

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 2, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kenneth N. Weise and Council Members

Sandi Nielson, Vice Mayor
Pat Dennis
Bryan Kilgore
Veronica Malone
Mike Pineda
Lorenzo Sierra

ALSO PRESENT

David Fitzhugh, City Manager
Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Artz, Assistant City Manager
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1 ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Carmen Martinez read the Statement of Participation.

2 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no requests to speak

3 INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Weise was sworn in by his wife, Shari Weise

Council Member Pat Dennis was sworn in by former Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers

Council Member Veronica Malone was sworn in by her sons Brandon Angry, Elijah Malone and Aaron Malone

Council Member Mike Pineda was sworn in by Justice of the Peace Joe "Pep" Guzman

Council Member Pat Dennis indicated she is honored to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Avondale as a Councilwoman. She is committed to collaborating with the Mayor and Council to meet the needs of the community including responsible growth, ensuring quality water standards and city services. She will seek opportunities to create partnerships to support the growth of parks as well as recreational and educational resources for all residents. She thanked her husband Tim and her son Scott for their support as well as other family members, friends and relatives who helped during her campaign.

Council Member Malone thanked her husband, Terreance, her sons Brandon, Elijah and Aaron as well as many other family members and friends who supported her during the

campaign. She thanked Avondale voters for their support.

Council Member Pineda thanked his wife Olivia and his children Bianca, Mikey and Jon-Jon as well as his parents and the residents of Avondale for their vote and everyone who assisted and supported him during his campaign.

Mayor Weise recognized distinguished guests in attendance including Representative Diego Espinoza, former Mayor Lopez Rogers, Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord, former Council Members Jim McDonald, Frank Scott, David Iwanski, Jim Buster and Judge Guzman.

Mayor Weise thanked his wife and daughters for their support as well as many other family members and friends who supported him and assisted him during his campaign. He recognized the dedication and love for Avondale that former Council Members, incoming Council Members as well as staff have and vowed to work together with Council to never take for granted the trust that Avondale voters have put in the Council. Mayor Weise reviewed that the city is now in a much better position, but should never rest in its laurels and challenged Council and staff to always strive to make Avondale better. He listed his priorities for coming years. He indicated that Avondale should continue to invest in its Police and Firefighters to allow them to grow and stay in Avondale. Adequate recreational facilities is another priority that will require collaboration from several stakeholders. Employees should have the resources they need to accomplish the Council's vision and should always know that the Council recognizes their value to the city. Avondale must continue to look for new economic development opportunities by continuing to be innovative and flexible. Lastly, he indicated that the City should never forget its roots or lose sight of its past.

4 SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

City Council will accept nominations and designate one of its members as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Weise thanked former Vice Mayor Karlin for her dedication and love to the city.

Council Member Sierra nominated Sandi Nielson to serve as Vice Mayor indicating that her leadership journey started in South Carolina as a member of a military family who always sought to get involved in the community where they were stationed. She has been involved in every community she has lived in and added it is an honor for him to make this nomination.

Mayor Weise agreed with the nomination and seconded it. He commented that Sandi Nielson's dedication to her community, the Littleton School Board and her HOA has been exemplary and could not think of a better person to fill in for him when needed.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member Pineda	Aye
Council Member Dennis	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye

Mayor Weise	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Kilgore	Aye
Council Member Sierra	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Nielson thanked Council for the honor and vowed to serve with love and care until she could no longer do it.

5 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Sierra moved to adjourn the meeting; Vice Mayor Nielson seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Mayor Kenn Weise



Carmen Martinez, MMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 2nd day of January 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.



City Clerk

