



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

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 @ 4:00PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Hall called the Regular City Council Work Session to order at 04:00 p.m. at Surprise City Hall Council Chamber, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Also in attendance with Mayor Hall were Vice Mayor Winters, Council Member Hayden, Council Member Duffy; 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.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to Department Budget Overview: Presentations for this session to include Police, Fire, Court, Public Works, and Water Resource Management- NO ACTION

Finance Director, Andrea Davis and Asst. Finance Director, Holly Osborn gave a powerpoint presentation on this item. Each department summary will have current and proposed budgets for 2020, department requests, capital projects and insight on the base budget.

Police Department - largest department in the City, 95% of funding comes form the General fund. 204 full-time staff; 1.1 officer per 1,000 residents.

Council Member Remley, please discuss the police command van, don't we have one already?

Chief Young gave a general explanation of the request for the command van. Outdated technology, looking to create the space for the detectives, upgraded technology including a communications contingency.

Council Member Duffy asked for clarification on the number of officers per 1,000. Are we where we should be?

Chief Young commented that in comparison with other cities in the valley it is 1.5 or 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents. We need to look at our service areas, we are at the low end of property and violent crimes. Our overall numbers for service delivery are lower than other communities.

Council Member Hayden, how many officers do you think that you need, do you have a number that you think will help us through the next year?

Chief Young, an increase and focus on traffic enforcement efforts. Will have a positive effect on slowing traffic and reducing collisions.

City Court

General fund covers the majority of this department. FT employees 21 and 0.6 part-time employees.

Future needs include: Administrative staffing

Mayor Hall asked for clarification on the two positions being requested. Judge Dominguez clarified two non-judicial administrative positions to assist with newly appointed judge and increase in citations.

Fire-Medical Department:

Department overview - primarily funded from the General fund. FT employees 159, 125 sworn staff; .9 per 1,000 residents.

Future Needs: Fire Station 308; New Ambulance; contract increases; MOU Compliance; Accreditation

Council Comments/Questions:

Council Member Remley asked Chief Abbott how we are coming along with the ambulance program?

Chief Abbott commented that we have 4 currently in service at station 301, progressing well and will add 5th ambulance this year.

Council Member Remley asked what are we doing that cost 1/2 million dollars for housing an ambulance at station 301?

Chief Abbott - Remodel costs at station 301 to accommodate the ambulance crew.

Council Member Duffy commented on the 0.9 per thousand, where should you be?

Chief Abbott commented that our analysis is different from Police, we look at response time throughout the City.

Council Member Judd commented that we have 4 ambulances now, what is our estimate for future ambulance units? Also, how much lead time do you need to hire and train people?

Chief Abbott, depends on the timing, academy dates available, several factors.

Council Member Judd, is there a timeline for station 308?

Chief Abbott - 2023/2025 timeframe.

Vice Mayor Winters asked Chief Abbott how do we compare with other cities on manpower, are we set for firefighters?

Chief Abbott, based on call volume, availability to provide the service, some of our units are tied up simultaneously. Call volume vs., response times, can we meet these timelines, several factors have to be considered. We are lower than most comparable cities at this point.

Vice Mayor Winters asked about the helicopter, is that in Peoria now?

Chief Abbott, now in Wickenburg.

Mayor Hall - Is the biggest area of improvement, north of Surprise as far as response times?

Chief Abbott - Rancho Mercado will impact this area, as well as several other developments proposed. Part of the PAD is land allocation for this neighborhood. Copper Canyon North, south of Grand Avenue, designated land for fire station for the future. Also looking at infill station at Bell and Litchfield, to relieve station 305.

Mayor Hall questioned station 304 responding to calls in Sun City West.

Public Works Department:

38% of the general fund; highway user fund 30%; solid waste operations fund 25%. Currently have 126 full-time employees. Capital programs and future needs were reviewed.

Council Member Sanders, questioned lottery funds based on population.

Mayor Hall questioned the electricity for all of the traffic signals is 135? Yes correct.

Ms. Davis confirmed this is correct based on the 2010 census. This is an estimate every year.

Water Resource Management:

Department overview including sewer operations, water operations, storm water operations and no general funds involved. 56 full-time employees, 1.4 part time employees.

Vice Mayor Winters according to the presentation, the water department has to pay other cities in the City, is that correct?

Ms. Osborn commented "Yes".

Council Member Remley asked about the first declaration of a water shortage on the CAP, what is the likely impact to the residents of Surprise coming up from a cost standpoint and availability?

Deputy City Manager, Terry Lowe clarified that no increase in costs due to planning for a shortage for future, calculated in our rates. The other bucket is the residents that have EPCORE Water, I could not tell you if they have accounted for potential increases.

Council Member Remley, if they are delivering less water, why would the cost go up?

Mr. Lowe, the cost to move the water is the same, there are unit costs associated with this water.

Council Member Judd, asked about the bio-solids dryer.

Mr. Lowe, goal is to reclaim the water into a usable product. What is left over is called "cake" after all of the liquid has been removed. Reduces weight, reduces cost, etc., It is a homegrown initiative from day one.

Council Member Sanders CAP fees, the numbers that were presented, does CAP notify us to get to the number?

Mr. Lowe, CAP does publish the unit cost per delivery, on an annual basis, will adopt new rates for the next fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Winters, what about the effect on the original townsite, it's El Mirage, correct?

Mr. Lowe, yes and they are in the same situation we would be in, but they have a much smaller allocation than Surprise.

G. Call To The Public

H. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

K. Executive Session

L. Adjournment

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 5, 2019.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC