Frate wished all the employees and the citizens of Glendale, a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year. Also, please watch children around water.

Councilmember Martinez wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also expressed a big thank you to staff for all their hard work this year.

Councilmember Knaack wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She thanked the staff for all their hard work this year. She noted it had been a hard year for them all, however, they all had done what they believe was right and best for the city of Glendale.

Mayor Scruggs stated that the comments were all very well said and so she will just close by saying – that she hopes the very best presents you get are memories that will last you a lifetime. Thank you for being here. The meeting is adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Pamela Hanna

Pamela Hanna - City Clerk