CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST as of September 25, 2015

Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
9/15/2015	Aldama	Request to develop a broader plan on vacant properties	CM Aldama is requesting city staff develop a broader plan to address the condition of vacant properties citywide.	Pending	Sam McAllen	Pending staff action.
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 facilties.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Pending staff action.
9/1/2015	Aldama	Request to create a new commission.	CM Aldama is requesting the city develop a diversity commission (commission on diversity).	Pending	Jim Brown	Pending staff action.
8/4/2015	Hugh	Request City Council consider rolling back the city sales tax	VM Hugh is requesting the City Council consider rolling back the city sales tax now that the economy has started to improve to become more competitive with other cities.	Pending	Tom Duensing	Pending staff action.
8/4/2015	Hugh	Request to utilize amphitheater at City Hall	VM Hugh stated that the amphitheater located at City Hall is under-used and he would like staff to research how to better utilize this facility.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Staff is currently researching and preparing an agenda item on possible methods to increase the use of the amphitheater. Presentation to Council is tentatively planned for later this fall.
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.	Pending	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	City staff is meeting on September 18th to review options.

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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.	Pending	Sam McAllen, Jon Froke and Erik Strunk	City staff is meeting on September 18th to review options.
10/21/2014, 12/02/2014 and 01/06/2015	Sherwood	Add an ordinance to the City Code pertaining to non-discrimination	CM Sherwood is requesting staff review whether an ordinance can be added to the City Code regarding city relations and to pass a non-discrimination ordinance. CM Sherwood stated this would send a strong message on discrimination and show goodwill especially with the upcoming Super Bowl. CM Sherwood also inquired about a Human Resources ordinance and Human Resources Commission. At the December 2 workshop, CM Sherwood requested agenda item #3 (Discussion of Non-Discrimination Ordinance and Human Relations Commission) be brought back to a future workshop.	Scheduled for October 6 workshop	Jennifer Campbell and Karen Kurtz (outside facilitator)	Staff presented at Dec. 2nd workshop. Human Resources will begin implementation of administrative changes. Council consensus was given to proceed with Attachment D, Unity Pledge. Item will be considered for Council approval by resolution at the December 18 voting meeting. This item will be brought back to a future workshop to discuss consideration of a non-discrimination ordinance. Staff presented at the January 6 workshop. Council consensus was received to begin public input with the assistance of a facilitator. The city evaluated proposals from three facilitators and has selected one of the candidates. The city will work with the facilitator to plan and program the public outreach per Council direction and then begin the series of public meetings. Staff will provide future updates. Presented at the May 19 workshop. Council direction was for four meetings total (three public and one meeting for businesses). Request to move the first two meetings proposed for June 3 and June 4 to the end of July and make one of them a Saturday meeting. Request to bring back the results of the public meetings to the first Council workshop in October (October 6).

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5/19/2015	Sherwood	Request for a workshop presentation by the NLC regarding the Service Line Warranty Program	CM Sherwood is requesting a workshop presentation by the National League of Cities (NLC) regarding the Service Line Warranty Program.	Scheduled for October 6th workshop	Craig Johnson	Scheduled for October 6th workshop.
5/19/2015	Hugh and Weiers	Request to revisit two hour parking and backing in at City Hall parking garage	VM Hugh would like staff to revisit the two hour parking ordinance. Mayor Weiers stated that vehicles backing into the parking garage are still an issue.	Pending	Chief Black and 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.
9/2/2014	Sherwood	Utilize change to Arizona Revised Statute Title 19	CM Sherwood would like the City Clerk's Office to work with the City Attorney's Office to utilize a recent change to the Arizona Revised Statute Title 19 giving towns and cities more authority in running their own elections to come up with an ordinance (or other vehicle) laying out all the particulars. CM Sherwood stated there have been so many changes to the laws over the recent years that are very confusing to the public. CM Sherwood believes that we should define how petitions/referendums are run through the city and whether one needs to be a resident to be able to initiate one.	Pending	Pam Hanna	The City Clerk needs additional time, this request will be rescheduled at a later date. Contact City Clerk for additional information regarding this request.
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5/5/2015	Sherwood	Request for Fire Department to decrease response time	CM Sherwood is asking the Fire Department to research how they can get back to the 6 minutes, 20 seconds response time.	Completed	Chris DeChant	Topic included in the September 1st Fire Department workshop presentation
5/5/2015	Weiers	Request to review the Fire Department future plan	Mayor Weiers is asking staff review of the long range future plan for the Fire Department to create an indepth, comprehensive plan that would not hurt the city.	Completed	Chris DeChant	Topic included in the September 1st Fire Department workshop presentation
5/19/2015	Hugh	Request for Westgate revenues and economic impact	VM Hugh would like to know the economic impact revenues and what the city spends at Westgate for last fiscal year and this fiscal year.	Completed	Tom Duensing	Memorandum sent to Council on September 4th.
8/4/2015	Hugh	Request to start an RFP process for arena management	VM Hugh is requesting the city initiate an RFP process to hire a management firm for the arena.	Completed	Dick Bowers	A representation agreement for Beacon Sports was approved by Council at the September 8th Voting Meeting.