

**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**16000 North Civic Center Plaza**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 @ 6:00PM

- A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Surprise City Hall located at 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374. The Invocation was led by Raymond Grim

- B. Roll Call

In attendance with Mayor Hall were Vice-Mayor Aly Cline; Councilmembers Jack Hastings, Ken Remley, Patrick Duffy and Chris Judd. Councilmember Winters was excused.

- C. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Sustainable Engineering Club from Cimarron Springs Middle School

- D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

- **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

- E. City Manager Report

Surprise Youth Council Reports:

Alyssa Blandford 12th grade Dysart High School

Ethan Burca 11th grade Paradise High School

Sustainable Engineering students.

Mayor Hall asked if students were aware of science coming up, they are aware.

Youth Council – spoke briefly on upcoming student debates

- G. Call To The Public

Steve Gilliam a resident of El Mirage thanked City staff, Tracy Mills and Lee Lambert for their efforts to assist with maintaining the post office on Dysart & Grand Avenue. He thanked Council for their support to keep this location open and encouraged women to use a post office box instead of their home addresses on their ID for safety reasons.

Adonis Duron passed out a flyer for a new business in Surprise and invited them to their opening on Monday, September 26th.

## **1. CONSENT AGENDA:**

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Hastings made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items 1 - 4. Seconded by Councilmember Duffy. 6 yes votes, 1 excused (Winters). Motion carried.

- Consideration and action on the Regular City Council Work Session, the Regular City Council Meeting and the Executive Session Minutes of September 6, 2022.
  - Consideration and action pertaining to the Final Plat entitled, “Williams 224” and dated July 20, 2022, a property generally located west of 219th Avenue and north of Deer Valley Road; Case FS22-0483.
  - Consideration and action pertaining to the Final Plat entitled, “A Re-Plat of Lots 1, 3, 5, 9 and 10, of Prasada – Phase 1B South” and dated August 17, 2022, a property generally located at the northeast corner of Cactus Road and Loop 303; Case FS22-0102.
  - Consideration and action pertaining to approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 budget by moving budget in the amount of \$1,600 within the Grants Fund to the Victim Rights Program (VRP) for acceptance of the grant; Resolution # 2022-92.
- **5. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of a rezoning of property located at the northwest corner of Bell Road and Dysart Road from Regional Commercial (C-3) to Community Commercial (C-2); Case # FS22-0438; Ordinance #2022-19.**
    - City Planner, Chris Sexton gave a power point presentation on this item.  
No council questions or comments. No public comments received.

Vice-Mayor Cline made the motion to approve Ordinance No.

2022-19. Councilmember Remley seconded the motion. 6 yes votes, 1 excused (Winters). Motion carried.

- **6. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of an amendment to the Vistas Montanas Planned Area Development (PAD) increasing density, updating lot sizes and distribution, increasing open space allotment, and updating design option point system; Case #FS22-0180; Ordinance #2022-20.**

City Planner, Chris Sexton gave a power point presentation on this item. Vice Mayor Cline commented that she likes open space, doesn't like decreased lot side, no parking around parks, wants parking on site and is concerned that there is no pool proposed for this development.

Student Council, Blanford asked if the focus is geared toward younger or older and the impact on schools.

Council Member Duffy, commented that once again there is one way in and out 163rd, why should we increase the density on this project? "Sell me on it".

The applicant, Jeff Farr commented that the original plan for this project was 14 years ago when larger lots were desired, now smaller lots mean lower prices and that is in demand. We have decreased the density and increased open space.

Council Member Remley, has concerns about the design and how it was updated, was there a pool on the previous plan? He further asked what was said at the meeting? The applicant today is not going to build this, they will have someone build it. This is a substandard facility. Mr. Farr commented

Council Member Hastings Councilmember Hastings thanked the applicant for putting together the packet of information including public outreach. I understand that we need to adapt especially after 14 years. He asked staff to go back to the access map for clarification regarding access to 163rd, we cannot continue this pace without addressing.

Student council Blanford and Student Council Burca asked about affordability and will there be commercial development. What will the demographic be?

Council Member Judd, talk about Grand and 163rd, traffic. The applicant asked the Traffic Engineer, Joseph Spatafino to address the questions.

Mayor Hall asked Community Development Director, how many pool permits are being processed now, I would like the numbers. Mr. Boyd commented that he does not have those numbers, but will make sure Council receives them.

Vice Mayor Cline asked if Dixeleita connects to Grand Avenue or any other road out of the area? Asst. Community Development Director, Lloyd Abrams confirmed that it is a dead end.

Council Member Remley, pointing out that there are residents with one acre lots that will be upset that they will not have access and open trails.

### **Public Comments:**

Steve Gilliam a resident of El Mirage commented that where he lived previously, the schools were all kindergarten through 12th grade in their communities and each had pools that the community members could use. Where he currently lives, there is no community pool there. There may also be issues with parking in these types of communities is allowed. Think about the water supply as well.

Kelly Braun, a Surprise resident commented that she is concerned about the developers coming in and adjusting the lot size after previous approval especially to a reduced size. We are losing our small town community, the developers don't care about Surprise, they come to build, then they are out. I hope you do not approve adding the extra homes, it doesn't make sense. The citizens of Surprise, we are tired of this.

Ray Grim commented that he lives in Desert Oasis and has a prespective, the school district is Nadaburg so that's where the students will go. 171st Avenue onto Grand is backed up every morning, will be an issue that needs to be addressed. The horse properties, the neighbors don't want the project, but they were listening. What are we doing as a City where they can ride their horses. Need to build a horse trail for this area.

Joanne Nichols, owner of horse property in this area, it floods in the proposed area, when it rains we can't get the horse trailers through. How are you going to work this out? The only way out right now is Patton Road.

No further public comments were received.

Councilmember Duffy made the motion to deny Ordinance No. 2022-20. Vice-Mayor Cline seconded the motion. 3 yes votes to deny (Cline, Duffy & Remley), 3 no votes (Hall, Judd & Hastings), 1 excused (Winters). Motion fails due to tie vote.

2nd motion: Councilmember Judd made the motion to continue this item to the second meeting in January 2023. Vice-Mayor Cline seconded the motion. 6 yes votes to continue until the second meeting in January 2023. 1 excused (Winters).

- J. City Council Reports

Councilmember Judd reported on upcoming and past events including MAG meeting discussed Prop 400E and impact for our community, Spencer's Place recognition, District 6 Community Meeting at Tap House, zeroscape garden ribbon cutting event.

Vice Mayor Cline reported on upcoming and past events including monthly meetings, attended a water meeting.

Council Member Hastings talked about the zeroscape garden next to City Hall, Master Gardeners available on certain days.

Council Member Remley reported on upcoming and past events including Spencer's Place, monthly meeting for District 4, 4th Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center.

Council Member Duffy reported on upcoming and past events including monthly meeting for District 3.

Mayor Hall reported on upcoming and past events including Sunday in the Park and the Fiesta Grande street festival on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### L. Adjournment

Vice-Mayor Cline made the motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of September 20, 2022 @ 7:41 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Hastings. Motion carried.

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Skip Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 Meeting of Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC