

ORDINANCE NO. O2024.02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 20 OF THE TEMPE CITY CODE, RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMISSION, ETC., TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-365 RELATING TO ESTABLISHED; COMPOSITION.

WHEREAS, under the Arizona Constitution, a city with a population of more than 3,500 people is entitled to establish a charter for its government and that a charter city is granted autonomy over matters of local interests; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Tempe established the Tempe City Charter in 1964 that vests policy making in the Tempe City Council; and

WHEREAS, to incorporate greater flexibility, diversity, and better local representation in the Tempe Veterans Commission, and to assist in recruitment of Commission membership, the existing Tempe Veterans Commission has recommended that the City Council revise the Tempe Veterans Commission's composition criteria as reflected in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article V, Division 20, Section 2-365 of the Tempe City Code is hereby amended as follows:

DIVISION 20. - TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-365. - Established; composition.

(a) There is hereby established the Tempe Veterans Commission to be composed of eleven (11) members. The commission will include a member from each of the following existing United States Military and Veteran Service Areas:

- (1) ~~Arizona Coalition of Military Families or designee~~ TEMPE VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION;
- (2) Veteran Supportive Business or Government Agency;

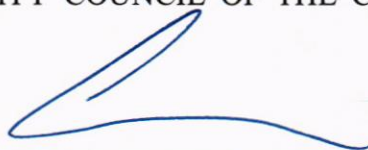
- (3) Pat Tillman Veterans Center at Arizona State University or designee;
- (4) Maricopa Community College District or designee;
- (5) Veteran supportive service organization;
- (6) Veteran health and wellness organization;
- (7) Veteran housing advocacy and assistance;
- (8) Two (2) At-Large Veteran Members, one (1) of whom resides in the City of Tempe;
- (9) Two (2) At-Large Members, one (1) of whom resides in the City of Tempe.

(b) In addition to the terms of office as specified in Section 2-182 of this article, terms shall be staggered so that the term of no more than four (4) members shall conclude in any given year. Members shall serve three-year terms for no more than two (2) complete consecutive terms.

(c) The Human Services Director or designee shall serve the veterans commission staff liaison and in an advisory capacity.

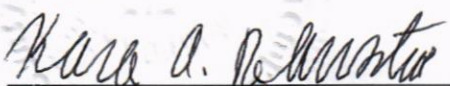
Section 2. Pursuant to the Tempe City Charter, Section 2.12, ordinances are effective thirty (30) days after adoption or at any later date specified therein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, this 4th day of January, 2024.




Corey D. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara A. DeArrastia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sonia M. Blain, City Attorney



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission April 12, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m., via In-person and Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Linda Bergevin
William (Bill) Blair, Vice Chair
Chantel Carr
Juan Garcia
Phillip Kraft, Chair
Aaron McBride
Beno Thomas

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jose Moreno

Staff Present:

Abe McCann, Veteran's Services Coordinator

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Phillip Kraft called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances-

None. The Tempe Veterans Commission welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Commission may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Commission. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

Agenda Item 4 – Chair’s Remarks

Chair Philip Kraft welcomed everyone back. Chair Kraft has everyone introduced themselves to commission candidate Cassandra Medina.

Agenda Item 5 – Travis Manion Foundation Support Letter Draft

The City has partnered with the Travis Manion Foundation and will be part of the City of Tempe Summer curriculum with the Community Centers. Launching cohorts to teach community members to become mentors. The commission suggested that Abe McCann to draft a letter to city policy makers that this program is supported by the Veterans Commission.

Motion of Abe McCann drafting a letter by next Commission meeting, by Commissioner Linda Bergevin; Second motion by Commissioner Juan Garcia; Ayes: Beno Thomas, Linda Bergevin, Aaron McBride, Chantel Carr, Juan Garcia, William (Bill) Blair, Phil Kraft

Agenda Item 6 – Commission Candidate 1

Candidate Medina introduced herself to the Commission then discussed her wants as to why she would like to join the Commission and as to why the Commission should consider her membership. The commission thanked her for her time and will consider the applicant.

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Candidate 2

Ro Gonzalez introduced himself to the commission then discussed his wants as to why he would like to join the commission and his previous experiences he would like to bring to the commission. The commission thanked him for his time and will consider the applicant.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Candidate 3

Absent

Agenda Item 9 – ACMF Replacement Discussion/ New Commissioner Applications

ACMF wishes to no longer be an organization member but more of a quarterly advisor. Chair Kraft asked the commission who would replace ACMF organization and if the commission would like to have an organization to fill the spot? Would the commission like to keep the title of the position?

Commission discussed potential commission members and the process. There are two positions open: Arizona Coalition for Military Families and At Large.

Commissioner asked if the commission is limited to 11 commission members. Staff responded with yes and no. The commission would have to take the suggestion to council if the amount were to exceed over 11.

Motion: Replace ACMF to Valors by Commission Member Bill Blair

Second: Motion seconded by Commission Member Juan Garcia

Ayes: Linda Bergevin, Vice Chair Bill Blair, Chantel Carr, Juan Garcia, Chair Phillip Kraft, Aaron McBride, Beno Thomas

Absent: Jose Moreno

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Member Updates/ Announcements

The Commission discussed the upcoming Community Salutes event and Boards & Commission event in May. Monday 24th, there is a Veteran Workshop at the library. Maricopa Community College Veteran Complication will be Friday May 5th at South Mountain Community College. Pats Run will be this Saturday in Tempe.

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda Items – May 10, 2023

Discuss new commissioner applications, Veteran spousal tuition, suggestions about guest speakers.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member Linda Bergevin

Second: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

Ayes: Linda Bergevin, Vice Chair Bill Blair, Chantel Carr, Juan Garcia, Chair Phillip Kraft, Aaron McBride, Beno Thomas

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be on May 10, 2023

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Rodriguez

Reviewed by Abe McCann

Phillip Kraft, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission