

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7  
DESERT WEST COMMUNITY CENTER  
APRIL 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

Deputy City Manager Ginger Spencer opened the meeting at 6:02 pm. She introduced Councilman Carlos Galindo-Elvira and Budget and Research Director Amber Williamson.

Ms. Spencer welcomed everyone and introduced Spanish interpreters Mario Barajas, Elsie Duarte and Caprice Moreno. Mr. Barajas provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish-language interpretation during the hearing.

Ms. Spencer thanked City staff and residents for attending.

Councilman Galindo-Elvira spoke about the importance of community input in the budget process which will allow the City to meet the needs of residents and to provide the best quality of service possible.

Ms. Spencer 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 in English and Spanish.

Councilman Galindo-Elvira introduced District 7 Councilwoman Elect Anna Hernandez and expressed his appreciation for her presence and thanked City staff.

Councilman Galindo-Elvira opened the floor for public comment.

1. Tim Gammage spoke in support of adding Fire Department resources and emphasized the importance of reducing response times.
2. Patrick McDaniel expressed his support for the increase in Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) and the efforts taken by the City to reduce Fire Department response times. He also noted his support for increases for the Office of Homeless Solutions and requested that the City not make cuts to the Office of Arts and Culture.
3. Beatriz Rojas Perez spoke in support of funding for environmental investments and the cooling corridors program. She noted the importance of providing tree and shade coverage for cooling relief on the streets in the West and South sides of Phoenix, to aid in the health and safety of students when using public transit.
4. Uriah Marshall submitted a public comment card in support of fire crisis resources.

5. Luis Avila spoke about the desert community, climate change, water shortages and his support for Heat Mitigation. He requested that there be additional investment in the Heat Mitigation plan for the area of Maryvale where it is most needed for residents.
6. Dafne Cortez spoke in support of heat response and mitigation in Maryvale. She requested the need for more heat resilient public spaces such as shaded walkways, cooler bus stops and safer more walkable streets.

Councilman Galindo-Elvira noted his recent work on heat mitigation addressing issues with the Heat Respite Center for the unhoused, cooling stations at libraries, and chilled water stations and tree planting in the West part of the district of Maryvale. He stated he understands the need for more shaded areas and tree canopies.

Councilwoman Elect Anna Hernandez commented on her support in the areas of environmental climate solutions and gave her commitment to continue working on the issue.

7. Raul Moreno thanked the City for prioritizing environmental investments and expressed his support for electric buses. He requested there be more shade areas, cleaner air and cooler transportation routes for students in Maryvale.
8. Rob Nolan thanked the City for the investment in fire prevention and unhoused mitigation. He requested the prevention of cuts to the arts maintenance budget and spoke in favor of funding arts and culture.

Councilman Galindo-Elvira commented on his visit to the Irish Cultural Center and expressed his appreciation for the exhibit on the Irish Mexican relationship.

Councilman Galindo-Elvira thanked the public for their comments and thanked Councilwoman Elect Anna Hernandez for joining the hearing.

Ms. Spencer thanked the public for attending and providing comments. She concluded the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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