

CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session Minutes
16000 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 @ 4:00PM

- **A. Call To Order**

- **B. Roll Call**

- Mayor Hall called the Regular Work Session of May 3, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice-Mayor Aly Cline, Councilmembers Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy and Chris Judd. Councilmember Remley and Councilmember Winters were excused.

- **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

- **H. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda**

- **3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:**

- **1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the City's FY23 Capital Improvement Plan - NO ACTION**

- City Manager Wingenroth opened the discussion with a brief description of what will be discussed today and emphasized how important this topic is to building a solid 5 year capital plan. Staff has provided a list of 82 capital projects. We ask that Council discuss and review to prioritize.
Mr. Wingenroth introduced Finance Director, Andrea Davis and Assistant Finance Director, Eric Boyles to conduct the presentation.

Ms. Davis provided an update on the State Shared Revenue. The timeline for the CIP was discussed regarding pavement preservation and asset replacement.

The CIP Team and Finance would like to go through the list and timeline, including proposed enhancements that are suggested to the projects.

Ms. Davis reviewed the powerpoint slide regarding the 5 year capital project summary.

Mayor Hall asked Vice-Mayor Cline if she thinks the Bell Road Landscape and street lighting project should make the cut?

Ms. Cline commented that yes she does we have been talking about this forever, and we have a water impact, it needs to have an evaluation of the process with costs.

Councilmember Judd asked for further clarification on this item and what it entails.

Public Works Director, Kristen Titler gave an explanation of why this is being requested. Bell Road is deteriorating, the water leaking on to the roadway is causing deterioration of the asphalt, the grass would be removed and replaced with artificial turf and the irrigation lines are over 30 years old and needs to be replaced for the remaining landscaping.

Mayor Hall says he understands the need to upgrade but not okay with replacing lighting that already exists, and that funding could be used for other road projects throughout the City. He further commented that this should be done in phases over a 3 or 4 year process.

Councilmember Judd commented that the landscaping could be scraped and rock added since a lot of the plants don't need water any longer. I would like to see a cheaper option.

Councilmember Duffy asked about artificial turf instead.

Mayor Hall asked Kristen to bring back options for Council.

Councilmember Hastings agrees on cutting back on Bell Road costs since there are other areas that need attention such as

District 1, I would be okay with prioritizing our road projects.

Vice-Mayor Cline thinks it's fabulous to have a pavement preservation program in the City but I would like to see a process in place for a scalloped street process for various parts of the City. There are streets that are not complete.

Mayor Hall asked that Council pick things on clarification such as I want to know what the 50 acre City park mean? That is a lot of money, 64 million dollars.

Paul Frie commented that this is the initial park complex we have talked about, a regional type park, pool, multi softball facility, etc.

Mayor Hall commented that if you want us to take a look at this, you need to come to us with a design and plan and what it will do for our residents.

Mayor Hall asked about the sub-station on the list.

Chief Benny Pina reported that this would be a stand alone facility, community patrol oriented in an expansion area in north Surprise next to the fire department that will provide fueling and holding cells.

Councilmember Judd asked for clarification on the Evidence Center that is on the list, it sounds similar to the facility built from the bond. Chief Pina clarified this is not for storage, this would be for analyzing evidence, extractions of DNA, fingerprints, do our own research in-house instead of partnering with DPS.

Mayor Hall asked for clarification if we have an ambulance at 304, Fire Chief Abbott commented that we do not have one at this location. Mayor also asked what do we need a ladder truck for? Chief Abbott commented that the City only has 1 ladder truck currently and the City is expanding so this would be the first ladder truck in that area to provide coverage. Mayor Hall asked if you have thought about electric as an option?

Chief Abbott commented that there is not an electric ladder truck yet, there may also be concerns about how long it could hold a charge if fighting a fire and pumping water.

Mayor Hall commented that we agreed with fire station #9 on top of the list and #10 is second priority.

Mayor Hall commented that we all agreed on road projects for Cactus Road from Cotton Lane to Reems Road, the Community pool, Waddell Road from 175th to Cotton Lane, from Cotton Lane from Cactus Road to Greenway, Cotton Lane from Peoria Avenue to Cactus Road, 163rd Avenue, Grand Avenue to Happy Valley Road, Sarival Avenue Waddell Road to Greenway. Out of the top 15 projects, we have 7 road projects which equals to about 175 million.

