



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

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 4:30PM

Call To Order

Roll Call

Mayor Hall called to order the Regular City Council Work Session of November 17, 2020 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 Judd, Council Members; Winters, Hayden, Duffy, 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

Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Presentation and discussion regarding the Planning and Engineering Design Standards associated with the proposed Land Development Ordinances - NO ACTION

City Planner, Joshua Mike gave a powerpoint presentation regarding this item. Mr. Mike explained in detail all of the proposed changes including Chapter 107 - Design Requirements and Planning & Zoning Engineering Development Standards. The goal is to have all documents in one document.

Council Comments/Questions:

Mayor Hall commented on the topic of water conservation that either we are a water smart City or we are not, this is where we need to put the money where our mouth is. Aren't we going to have a Demonstration Garden here at City Hall? Correct just to the side of West Valley Arts HQ.

Vice-Mayor Judd asked for clarification on buying a new home and had rock but decided later to go with turf, would this be prohibited? Mr. Mike commented no not through the City Code, but through the review of home products through the landscape package.

On the topic of enhanced entry ways, Councilmember Remley commented on these provisions for multi use buildings such as apartment complexes.

Vice-Mayor Judd asked about the wildlife corridors, what kind of buffering do we have mandated? Do we have a policy on this? Are Game and Fish being involved in discussions on the topic of Environmentally Sensitive Lands be included in this document?

Mr. Mike explained what the timeline was for this project and how this will coordinate with the General Plan.

Mayor Hall commented that we really looked at the developments in the west valley adjust their designs to preserve the wildlife corridors.

Councilmember Remley expressed concern about not seeing a clear definition of the recommended types of plants to conserve water in the landscape designs. He further commented that some of our new businesses have too many plants because it is outlined in the policies.

Mr. Mike gave an explanation of the policy then led into next steps.

Councilmember Duffy asked for clarification on turf, is there an option for artificial grass? Does this need to go through the HOA? What are the options?

Mayor Hall agreed with Councilmember Duffy and commented that there is a section in Sun Village at the entrance that is artificial turf, it is high quality so you wouldn't know. Also, the Department of Water mandated that Sun City Grand cut down on the amount of grass in the golf courses, this has been an option for them too.

Adjournment

Council Member Remley made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of November 17, 2020 at 5:15 PM. Council Member Winters 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, November 17, 2020.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC