
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Work Study Session Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was held in the Library Community Room and called to order by Vice Mayor Faith at 6:00 PM. A video recording of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Present: Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf (Zoom), Vice Mayor Paul Faith, Council Member Suzanne Allen, Council Member Lisa Brainard Watson, Council Member Ron Clair, Council Member Andrew Fraser, Council Member Justin James

Staff: Matthew Williams, City Manager; Terri Roth, City Clerk; Joe Estes, City Attorney; Paige Peterson, Asst. City Mgr./Director of Finance; Maria Ceaglske, Deputy City Clerk; Keith Drunasky, City Engineer; Randy Proch, Planning Director; Lisa Adams Williams, Director of Human Resources; Yosha Brunson Kuhl, Communications Director; Dawn Morocco, IT Technician; Pat McCoy, Youth Sports Coordinator; Tricia Kramer, Community & Recreation Services Director, Troy White, Interim Director of Public Works

Attendees: Sgt. Othon and Sgt. Emmett, Avondale PD

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Faith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Business

A. Naming of New Public Library and Hilltop Park

Mr. Williams stated he is looking for general direction from Council, and these items are not for a vote.

The new library is scheduled to open August 2026, and he suggested Council begin considering names. He suggested keeping the current library name the same and shared several options for the naming of the new library, including scheduling a public meeting for input. He asked Council to consider laying out a process like they do for appropriations. Part of the process would include Council to decide on three names and rank in preference and bring this back in February. Mayor does not feel it is appropriate for public input. General direction is set for February for final decision.

Mr. Proch made a brief presentation and provided suggested names for the naming of the park. Council suggested narrowing to three choices and rank. Mayor Schoaf believes the branding of the hilltop should be in concert of all the items on the hilltop.

B. City Vision Statement

Ms. Kuhl is looking for Council direction on the options presented. Council Member Allen is amenable to updating and likes Option 2. Council Member James supports this option as well.

Council Member Brainard Watson likes Option 2 but wants to change 'historic charm' to the current statement 'beauty, heritage, and community values'. Mayor Schoaf has concerns about the statement 'responsible growth'.

Following a brief discussion, this item will be brought back for a formal vote.

C. Litchfield Park Strategic Plan

Mr. Williams stated the City does not have a Strategic Plan and believes it's a good idea to have. Following a brief discussion, the direction to Staff is to include measurables and bring back for further discussion.

D. Community Buildings Public Input

Mr. Proch reviewed the results of the recent public input meeting that was held related to city-owned buildings. Council Member James asked if he could send out another postcard asking for additional input and Council Member Brainard Watson wants demographic info included.

E. Accessory Structures Compliance

Mr. Proch provided information related to the current processes that Staff follows related to compliance of non-compliant complaints. He shared that the City code conflicts with the International Fire Code (IFC), which is typically the governing document that is followed for building structures. There is concern and is asking for Council direction on how Staff should respond to issues that are not receiving complaints from residents or does Staff only respond and enforce only when complaints are submitted.

In response to Vice Mayor Faith, Mr. Estes stated he would have to further research the IFC to ensure the City has no liability for non-enforcement of non-compliant structures.

IV. Executive Session

A. An Executive Session may be called during the public meeting on any item on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

This item was not held.

V. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Faith adjourned the regular meeting at 7:22 PM.

APPROVED:

Paul J. Faith, Vice Mayor
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CERTIFICATION

I, Terri Roth, MMC, City Clerk. hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work study session of the City Council of the City of Litchfield Park held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Terri Roth, MMC, City Clerk