Mayor Hall asked Council to talk about new signals lights, can you tell us where they are going and why?

Kristen Titler commented that we track all potential lights that will be warranted. Currently we have over 40 locations on the list. We have traffic engineering that review this on an ongoing basis. As we have funding we tackle this as needed. We have a map that I can share with you identifying needed locations.

Councilmember Duffy questioned the plans for lights in District 3 and addressed the movement of traffic of crowded streets.

Mayor Hall commented that all of the projects on the top of the list need to be done as soon as possible.

City Manager Wingenroth commented that the projects that you would like us to do as son as possible, we will do them as quickly as possible. We have 105 million in the checking account that we can do now. The projects we are talking about today is the 5 year capital plan.

Ms. Titler also talked about other revenue sources we are going to draw on, we try to have a break every 15 projects, depending on how you pick things, we would like you to identify projects dollar wise, once you give us your priorities, we will then find out where the money will come from and how we will stage those. It would be better if you gave us more projects, then less projects, if you could look at around 250 million.

Mayor Hall brought up item #48, This project connects 303 to Happy Valley Road connection project in conjunction with the City of Peoria and Maricopa County. it's up in the air right now so that is why the dollar amount is blank. This would give people another exit from North Surprise, will take a lot of people off of Grand Avenue and Bell Road. We are hoping to use Prop 400 funds on this.

- o Vice-Mayor Cline discussed #17 a City Center parking garage with the concept of bringing in tourism to the City and having a place for people to park. We can make money off of parking for special events and provided much needed parking for a congested area. We could share the costs with Tourism.

Assistant Economic Development Director, Mike Hoover has looked at other cities and what they are doing, this is a great potential solution in investing in our City Center. We currently have parking agreements with developer properties in the center for Spring Training and other events. Ottawa is getting ready to expand, a 5 story building which will bring more parking demand.

Councilmember Judd commented that we are using Mark Coronado park for parking, we are borrowing our neighbors property for parking, so I think we are on the right track.

Councilmember Hastings commented that he has talked with Scott Phillips and Rick West in the past about this list and he mentioned Luke Parkway, not sure of what the plans are for this, but this could be an option to for future growth.

Vice-Mayor Cline asked about the access to the stadium grounds to have more events on the grass.

Councilmember Judd asked about how many times has the grass been tore out and replanted?

- o Joe B. it's recommended every 7 years.

Councilmember Judd asked about the roadway over the tracks to 163rd Avenue, is it ADOT?

Ms. Titler commented that yes it is ADOT, and they are aware that this is a huge issue for us.

Councilmember Duffy commented about the first 15 projects, I am pleased. If I had to say over this would be 163rd Avenue and 175th and Perryville.

- Mayor Hall added up several of the projects to prioritize.

Assistant Economic Development Director, Mike Hoover gave an explanation of the Broadband Infrastructure. We are part of the Connective Coalition, discussing gaps in broadband, will inform the Cities of the areas lacking. We are talking wired and wireless, grant funding is available for certain areas in the City.

Vice Mayor Cline commented that the OTS is not only underserved and under utilized because they don't know how to use it.

Councilmember Judd asked how it works when they hook up with broadband, they still have to go through a provider, correct?

Mr. Hoover, Yes correct.

- Councilmember Judd asked about the Community Pool, land purchasing, would like to see some sort of solution that gets to the heart of the problem we are trying to solve and not overlap.

City Manager Wingenroth commented that we could come back with a plan to combine some of these projects.

Mayor Hall gave a list of projects as priorities form the Council:

City Center Parking Garage
Communication Tower
163rd Happy Valley to Jomax
Citywide Broadband
163rd to intersection Phase 2
Cactus Road/Perryville to 175th
Wildlife Study - Work with Game and Fish

Mayor Hall asked City Staff to engage the Parks and Recreation

Commission for future park plans, this commission works and answers to the Council.

- **L. Adjournment**

- Vice-Mayor Cline made the motion to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Councilmember Duffy seconded the motion. 5 yes votes, 2 excused (Winters and Remley), motion carried.

Skip Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Regular City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, May 3, 2022.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC