

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 @ 5:00PM

- **A. Call To Order**

- Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Work Session to order on November 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Surprise City Hall located at 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374.

- **B. Roll Call**

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

1. Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the City's water resources.

Kathy Ferris with the ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy, assisted Michael Boule, Assistant Director, Utility Operations with a detailed powerpoint presentation.

Councilmember Winters thanked staff for the presentation and asked about exemptions for residential multi families and the water allocation issue in Scottsdale.

Ms. Ferris clarified the Scottsdale water situation.

Councilmember Judd asked for clarification on the Surprise service area, that is not all of Surprise, correct? Mr. Boule commented that this is correct, about 2/3 of the Surprise area are with other water providers. He also asked about water conservation water usage.

Mayor Hall asked about Assured Water Supply and the allocation process.

Councilmember Winters inquired about the possibility of Desalination. Ms. Ferris covered the basics for this topic and highlighted the expense using this system.

Councilmember Remley asked for clarification on the slide relating to exemptions, is it less than 6 lots, then you don't need a certificate? What about regulations for bottling companies and City's reserves.

Vice-Mayor Cline asked about the plan for if the City exceeds the allotted water allocations. What happens if we do exceed this allocation? Mr. Boule explained the

process that includes 7 steps of criteria to justify to the Arizona Department of Water Resources to adjust our plan if needed.

Councilmember Judd commented that the reason he wanted this work session is to identify the holes in our City with water usage and how are we addressing the big industrial companies that are coming in around our City. What is the reason that private water companies do not have to do the designation of assured water supply? Ms. Ferris commented that basically because the law doesn't require it.

Councilmember Duffy asked about the 6 lot splits contingency.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Ferris and Mr. Boule for their presentation.

L. Adjournment

Councilmember Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular Council Work Session of November 15, 2022 @ 5:57 p.m. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Cline. Motion carried to adjourn.

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 15, 2022.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC