

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST as of January 29, 2016

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1/19/2016	Hugh	Request for staff to research Westgate lake/fountain costs	VM Hugh would like staff to research and bring back to a future workshop, how much it cost the city to construct the lake/fountain on Glendale Avenue that was deeded over to Westgate, what the city received in return for deeding the lake/fountain to Westgate and whether art money was used for construction.	Pending	Jennifer Campbell	Pending staff action.
1/19/2016	Malnar	Request for an overview on the roles and responsibilities of the members of Boards and Commissions	CM Malnar would like staff to research what the roles and responsibilities are for current Boards and Commissions members and whether the City Charter and current statute ordinances apply.	Pending	Michael Bailey	Pending staff action.
1/19/2016	Aldama	Request for staff to draft a beautification plan	CM Aldama would like staff to present a beautification plan for the downtown and Catlin Court areas that would include planters on sidewalks with a wildflower mix. CM Aldama would also like staff to research whether the gas lamp light poles could be repainted the same green color that was used several years ago. CM Aldama would also like the downtown and Catlin Court areas to be on a regular maintenance schedule to keep the areas clean especially after special events. CM Aldama is also requesting the clock be painted that is located at 58th Avenue and Glendale Avenue on the NW corner.	Pending	Jon Froke and Jean Moreno	Pending staff action.
1/19/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for power wash, window cleaning and exterior paint at city hall	CM Tolmachoff requested that city hall surrounding areas (concourse areas), be power washed, the windows cleaned and the exterior painted. CM Tolmachoff would like staff to include these items in the budget process over the next few years.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action.
1/19/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for staff to research Boards and Commissions rules and procedures	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to research if there is a reason in the Charter, Code or Guidelines why a commissioner cannot serve on two Boards and Commissions and are we currently following the rules? Is there any rule to prevent someone from serving more than 2 two-year terms?	Pending	Michael Bailey	Pending staff action.
1/19/2016	Turner	Request for staff to begin the recruitment for a new City Clerk	CM Turner stated the current City Clerk has notified Council of her intent to retire and he would like staff to begin the process to hire a new City Clerk. CM Turner would like Human Resources to present to Council to discuss whether this could be handled internally.	Pending	Jim Brown	Pending staff action.

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1/5/2016	Chavira	Request for staff to research improving road access adjacent to Westgate	CM Chavira would like staff to research how to connect a small segment at 95th Avenue just north of Bethany Home Road at the halfway point south of Camelback Road so that access would be available from Camelback Road to Northern Avenue. This would alleviate traffic during large-scale events.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action.
1/5/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for staff to research costs	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to come up with a dollar amount that the Glendale taxpayers have invested to ensure the success of the Coyotes. What is the total investment and commitment from the taxpayers, the offset in revenues including arena management?	Pending	Tom Duensing	Pending staff action.
12/15/2015	Malnar	Request to review and change policy for property tax	CM Malnar would like staff to review and determine the impact to change the Council policy of implementing the maximum increase allowable for property tax, and bring this request back to a future workshop.	Scheduled for February 16th Budget Workshop	Tom Duensing	This CIOSI item will be discussed at the February 16th Budget Workshop.
10/20/2015	Tolmachoff	Request to correct language in Zoning Text Amendment	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to research how to correct the language in the Zoning Text Amendment regarding billboards that was approved by Council on June 26, 2012 so that the language would work the way it was intended to.	Pending	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	This topic will be addressed through the Loop 101 Scenic Corridor which is scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission on February 4, 2016. The Scenic Corridor will consist of a general plan amendment and a zoning text amendment.
9/15/2015 and 01/05/2016	Aldama	Request to develop a broader plan on vacant properties	During the September 15, 2015 workshop, CM Aldama requested city staff develop a broader plan to address the condition of vacant properties citywide. During the January 5, 2016 workshop, CM Aldama asked staff to bring back information on how to create a specific plan to address the vacant property issue, citywide and more specifically in the Ocotillo District, that is causing blight.	Pending additional future workshop	Sam McAllen	Scheduled for December 1st workshop. Council direction was received to bring this item back to a future workshop and provide additional information on staffing, establishing a volunteer program and other options.

