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Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
1/7/2014	CM Alvarez	Review City Charter to establish City Council term limits	CM Alvarez is requesting staff review of the City Charter to begin the process to establish City Council term limits.	Pending	Michael Bailey	Staff is evaluating for future action
8/6 and 8/20/2013	Weiers and Chavira	Improve Western Area Regional Park - SW corner of Glendale Regional Heroes Park and develop cost estimates for construction and O&M for the soccer fields	Mayor Weiers (8/16 and 8/20) and CM Chavira (8/6 and 8/20) requested staff develop cost estimates on soccer fields, greening up of a section of the Glendale Regional Heroes Park and an archery range. Mayor Weiers and CM Chavira intend to use the information with potential donors to see if outside funding can pay for construction. Mayor Weiers and CM Chavira brought item up at workshop on 8/20/2013.	Will be brought to a future workshop.	Erik Strunk	This item was discussed at workshop on 10/15. Council requested staff work with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to conduct community outreach, assess interest and need, and identify potential partners for an archery range only - at no cost to the City. Staff reviewed a draft outreach strategy with the P&R Commission in October and again in December. A community open house will occur on January 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Heroes Park XCourt Building and a demonstration project tentatively is set for January 25, 2014, 11 a.m. on site. Area notification will be mailed out the first week of January 2014 and the P&R Commission will be briefed in February 2014.
8/20/2013 an	Sherwood	Sister city	Explore a sister city relationship with one of the Canadian cities that the city will possibly play hockey against (Edmonton, Calgary, etc.). Mayor, Weiers, VM Knaack and CM Chavira are supportive of this idea.	Coming to a workshop on 2/4.	Kristen Krey	Presented at a workshop meeting on 10/15. Direction received to research use of outside organizations/board for a sister city program- i.e. Civic Pride, Chamber. Sister cities should be representative of our community and have economic development potential.

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8/20/2013 and 01/07/2014	Sherwood	Review Tohono O'odham casino issue	New Council should take a fresh look at all of the issues regarding the casino. No official discussions since 2009. Need a new dialogue with all of the stakeholders to review the issues and start new conversations. CM Hugh and CM Chavira agree that the city needs to start a new dialogue with TO. VM Knaack would like a meeting with TO and all parties involved with a impartial facilitator. On 1/7, CM Alvarez requested the city make a decision on the casino issue and is requesting the city vote on it. CM Alvarez does not want any more money spent on legal fees.	Pending future workshop.	Brenda Fischer and Michael Bailey	Presented at workshop on 10/15. Consensus to engage in communication with Tohono O'odham and other Indian nations. Conduct an assessment of potential costs to the city's fire, police, transportation and other impacted departments.
5/31/2013	Weiers	Arrange to allow for the operation of a motorcycle training school out of the Brown Lot	Work with TEAM Arizona to get a license to allow them to operate a motorcycle training school out of the Brown Lot at 91st Avenue and Orangewood.	Pending future voting meeting.	Jamsheed Mehta	Meetings have been held with impacted departments. Jamsheed Mehta will prepare a summary of departmental input regarding this issue. Scheduled for 11/5 workshop. Consensus was received to bring this item to a future voting meeting for Council consideration. Guidelines for private use of city property are being prepared. A license agreement for motorcycle training on the Brown lot will follow, and will be taken to Council if the terms of the agreement are acceptable to the applicant.
8/20/2013 and 11/5/2013	Sherwood	Review of Camelback Ranch	Requesting a review of options, how did we get where we are today. CM Alvarez, CM Chavira and CM Hugh agree that we need to see where we are financially, how much we owe, how are we paying for it, etc. On 11/5/2013, CM Alvarez stated she would like to review all of the Camelback Ranch contracts as there is a lot of money involved. CM Alvarez will be discussing this information during her district neighborhood meetings.	Pending until after the first of the year.	Jamsheed Mehta, Brian Friedman and Michael Bailey	Pending staff evaluation.

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10/1/2013	Weiers	Two hour parking signs in downtown area	Mayor Weiers is asking about the two hour parking signs in the downtown area. Merchants are concerned that the signs are discouraging tourism and shopping in the downtown area.	Pending discussion at a future workshop.	Jamsheed Mehta and Chief Black	Staff is evaluating. Will be brought forward to a workshop on 12/3. Consensus was provided on 12/3 for a survey to be drafted and results will be brought back for consideration at a future workshop.
10/15/2013	Weiers	Update on From the Heart donations on city water bills	Mayor Weiers is requesting an update on the From the Heart donation on the city water bill to include an additional amount such as $5, $10 or other amount. A citizen is unable to increase the donation amount above $1.	Pending ordinance change consideration at a future voting meeting.	Tom Duensing	Research being conducted by Financial Services. Several options were discussed on 12/3 and a consensus was received to add $1.00 for a total of $2.00 donation on the utility bill. City Code changes will be brought to a future Council meeting.
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8/13/2013	Weiers	Construct a low water crossing over New River to connect Ballpark Blvd. to Glendale Avenue	Evaluate the feasibility of constructing a roadway that runs through the New River to connect Ballpark Blvd. to Glendale Avenue either on the east or west side of the airport.	Consensus to place the extension in the next Transportation Master Plan for future planning. Completed.	Jamsheed Mehta, Brian Friedman, Stuart Kent	Staff is evaluating alternatives for this request. Scheduled for 11/19 workshop. No further action is required at this time, information is being added to the Transportation Master Plan.
10/1/2013 and 11/5/2013	Alvarez	Coyotes Financial Statements on a monthly basis	CM Alvarez is requesting a monthly financial report on the Coyotes. Is the city making money or not making money? On 11/5/2013, CM Alvarez reaffirmed her request to receive a monthly report on the Coyotes instead of a quarterly report to be transparent with the taxpayers.	Completed	Tom Duensing	Arena financial reports will be sent on a monthly basis by Financial Services.

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8/20/2013	Sherwood	Discuss current revenue projections, take a realistic look	Need a comparison, ask GPEC to come in, need comparison with other cities. Discuss fire structural deficit.	Completed	Tom Duensing	Scheduled for a 12/17 workshop midyear review. A comprehensive presentation and discussions were provided at the 12/17 workshop. Future budget workshops will seek comments from staff, employees and all stakeholders and provide information on how the city can evolve stronger to be prepared for future growth. Consensus was received by Council to proceed with the dual approach whereby staff will schedule a series of Council budget workshops to further discuss specific areas, options, and potential solutions. .