



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

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 @ 4:00PM

Call To Order

Roll Call

Mayor Hall called the Regular City Council Work Session to order at 04:00 PM at Surprise City Hall Council Chamber, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Also in attendance with Mayor Hall were Vice Mayor Winters, Council Member Duffy; Council Member Hayden, Council Member Sanders; Council Member Judd and Council Member 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 Meeting Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to Council Meeting invocations - NO ACTION

[City Attorney Wingo gave a powerpoint presentation regarding this item. The topic was Invocations and Implications.](#)

[Council Member Remley - One question, the order of the invocation is given, you indicated that the gavel would not sound until after the invocation. My recollection is the gavel does, but the invocation is given before the pledge, is that correct?](#)

[Attorney Wingo - It is in your discretion, but recommend you do this before the official business begins. the more you remove from business of council, the better it is if you get challenged.](#)

[Vice Mayor Winters - Although this is a noble idea, I believe in separation of church and state, I could see problems and could be problematic.](#)

Attorney Wingo - The City of Scottsdale is currently in litigation because they denied a request to speak from the Satanic Ritual group.

Council Member Judd - How do you control if they don't follow the rules, what do we do?

Attorney Wingo - In the policy if they violate the rules they would not be invited to come back. The City Clerk would send out a one time yearly invite with a list of council meeting dates for anyone to sign up. First come first served.

Council Member Duffy - I don't have any issues with different religions but I know it will offend someone. I would rather there be a moment of silence. No matter what we do it will offend someone. We represent a diverse group of people.

Council Member Sanders - I feel that there is a place for it, and we should invite people to come to participate. I know there is potential but I feel it is worth it.

Mayor Hall - I think it is worth it, I look at the house of representatives, they have a chaplain same and participate if they want to. I think this City and this Council needs prayer. My only thing is I think that one minute is enough time.

Council Member Remley - Sometimes people come and they are ready for a fight and they are less than respectful. I think it helps set the gravity of the proceedings we have.

Mayor Hall - I am sensitive to what some of the Council have said, they don't want to put us in a position where it is locked, I get that but I think it will be a positive for our City.

2. Surprise Center Development Company Update on the City Center Master Plan - NO ACTION

Mike Hoover gave the opening and introduced Scott Phillips with SCDC, LLC., to continue with a powerpoint presentation.

The presentation contained public outreach efforts over the past year.

Vice Mayor Winters commented that I have been here for a long time and after all this time this is the most I have seen on this project. I am excited about this and will be a great walkable downtown.

Council Member Remley - Thanked Scott and his team for this effort, the water treatments are going to be well received. I wish you luck with this.

Council Member Judd - Thanked Scott for tiredly working on this, you have really worked hard to bring this where it is right now. I like the water feature3s using recharged water. Explain market driven.

Mr. Phillips - Lots of changes have happened with the planning with the downturn in the economy.

Council Member Hayden - I have enjoyed all that you have reviewed with me. My concern is we talk about the market now, what is the timeframe for this?

Mr. Phillips- It is going to take time for different phases of the project, there will be some phases that will be vacant for a long time.

Council Member Hayden - people are always asking for fountains all the time, is this a possibility?

Council Member Duffy - I think you did an outstanding job with this. This has taken a long time, but you stuck with it, and I think you nailed it on what we were looking for.

Council Member Sanders - I do agree, we have met on multiple times, I am getting a lot of residents asking for updates. What communication will there be?

Mayor Hall - Dwight Eisenhower refers to plans, plans are useless, but planning is essential. Is there a plan for sequencing with the different phases of the property?

Mike Hoover - Long term planning and vision. Where is that one sense of place? This needs to be a part of this project.

Mayor Hall commented that this project is a priority for this Council. This Council has been engaged in all of the Community Outreach Meetings and are invested.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Remley made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of June 18, 2019 at 5:17 PM. Vice Mayor 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, June 18, 2019.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC