

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 6  
DEVONSHIRE SENIOR CENTER  
APRIL 14, 2025 at 8:30 AM**

Assistant City Manager Inger Erickson opened the meeting at 8:30 am and introduced Spanish interpreters Mario Barajas and Elsie Duarte. Mr. Barajas provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish-language interpretation during the hearing.

Mayor Kate Gallego spoke to the importance of passing a budget that meets the community's needs and expressed excitement for gathering community input in the process.

Councilman Kevin Robinson thanked the participation in the budget process and stressed the importance of community input to be used to develop a budget that serves the community.

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.

Ms. Erickson opened the floor for public comment.

1. Margot Champagne requested the City avoid cutting the budget for Library Services.
2. Alex Rangel thanked the City Council for adding resources to the Fire Department in the budget.
3. Scott Crowley thanked the City Manager and City Council for additional resources for the Fire Department and asked for greater funding for the Fire Department.
4. Ginnie Ann Sumner asked for a Real Time Operation Center and more motorcycle officers in the district and greater investment into the Graffiti Removal program and PHX Community Action Response Engagement Services (C.A.R.E.S.).
5. William Garbett expressed concern that increases to impact fees would increase the cost of housing for residents and recommended using closed public school sites for housing.
6. David Bickford requested additional investment to transportation infrastructure such as light rail, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways and asked for a nationwide search for the Street Transportation Department Director.
7. Jay Plummer requested greater investment in bike lanes in the area.
8. Karen Klein spoke about the importance of maintaining the budget for senior programs and parks.
9. Richie Robnett asked for greater resources for the Fire Department.
10. Bill Scheel spoke about the deteriorating conditions of Margaret T. Hance Park and asked for a dedicated Park Ranger and more consistent enforcement of rules at the park.

11. Isiah Thorlow submitted a comment card requesting more resources for the Fire Department.
12. Remy Jordan submitted a comment card requesting more resources for the Fire Department.
13. Alexis Salgado submitted a comment card requesting more resources for the Fire Department.
14. Marcus Voltaire submitted a comment card stating there is a crisis at the City that needs to be addressed.
15. Michael Johnson II submitted a comment card requesting more resources for the Fire Department.
16. Artino Sims submitted a comment card requesting more resources for the Fire Department.
17. LeeDell Bunton III submitted a submitted a comment card requesting more resources for the Fire Department.
18. Patrick Cardenas submitted a comment card requesting more resources for the Fire Department.

Councilman Kevin Robinson thanked the public for their comments.

Mayor Kate Gallego thanked the public for their participation and input.

Ms. Erickson concluded the meeting at 9:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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