

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

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 6:00PM

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2023 to order at 6:00 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

1. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Surprise resident, Shawna Daigle.

B. Roll Call

In attendance with Mayor Hall were Vice-Mayor Alyson Cline, Councilmembers Jack Hastings, Ken Remley, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, and Nicholas Haney.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Hall.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

None

E. City Manager Report

Report on Police Department Activity, Chief Pina gave a summary of Police activity with drug arrests in one of the City's neighborhoods, the Police were able to surveil and make arrests; Chief Pina thanked Surprise Police Officers and residents of Surprise for stepping up to assist.

F. City Clerk Report

City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar issued the Oath of Office and presented Election Certification Plaques to new incoming Councilmember Nicholas Haney (District 1), Re-election of Councilmember Jack Hastings (District 5), and Re-election of Councilmember Chris Judd (District 6).

Councilmember Haney read a statement for the record thanking his wife Nichole and his family and friends for their support and commented that he is ready to get to work for the residents of his District and for the City of Surprise.

G. Call To The Public:

None

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Judd made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 2 through 4, Councilmember Remley seconded the motion. 7 yes votes, motion carried. Items included:

2. Consideration and action to approve the Regular Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2022.

3. Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of a Fiscal Year 2023 budget amendment to purchase a Fire Engine for Fire Station #309, Resolution 2023-04.

4. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the Final Plat entitled "Short Final Plat" and dated November 11, 2022, a property generally located on the southeast corner of Adobe Road and 225th Avenue; Case FS22-1232.

H. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

5. Consideration and action establishing the Surprise Redistricting Committee; Resolution #2023-05.

Community Development Director, Lloyd Abrams introduced Doug Johnson and Shalice Tilton with National Demographics to explain the redistricting process and discuss the process and timeline.

Mr. Johnson introduced himself and gave history on working with the City since the 1st districting process in 1992. We are kicking off the process starting in February, target date to complete is June 6th, 2023. Mr. Johnson highlighted the 3 criteria of federal laws and requirements; 1. Equal population 2. Comply with Federal Voting Rights Act maintaining the Latino population areas, keeping them together as the committee is going through the process and 3. No racial gerrymandering and following Arizona Statutes.

Shalice Tilton with NDC continued the presentation and highlighted the committee meetings including public outreach and highlighting communities of interest and the redistricting mapping tools available to committee members and residents. We have gathered information from your planning department including subdivisions, special planning areas, water facilities, etc. Ms. Tilton commented that the redistricting website is almost ready and will be linked on surpriseaz.gov/redistricting.

Councilmember Remley asked if we are going to use the census from a few years ago or what we have today, Mr. Johnson commented that it would be the most recent census numbers from 2020.

Councilmember Remley also commented that we are experiencing a lot of growth, a lot of new residents are moving into Surprise, how much of a margin can be calculated into the district boundaries of our City, Mr. Johnson responded that there cannot be more than a 10% deviation.

Councilmember Hastings asked what if a Councilmember was redistricted out of their district, City Attorney, Robert Wingo commented that there is a compelling case that redistricting does not create a vacancy; in looking at the law, in my opinion it would allow that person to serve through the term until the next election, there is no case study that says this would create a vacancy.

Councilmember Judd asked how the committee is being set up, Community Development Director, Lloyd Abrams commented that the structure will consist of the Mayor selecting 3 at-large residents and each Councilmember will select one resident from their districts; the Committee Members will work alongside the consultant and staff and bring back recommendations for a Council vote.

Vice-Mayor Cline asked how do we recommend someone to the commission, and will you have your meeting dates set in case the public wants to attend

the meetings, Community Development Director, Lloyd Abrams commented that the agenda has been set that it is included in the Council Packet; 3 public meetings are set and we are working on the locations, we will keep Council posted on updates.

Mayor Hall asked about the mapping, if a resident has a suggestion for a map, do they email it to you, Community Development Director, Lloyd Abrams commented yes there will be an email address where they can send the maps to us, we will forward to the consultant to compile and bring to the committee members for review.

Councilmember Judd made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, Vice-Mayor Cline seconded the motion. 7 yes votes, motion carried.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

No items recommended.

J. City Council Reports

Councilmember Haney expressed gratitude to staff, very grateful for their support. Looking forward to getting out and meeting folks, will hold District Meetings, there are a lot of subjects to discuss; will coordinate a schedule soon.

Vice-Mayor Cline commented that she has 3 meetings in January; AZ Traditions and Sun City Grand, one is for the hearing impaired community.

Councilmember Duffy reported that Saturday, January 7th will be the next meet and greet at Spencer's Place at 9:00 a.m. Last weekend was exciting, participated in an All American golf tournament and it was held in Sterling Grove this year.

Councilmember Judd also attended the All American Golf Tournament and it was a fantastic event. The next District 6 Community Meeting will be January 18th.

Councilmember Hastings thanked residents of District 5 for re-electing him, congrats to Councilmember Haney, received over 50% in a 3 way race; that is not an easy thing to do. Next District 5 Community Meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month at State 48 on January 10th.

Councilmember Remley announced Happy New Year to everyone, 2022 will be a memorable and tough year for many of us surviving COVID. Proud that Surprise

has an AAA bond rating, thanked Finance for their hard work managing our money. Will still be holding his monthly meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Hollyhock Senior Center, 6:00 p.m. There are a lot of events taking place in the City, one of the best kept secrets is the Surprise Pops Orchestra at the Vista Center, attend with a donation of canned foods.

Mayor Hall announced 7th Annual Martin Luther King Day will take place on Saturday, January 14th at the Vista Center of the Arts from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., previous years has been held here at City Hall.

L. Adjournment

Councilmember Remley made the motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Council member Hastings. Unanimous vote 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 Meeting of **Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC