

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

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 4:00PM

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Work Session to order on December 6, 2022 at 4:00 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.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the FY2023 Financial Status Report through September 2022.

Finance Director, Andrea Davis gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Councilmember Remley commented that since building and construction industry is slowing down quickly, how are revenues being effected by this?

Ms. Davis commented that yes the permit count is decreasing, there is a lag for certain services but it will be a while before we see how it effect our revenues.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to updated Parks and Recreation Fees.

Parks and Recreation Director, Holly Osborn introduced Parks staff Paul Fries and Shannon Gaul to assist with the powerpoint presentation on this item.

Parks and Recreation Fee schedule review and recommendation for increases were discussed.

Vice-Mayor Cline asked about Countryside facilities, if a resident had a question about the extra costs for the newer location, would staff be able to share with them the different costs and availability? Holly Osborn commented that yes absolutely staff would discuss the different options available.

Councilmember Remley commented that he is a bit surprised about the rate increases for the Hollyhock pool private rental. Since it doesn't have the same amenities as the other park and it is not heated. How many people have been willing to pay the \$180. already? There is no community room and a smaller facility. Can we please look at this? Ms. Osborn commented that I do know we do rent out Hollyhock, but mostly with groups or organizations. We can look at this.

Councilmember Duffy asked about Countryside Park, how much during the year is it available to rent? Ms. Osborn reviewed a calendar of events that will take place at Countryside for 2023. We will be able to rent it out, but there is not a lot of availability. Paul Frie further explained the renting of fields process and fees. Councilmember Duffy also asked about reseeding the parks every year.

Councilmember Judd asked about the 1,400 soccer players who go through our parks, what are the ages? What do they do after this age for sports?

Ms. Osborn commented that we are always looking at this age group and what programs we can offer the teens.

Councilmember Judd said it is important to find ways to deal with the sport clubs, we need to support them as much as we can since many of the youth are from Surprise. How many more fields do we need to get to the point to accommodate? Ms. Osborn commented that we would need at least two more of these types of complexes. We would need over 50 acres for future fields as a rough estimate.

Councilmember Remley with the fees we are talking about, I didn't see anything on baseball, we have teams we rent out too. Are we leaving those the same? Ms. Osborn commented that raising our sports administrative fees to \$10.00. It does bring us more revenues.

Vice-Mayor Cline commented that 13, 14 year olds, they either are good enough to play at a higher level of sports, and the ones not as good, drop out and do other things. We need to figure out other ways for teens as they grow and as the City grows.

Mayor Hall commented that we here all the time about what can the teens do? Mayor Hall asked about the recovery part, what is the recovery as a department? Ms. Osborn commented that it depends on the programs. Summer and Youth Programs are to cover 100% of direct costs, other programs are at a percentage from 30 to 50%, depending on which one we are talking about. Mayor Hall asked Ms. Osborn to look at growing trends for kids according to the census. What is the timing of Countryside? Ms. Osborn commented that Sod installed tomorrow, projected to open by January 21st, the first game start.

Councilmember Remley commented that the school district has statistics that could help you plan for the future years in advance.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to redistricting.

Community Development Director, Lloyd Abrams gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Mr. Abrams explained the timeline for redistricting and how the process will work. The City hired the same consultant we have used since forming districts in the 1990's. Mr. Abrams asked for consensus on blind redistricting or preserving incumbents and explained what this would entail. Mr. Abrams asked for some guidance for Council. Council consensus was in favor of blind redistricting.

Mr. Abrams outlined the set-up for the Ad Hoc Committee. Based on past experience we would reduce the amount from the last committee and recommended that the Mayor appoints 3 members and each Councilmembers appoints 1 member that is not currently on any board/commission for the City and who resides within that district. to serve on the committee. There will be options of paper maps and also there is an app available to draw maps online that will be another option and the goal is to come up with at least 3 options.

Councilmember Remley asked about public meetings, can we ask for public participation with drawing maps on paper? Mr. Abrams said that yes this will be an option if Council decides.

Mayor commented that we are hiring a professional consultant to assist with the process, but an online mapping program may not get much participation. This concerns me and I am for no mapping tool, this could undermine the committee.

Vice-Mayor Cline asked about areas of homes that the residents are not living in the homes. How is this calculated when going through this process? It might be even as of that date, but not today. Agree with blind redistricting, would like good public outreach on this.

Councilmember Hastings commented that since we are in the 21st century would like residents to be able to draw a map with the app, and also expressed concern about blind redistricting since he was recently elected for a 4 year term of a certain voter base, so there has to be some concern about keeping those aligned. Would like a large community outreach and participation.

Mr. Abrams commented that at the end of the day, the Committee will be tasked with bringing back recommendations to the Council.

Mayor Hall asked about the variation, a district could be 2380 above that 10% number, is that correct? The map itself has to be within that 10% deviation from what I understand.

Councilmember Winters, I remember when we did this last time, AZ Traditions fell within two different Districts, SC Grand had two representatives. Do they really try hard not to break up an HOA?

Councilmember Remley commented about the last time the redistricting was done, they had 25 committee members.

Council consensus was for a Blind Redistricting process with Option B utilizing map.

- L. Adjournment

Vice-Mayor Cline made the motion to adjourn the Regular Council Work Session of December 6, 2022 @ 5:08 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Winters. Unanimous yes vote. 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, December 6, 2022.

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC