

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COMMUNITY-WIDE VIRTUAL/IN-PERSON  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
APRIL 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

Assistant City Manager Inger Erickson opened the meeting at 6:05 pm and introduced Spanish interpreters Mario Barajas and Elsie Duarte. Mr. Barajas provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish-language interpretation during the hearing.

Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington spoke about the importance of community input in the budget process and encouraged public participation.

Councilwoman Debra Stark thanked those attending and spoke about how public input shapes the budget.

Ms. Erickson explained the purpose of the hearing, where to find additional information about the budget, and how to make a public comment.

A short video on the proposed Trial Budget was played.

Councilwoman Laura Pastor stated she is attending the hearing to listen to public requests.

Ms. Erickson opened the floor for public comment.

1. Orla Bobo spoke about delayed response times due to an underfunding of the Fire Department and requested additional funding.
2. Timothy Gammage thanked council members for their support for the health and safety of Phoenix residents and requested additional fire trucks and staff at Stations 3 and 17.
3. Shirley Dieckman spoke about the importance of maintaining the Gated Alley Program and the positive results the program has had in her neighborhood.
4. Joseph Dora spoke about the need to provide veteran services to the community.
5. Maxell Ulin requested additional heat mitigation funding for City contract workers.
6. John Walker thanked the City for the construction of bike lanes on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He requested protected bike lanes on each arterial road and prioritization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street pedestrian bridge over the Rio Salado.

Councilwoman Debra Stark thanked the public for their comments.

Councilwoman Laura Pastor thanked those in attendance and stated that the requests made in public comment were reasonable

Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington thanked the public for their attendance and engagement.

Ms. Erickson concluded the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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