



Motions Adopted Under Aug. 6, 2025, Study Session Item 8/Project Blue

Motion #1:

I move that the Mayor and Council take the following actions to establish a regulatory framework for data center development within the City:

1. Accelerate the consideration and adoption of an Ordinance regulating Large Quantity Water Users, as previously discussed by the Mayor and Council during the June 17th Study Session, by scheduling an item for that purpose on the August 19th Regular Session meeting;
2. Initiate the public process required for the consideration and approval of amendments to the City's Unified Development Code for the purpose of updating zoning requirements that apply to large scale data centers in order to safeguard public health and safety. These amendments will include a clear definition of "data center" and the design and development regulations and standards that apply to them; and will be informed by examples of similar requirements adopted or under consideration elsewhere in Arizona, including but not limited to Phoenix, Chandler, Mesa and Tempe. The amendments will also require that applications are reviewed under the Zoning Examiner Legislative Procedure, which requires approval by the Mayor and Council after recommendation by the Zoning Examiner.

Motion #2:

I move that the Mayor and Council find and determine that we will not consider or approve Project Blue as it has been proposed; and that we direct the City Manager and staff to end negotiations relating to the draft Project Blue development agreement and related annexation immediately. I also move that we cancel the scheduled annexation public hearing and remove the development agreement item relating to Project Blue from the August 19th agenda; and direct staff to take any other steps necessary to end the process for the consideration of the annexation.