



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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 @ 4:00PM

Call To Order

Roll Call

Mayor Hall called to order the Regular City Council Work Session of June 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM at Surprise City Hall Council Chambers, 16000 N Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374. Also in attendance with Mayor Hall were Vice Mayor Duffy and Council Members Winters, Cline, Judd, Hastings and Remley.

Staff Present: City Manager, Michael Frazier; City Attorney, Robert Wingo and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call To The Public - None received.

Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update on Fighter Country Partnership - This item was withdrawn by City Staff.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the proposed City of Surprise Property Maintenance Ordinance (PMO) - NO ACTION

Assistant Community Development Director, Tiffany Copp gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on this item.

Ms. Copp reviewed the public engagement process over the past several months. Due to COVID the first meeting was conducted virtually.

Ms. Copp reviewed several proposed changes to the Code after reviewing with Council and public engagement.

Councilmember Hastings asked if other Cities have this in place, why don't we already have one in place? Copp commented that we have a document in place as a guide. If we adopt our own it will be more transparent and more detailed.

Councilmember Winters commented that after hearing the presentation, I feel a little better. Ms. Copp and CD Director, Chris Boyd stayed after the meeting to talk to residents that attended.

Council Member Remley commented that he is glad to see this ordinance come together but at the same time I know a situation with someone that is building a house and temporarily living in an RV. Currently, that is a violation of our current ordinance. I would think that this person could apply to the City and be permitted to live in it temporarily.

Mayor Hall commented on the language of overlay, this is what we did in the original townsite. We as a Council don't want to be too aggressive on the rural lifestyle.

Robert Virostek 221st Avenue, the flavor of what we are dealing with is better than a week ago. He Commented that code enforcement might be okay today, but down the road can change. He asked Council to not adopt a law that adds more stress.

Kimberly Virostek 221st Avenue asked for clarification, understand the need to add specific language but want consideration that applies to our rural area and lifestyle. We will work with Tiffany Copp on the language.

Michele Staples commented that shew moved to the rural area for peace and quiet. Neighbors are accountable for each other. I understood that the area was part of Wittmann and this area was not to be changed. This is a good community, we ask you consider our lifestyle.

Christie Remington - Moved to Arizona from Chicago, we built our home in 2018, we love this area. We got to meet some of our neighbors and now this came in to play. There are beautiful homes in this area. Every city is founded on long term families that find the secluded areas. We understand some of the changes, but we still want to be rural. We have an easement off of our property that the City owns, isn't the City responsible for paving the roads in these areas?

Joanne Stern - Have been in this area for 38 years, no electricity at one point, we are pioneers in this area. We have struggled to keep our property, paving the roads would force us out. I would ask you to think of us as you are planning. Thanked Mr. Winters for listening to us.

Eddy Edens - 222nd Avenue, one of the newest residents in this area. We found this area 2 years ago, we had a great interest in living in this area. The one reason we moved out there was for the rural life. I feel that we have heard so far, our lifestyle is being taken away. I feel the zoning and code enforcement needs to work hand in hand and take into account our rural lifestyle.

Elna Frank - passed on commenting.

Chris Masters - 221 Avenue, having issues with building a garage. We are in the flood plain. We shouldn't be expected to weed something that will go away on its own in time. The permit process is unreasonable.

Mayor Hall commented that we will be talking about this again in August, asked staff to do additional research before voting.

Council Member Judd asked what is the enforcement on native landscape?

Ms. Copp commented there have only been around 16 cases on native landscaping. We will certainly look at this.

Council Member Judd asked if we have looked at distance from the property lines?

Ms. Copp commented currently we do not address property lines.

Council Member Judd also asked about pavement in this area?

Council Member Winters spoke to the residents in attendance, make an appointment with Tiffany Copp to discuss your individual concerns and make them known.

Mayor Hall commented that we don't want to be a weapon, that is disturbing.

Vice Mayor Duffy - Staff has their work cut out for you. I hope we can figure something out, we are all in this together.

Council Member Remley I appreciate the residents in attendance tonight. You are our neighbors, we are in this together. We have code enforcement, this is nothing new but the document we had wasn't readily available to the public. This document will be available for everyone to view.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the status of the current CIP projects - NO ACTION

Kristin Tytler and Jeff Martin gave a brief powerpoint presentation on current CIP and Bond Projects.

Councilmember Hastings asked about the timeline of the projects and specifically asked for the land for the future park, that one seems to be behind. The voters voted on a bond, what is going on with this one?

Staff confirmed that this project is on a 5 year timeline, but the issue is acquisition of land, the location we had in mind may not be acquired within the time frame so other properties are being looked at as well. The land for this area is limited.

Councilmember Hastings asked about the completion of the light proposed at Waddell and LaCometa?

The construction starts next week. Mr. Hastings further thanked staff for their efforts on the light at Mountain Vista Ranch and the median work between Target and Sprouts.

Councilmember Cline commented on the sequencing of the lights along Bell Road. If you follow the speed limit, you can make it all the way down without stopping.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of June 15, 2021 at 5:26 PM. Council Member Cline seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, 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, June 15, 2021.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC