

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 1  
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PHOENIX NORTH  
APRIL 4, 2025 at 8:00 AM**

Assistant City Manager Lori Bays opened the meeting at 8:00 am and introduced Spanish interpreter Mario Barajas. Mr. Barajas provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish-language interpretation during the hearing.

Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending to provide feedback on the budget process. She noted the importance of this year's budget and the impact of State actions.

Ms. Bays introduced Budget and Research Director Amber Williamson and mentioned the public could provide budget feedback to her as well.

A short video on the proposed Trial Budget was played.

Vice Mayor O'Brien opened the floor for public comment at 8:13 am.

1. Joe Moreno thanked Council for supporting the tax increase. He expressed support for the Fire Department's budget to help with response times.
2. Stan Bates spoke in favor of the budgets for the Fire Department, Police Department, and Neighborhood Services Department and noted the importance of maintaining the Gated Alley Program. He also requested all Community Action Officer positions be restored.

Vice Mayor O'Brien thanked everyone for attending and provided information about FundPHX and where to find additional material about the budget.

Ms. Bays concluded the meeting at 8:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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