

**WORKSHOP MINUTES
CITY OF GLENDALE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 2A
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012
6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Sherwood (Sahuaro), Commissioner Petrone (Cholla), Commissioner Larson (Mayoral), and Commissioner Penilla (Barrel).

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Williams (Ocotillo).

City Staff Present: Tabitha Perry, Assistant Planning Director, Jon M. Froke, AICP, Planning Director, Deborah Robberson, Deputy City Attorney, Brian Friedman, Executive Director, Community and Economic Development Department, Jessi Pederson, Economic Development, and Diana Figueroa, Recording Secretary.

ITEM

1. Proposition 457

Mr. Brian Friedman, Executive Director, Community and Economic Development, provided information to the Commission explaining the potential city services which could be eliminated if the temporary sales tax is repealed.

Commissioner Penilla questioned how many police and fire positions would be eliminated. Mr. Friedman said approximately 100. He added the Police and Fire Departments make up 65% of the general fund.

Commissioner Larson asked where the city of Glendale falls in comparison to nearby cities regarding the percentage of tax charged. Mr. Friedman said there are a couple of cities that are higher taxes, but Glendale is one of the highest.

Commissioner Larson said Glendale has some great events which benefit the citizens, but question where the cutbacks should be made. He asked if the city should postpone these great events.

Chairperson Sherwood explained the festivals do not make a profit. He said the purpose is to draw people in and expose them to the downtown area.

Commissioner Petrone said people throughout the valley attend events in Glendale. He said removal of these events would be detrimental to more than just Glendale residents

but to all of those coming in from different cities and states to attend these wonderful events.

Mr. Friedman thanked the Commission for their time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Sherwood called for other business. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Figueroa, Recording Secretary