

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
SUNNYSLOPE COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 10, 2025 at 8:30 AM**

City Manager Jeff Barton opened the meeting at 8:34 am and introduced Spanish interpreters Elsie Duarte and Oscar Monroy. Ms. Duarte provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish-language interpretation during the hearing.

Mr. Barton introduced Councilwoman Debra Stark. Councilwoman Stark thanked residents for attending and added that public input helps shape the budget.

Mr. Barton noted where to find additional information on the proposed FY 2025-26 Trial Budget, additional ways to provide budget feedback, and the next steps in the budget process.

Mr. Barton requested that the budget video presentation be played. He then opened the floor for public comment at 8:44 am.

1. Masovi Perea supports prioritizing environmental investments such as reliable and free electric transportation and additional trees for streets and parks.
2. Ginnie Ann Sumner spoke in favor of the 24/7 park ranger phone number, traffic enforcement, and extended availability of the Graffiti Busters program. She would like the City's website to list contact information of supporting organizations in increase collaboration. Ms. Sumner supports accomplishing the PHX C.A.R.E.S program through Neighborhood Services and Office of Homeless Solutions staff in place of contracting services through Community Bridges, Inc. Ms. Sumner inquired about the status of recently approved medical response vehicles.
3. Chris Murphy spoke in favor of the tax increase. He expressed support for the Fire Department's budget to help with response times.
4. Carson Murphy submitted a comment in support of the Fire Department's budget to help with response times.
5. Liam Bailey submitted a comment in support of the Fire Department's budget to help with response times.
6. Marcus Goodrich submitted a comment in support of the Fire Department's budget to help with response times.
7. Joe Moreno submitted a comment in support of the Fire Department's budget to help with response times.
8. Michael Duffy submitted a comment in support of the Fire Department's budget to help with response times.

9. Andre Williams expressed dissatisfaction with the growth of personal services and contractual services in general government departments and spoke against the approval of a transaction privilege tax increase.
10. Elizabeth Venable spoke in favor of the public comment process and Human Services programs.
11. Adriana Garcia submitted a comment in support of funding for legal aid services to prevent evictions and for street repairs in the Sunnyslope neighborhood.
12. Kevin Cronk submitted a comment in support of access to legal aid during evictions, increased street repairs, and for walking and bike paths in the Sunnyslope neighborhood.

Mr. Barton concluded the meeting at 9:03 am.

Several residents submitted comment cards after the conclusion of the meeting.

13. Mark Shafer submitted a comment in favor of affordable housing and increased and improved heat relief.
14. Frank Urban submitted a comment opposing officer enforcement of homeless areas.
15. Faith Kearns submitted a comment opposing officer enforcement of homeless areas and the disposal of property.

Respectfully submitted,

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