



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

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 @ 4:00PM

Call To Order

Roll Call

Mayor Hall called to order the Regular City Council Work Session of September 15, 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, Sanders 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 pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - NO ACTION

[Donna Miller and Paul Frie reported on this item.](#)

[Council Member Sanders - Future park amenities](#)

[Council Member Winters - McMicken Dam, shooting Range](#)

[Vice Mayor Judd - Why is a 25 acre park so expensive to build? Lighting, bathrooms, etc., Can we build parks that would serve a large number of people and not spend a large amount of money? ie: soccer fields, baseball, etc. Can they be interchanging?](#)

[Mayor Hall commented that these are great questions and I share the concerns about needing more soccer fields and tournaments.](#)

[Council Member Duffy - This is the reason why I asked for this topic. I worked for CRS, I saw this for myself that we are lacking in sports venues, there are so many activities going on and not enough facilities.](#)

Council Member Duffy continued to identify the areas that need recreation and the over use of the current fields. Duffy asked all of the Council to go out on Saturday morning when soccer starts up again, you will be amazed.

Mayor Hall asked about utilizing Asante more, same as revitalizing the Sierra Montana Rec Center, get more utilization for what we currently have. What would the costs be, etc?

Council Member Remley commented on the \$266 million dollars as an amount for future growth, we just did a 50 million dollar bond, the residents would never go for that. We need to utilize what we have. Some of the parks, could have a soccer field.

Vice Mayor Judd commented that the 260 million amount is not even practical right now so we need to be more creative and come back with a plan to discuss.

Mayor Hall commented that Sun Village and Sun City Grand have all of these amenities and never have to leave there unless they want to go to the dog park, etc., so the population numbers should not be calculated in the future needs. We are loading more than we need to. This is something to think about.

Council Member Duffy, the problem with the pocket parks, there is no parking in the neighborhoods. Club Teams are leaving due to lack of amenities.

City Manager Frazier commented that we have a lot of road projects needed, and eventually might need to go out for a bond, we simply can't afford this. I will work with CRS Staff to come up with some ideas and planning and bring back to Council for review.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to amendments to the City of Surprise Model City Tax Code related to Transaction Privilege Tax - NO ACTION

Finance Director, Andrea Davis gave a powerpoint presentation on the City's Model Tax Code. This is administrative changes to amend the code.

Mayor Hall asked if there is a report from the League of Cities that lists all cities and towns.

Ms. Davis said she would look into this.

Vice Mayor Judd questioned the food tax line. Are we looking at this?

Ms. Davis - there is no action right now.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the community pool requirement in Planning and Engineering Design Standards as part of the code update - NO ACTION

Joshua Mike, CD Planner gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Council Member Sanders - this is a good presentation, I like what you have come back with. Can you give me a definition of what an amenity is? I so like the amenity rather than just a pool.

Vice Mayor Judd - I think a lot of this came about because we had communities

[coming forward with exempting the pool. I am good with a community resource for a gathering place.](#)

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of September 15, 2020 at 5:40 PM. Council Member Duffy seconded the motion.

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, September 15, 2020.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC