



Thursday, February 26, 2026

State of the City Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was held at The Church of Litchfield Park Souers Hall and Mayor Schoaf called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. A video recording of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Present: Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Vice Mayor Paul Faith, Council Member Suzanne Allen, Council Member Ron Clair, Council Member Andrew Fraser, Council Member Justin James

Absent: Council Member Lisa Brainard Watson

Staff: Matthew Williams, City Manager; Terri Roth, City Clerk; Paige Peterson, Asst. City Manager; Maria Ceaglske, Deputy City Clerk; Keith Drunasky, City Engineer; Randy Proch, Planning Director; Lisa Adams Williams, Director of Human Resources; Tricia Kramer, Director of Recreation and Community Services; Jena Huffman, Executive Assistant; Allison Garvey, Administrative Assistant; Melvyn Lopez, Maintenance Technician Supervisor; Morgan Hunter, Administrative Assistant.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schoaf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. State of the City - Welcome by Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf

Mayor Schoaf welcomed all those in attendance and recognized various dignitaries from local and State governments.

IV. State of the City Address

Mayor Schoaf turned the time over to watch a video presentation. Topics discussed during this presentation were the health of the city's finances, Litchfield Square updates, downtown parking, Scout Lodge, Public Works, Liberty Rate Case, La Loma Hilltop projects including the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center, the Agua Fria Performing Arts Center, the new Maricopa County Library, and the new app called Engage LP allowing residents to report service requests.

V. Council Remarks

Council Member Allen shared her gratitude for the completion of her first year in her first term. She is thrilled to serve this community and is continuing to share her vision about progress, preservation, and fiscal responsibility. She mentioned she serves on Westmarc's Regional Board and wants to ensure Litchfield Park has a voice for issues that affect us. She shared her passion for the hilltop project and is excited to see it to its completion.

Council Member Fraser stated this is his first year on Council as well, and is proud to live here. He shared his background and what he brings to this Council and community. He is grateful for the community's trust as a Council Member.

Mayor Schoaf read a statement on behalf of Council Member Brainard Watson.

Vice Mayor Faith has been the Vice Mayor for the last 22 years. He is proud of the financial position the city is in today compared to when he first started on the Council. By being fiscally responsible, revenue has increased and allowed the City to purchase property for Litchfield Square. He reminded the attendees that the entire Council volunteers their time; they do not get paid. They do it because they love the City and the community feel it has. He thanked the Mayor for his dedication to the City and his leadership. He encouraged the residents to attend meetings and let the Council know what they need.

VI. Public Questions

Requests to Speak were received from Peter Mahoney, Sherry Berles, Judd Souers, Carter Wilson, Tom Rizzo, Steven Lopez, Larry Baker, Rebekah Singh, John Van Wagner, Diane Dudley, and Cheryl Sassen.

The Council provided responses to their comments and concerns.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Schoaf adjourned the State of the City at 7:43PM.

APPROVED:

Thomas L. Schoaf, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Terri Roth, MMC, City Clerk. hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the City Council of the City of Litchfield Park held on Thursday, February 26, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Terri Roth, MMC, City Clerk