



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

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 4:30PM

Call To Order

Roll Call

Mayor Hall called to order the Regular City Council Work Session of March 2, 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 Hastings, Remley, Judd, Winters and Cline.

Staff Present: City Manager, Michael Frazier; City Attorney, Robert Wingo and Deputy City Clerk, Linda Stevens.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call To The Public

Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the proposed City of Surprise Property Maintenance Ordinance - NO ACTION

[Tiffany Copp, Assistant Community Development Director gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.](#)

[Topics included:](#)

[What is Code Enforcement?](#)

[What is PMO \(Property Maintenance Ordinance\)?](#)

[Background of the PMO and history](#)

[Internal and Public Engagement](#)

[Councilmember Judd asked for an explanation of an Inspection Warrant.](#)

[Ms. Copp gave an example of this and detailed the process.](#)

[Councilmember Winters asked if the HOA's are involved in this process.](#)

Councilmember Hastings asked if we set a standard and the HOA's don't meet our standards, would this supersede? Why are we so late to this process?

Ms. Copp commented that this is correct. This has been a goal of ours, it is a timely process with public input.

Councilmember Remley commented that since 2007 we have had a code in place, but only available if someone came in to City Hall? Explain to me why this document has not been made available to our residents.

Community Development Director, Chris Boyd explained why this document is not online and that we would have to have permission and would not be cost effective.

Councilmember Judd asked if the person receiving the violation receives a copy of the violation, correct? Have some reservations about a certain section in the proposed document and asked for clarification.

Vice-Mayor Duffy commented that he is pleased with Code Enforcement and has directed residents to them directly. When this document is approved, how will this be made available to the HOA's? Will you meet with them to explain?

Councilmember Cline commented that in my district especially with seniors, they become overwhelmed with home issues due to aging, illness, etc., we need to help take care of our neighbors. I think this is important to have available as a tool for our residents.

Mayor Hall commented that he also lives in a senior community, it seems like if we see something that doesn't look right with the home, we need to call Code Enforcement to do an inspection.

Council Member Remley followed up with discussing property rights, do we as a government have a right to tell someone what to do with their property. Are we infringing with property rights?

Ms. Copp has worked closely with legal and do not see any issues with this.

Mayor Hall asked about commercial properties and litter, can this be enforced for some of our shopping centers and businesses?

Ms. Copp asked for specific businesses.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to citywide budgetary expenses - NO ACTION

Andrea Davis, Finance Director and Holly Osborn, Assistant Finance Director gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Topics Included:

Employee Costs compared to other Cities

Expenditure Limit

Contingency

Upcoming Calendar

* Budget Retreat

- [* Tentative Budget Adoption](#)
- [* Final Budget Adoption](#)
- [* Property Tax Levy Adoption](#)

[Councilmember Hastings thanked staff for their presentation. Transparency is important, is there a reason why this powerpoint was not available in the Council packet?](#)

[Ms. Davis commented that the deadline was missed, but the report was available on the calendar and sent to the Clerk's Office for the record.](#)

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Remley made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of March 2, 2021 at 5:21 PM. Council Member Hastings 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, March 2, 2021.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC