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Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
4/1/2014 and 4/15	Alvarez	Update on urban irrigation changes	CM Alvarez wanted information on the proposed changes the Water Services Advisory Commission was considering. At the 04/15 workshop, CM Alvarez stated the irrigation item was tabled and said there still needs to be further discussion and she wants to learn more.	Pending	Craig Johnson	City Manager tabled this item following the Water Services Advisory Commission meeting. Council was notified on March 13 via e-mail. No further action is being taken at this time. Staff notified the Commission and neighborhood representative that this item had been tabled. Pending staff evaluation.
4/15/2014	Weiers	Update on Northern Avenue approach to the Loop 303	Mayor Weiers stated he was approached by several business owners who expressed major concerns about the entrance on Northern Avenue to the Loop 303 to the north. Mayor Weiers would like staff to work with MAG, and other agencies, to obtain options to improve access.	Pending	Cathy Colbath	Pending staff evaluation.
4/1/2014	Sherwood	Traffic signals - change flashing timing	CM Sherwood requested Transportation and the Police Department research changing the timing for traffic signals to flash at 10 p.m. instead of midnight.	Pending	Cathy Colbath	Pending staff evaluation.
4/1/2014	Martinez	Research short term rental requirements during Super Bowl	CM Martinez and CM Chavira are concerned about short term rentals and issues or concerns during the Super Bowl.	Pending	Jon Froke and Sam McAllen	Staff has begun the research following the April 1 workshop. An internal meeting with multiple departments is scheduled for April 16 to discuss short term rentals.
4/1/2014	VM Knaack	Electronic voting for Council	VM Knaack would like the cost and availability of electronic voting for Council during voting meetings.	Scheduled for 05/06 workshop	Chuck Murphy	Staff began researching following the March 25 voting meeting. Will bring plan forward to a future workshop.
4/1/2014	Alvarez	Diversity on city staff	CM Alvarez requested a discussion regarding diversity at the city. In the past, there were events that celebrated diversity; however, due to budget constraints, those events have been cancelled.	Pending	Jim Brown and Kristen Krey	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.	Completed	Cathy Colbath	Scheduled for 4/1 workshop. No Council consensus to move forward.

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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.	Completed	Erik Strunk	At the 03/18 Workshop, Council consensus was to proceed with implementation of this amenity. Staff will administer this program.
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.	Completed	Michael Bailey	Presented at workshop on 10/15 and 03/18. 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. At the 03/18 Workshop, the majority of Council directed staff to begin negotiations with the Tohono O'odham Nation and for the City Attorney's Office to draft a resolution in opposition of H.R. 1410 for Council consideration at a future voting meeting.
8/20/2013	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.	Completed, memo sent	Kristen Krey	