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9/15/2015	Hugh	Request to develop a plan to make better use of the Civic Center	VM Hugh is requesting city staff take a new look at the Civic Center to get more use of the facility to benefit the city and citizens. VM Hugh would like staff to come back with a proposal that could include a reduction of fees to be more competitive with other facilities.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Staff is in process of hiring an industry consultant to assess the current business model of the Civic Center and all related policies and fees. It is anticipated that staff will return to the Council within six months with the results of the assessment and recommendations.
9/1/2015	Aldama	Request to create a new commission.	CM Aldama is requesting the city develop a diversity commission (commission on diversity).	Scheduled for February 2nd workshop	Jim Brown	Scheduled for November 17th workshop. Council provided direction to move forward on a commission on Diversity and Human Relations. Human Resources staff will bring back an outline of what that the commission will be responsible for, commission structure, etc. Scheduled for February 2nd workshop.
5/19/2015	Hugh	Request to revisit two hour parking	VM Hugh would like staff to revisit the two hour parking ordinance.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Staff met with VM Hugh to discuss the two hour parking issue. Staff will do follow-up work and schedule a work session item to gain direction from City Council. Staff is in the process of completing follow up work.

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3/17/2015	Turner	Request for review of the Westgate media center for library services	This is follow-up to a request made by Councilmember Turner at the March 17, 2015 Council workshop requesting staff analysis as to the feasibility of using a portion of the City of the Glendale Media Center (located at 9494 West Maryland Avenue) for a possible western area branch library. The purpose of this item will be to provide an initial overview of this concept and receive further direction from the City Council.	Pending FY 16-17 city budget process discussion	Erik Strunk	Presented at October 20th Workshop. Council directed staff to further analyze and develop conceptual (visual) depictions of the following two possible options: a) possible use of the media center; b) possible use of prefabricated/modular buildings at Heroes Regional Park. Staff will work on this and prepare this information as part of the upcoming FY 16-17 city budget process.
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10/20/2015	Aldama	Request to bring back the Jazz & Blues Festival	CM Aldama would like staff to research how much it would cost to bring back the Jazz & Blues Festival.	Completed	Laurie Sapp	Staff presented information on this item to Council at the January 19th Workshop and staff received direction that the Council would like to see the festival reinstated
8/4/2015	Turner	Request for research on allowing chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods	CM Turner stated that at the June 23rd Voting Meeting, a citizen in CM Turner's district requested Council consider allowing chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods. CM Turner would like staff to research the pros and cons, limitations, lessons learned from other cities, any negative outfall and what the city would have to do regarding rezoning.	Completed	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	Staff is currently researching and preparing an agenda item regarding chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods. Staff presented the item to Council at the January 19th Workshop and received direction to initiate a Zoning Text Amendment to consider allowing chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods

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8/4/2015	Aldama	Request for a residential overlay in the Sonorita neighborhood	CM Aldama is requesting staff research a residential overlay in the Sonorita neighborhood south of Glendale Avenue, so residents could apply for state, federal and local funding assistance for home repairs and home building.	Completed	Sam McAllen, Jon Froke and Erik Strunk	Staff is currently reviewing historical documentation related to the Sonorita neighborhood and reviewing funding guidelines to learn more about possible funding options to assist with home building and repairs. Staff presented the item to Council at the January 19th Workshop and received direction to initiate a Zoning Text Amendment to create a residential overlay in the Sonorita Neighborhood. Staff will also research possible designations and/or tax credit options that may be available to assist residents and homeowners in the Sonorita Neighborhood. The findings of that research will be distributed to all Councilmembers when the research is completed.