

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

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 @ 5:00PM

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Surprise City Council Chambers located at 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 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 pertaining to the status of the Microtransit Project.

Kristen Taylor, Management Analyst Senior, Public Works Department and Jacob Fritz, General Manager of Microtransit Project, gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Councilmember Judd asked if you have to be a Surprise resident to use this? Is a Smartphone required? Ms. Taylor replied "no" on both questions.

Councilmember Judd asked about Goodyear stats, round trips, or trips both ways? Ms. Taylor replied that They just started on November 14th in Goodyear, we will get this information for you.

Councilmember Judd commented that I really like this idea much better.

Vice-Mayor Cline commented on the opening of Prasada, is that a possibility for this location? K, yes we will be able to add Prasada without additional costs. May be a longer wait since it is outside of the zone.

Vice-Mayor Cline asked if we could include our main library on Bullard Avenue, can this be considered down the road. Ms. Taylor replied, yes we will continue to monitor the requests.

Councilmember Winters are these vehicles ADA accessible? Yes 2/3 of the vehicles will be.

Mayor Hall asked about costs per ride? Has anyone done Spring Training yet? Ms. Taylor replied that we will be kicking this off March 1st, we may have to adjust depending on demand.

Mr. Fritz commented that we can provide business card holders for the hotels and other businesses.

Councilmember Winters asked how many zones are we going to start out with? Ms. Taylor commented 1 zone to start.

Councilmember Remley thanked staff for the presentation. He asked for clarification on the virtual stop information contained in the presentation and also asked about the cost of getting this started, half of the cost will probably will be start up, is that correct?

Ms. Taylor commented that the actual start up is less than \$20,000. to start out. Microtransit will provide the vehicles, staff, etc.

Mayor Hall commented that the pilot program should work really well and we are excited about this.

No other comments were made.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update on the Tennis and Racquet Complex.

Kendra Pettis, Sports and Tourism Director gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Ms. Pettis introduced Joe Bertoletti, Assistant Sports and Tourism Director, & Bill Lucero, Tennis Superintendent, Sports and Tourism and Parks and Recreation to assist with Council questions.

The facility was specifically designed for tournaments and is a shared facility. The connection to economic development slides were reviewed.

Mayor Hall commented on the increase in lodging revenue, it has been really significant since we created the Sports and Tourism sub-committee. The staff

has done a really good job with this.

Councilmember Hastings asked how it's working out with tennis and pickleball courts, are there issues, conflicts? Bill Lucero commented there is a love hate relationship but we are working with both groups to bring the two bodies together to work cohesively to improve and grow.

Councilmember Hastings asked Kendra to review why we don't have premier tennis events at this location?

Ms. Pettis explained per a financial perspective, the facility is not set up as a spectator sport and for each event we had to build infrastructure, it is not sustainable. We are not set up for spectator sports events.

Mr. Lucero commented that we pursue the events as they come up, the teams will go where the infrastructure is already in place.

Vice-Mayor Cline, do you think we are maxed out on hotels, should we be looking at bringing in more? Ms. Pettis commented that Economic Development and our team is definitely looking at this, we are looking at full service and different options.

Councilmember Remley we are talking about build out, maybe we should have built a stadium back then. We did some additions to the lighting about 2 years ago, has this had an impact for tournaments? Bill Lucero replied absolutely great idea to increase the lighting, attracting more tournaments and can go later into the night. We are hoping our hotels can keep up with all of the activity.

Councilmember Remley commented that when he drives by, the lights are on late into the night, our electricity bill has to be huge. Mr. Lucero commented that we have more participation since we have lighting and we have staff closely monitoring use.

Mayor Hall thanked staff for the presentation. No other comments were made.

- L. Adjournment

Mayor Hall asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice-Mayor Cline made the motion to adjourn the Regular Council Work Session of December 20, 2022 @ 5:49 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Duffy. 7 yes votes to adjourn, motion carried.

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 20, 2022.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC