

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 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 Hall located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

E. City Manager Report

F. City Clerk Report

G. Call To The Public

Howard Koval a Surprise resident, spoke on the issue of water and offered solutions to this problem. He commented that he has worked for over a year on finding solutions. Rivers located in other states could be redirected to funnel water to the western states, build a pipeline along the railroads, in turn this could upgrade the railroad system.

H. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget overview of citywide Revenues, Expenses, and City Council Strategic Plan updates.

City Manager Wingenroth made an opening statement on the budget process and strategic plan. He gave an overview of the strategic plan, turning Council's policies into a plan identifying areas where we can update as we are going through the budget process. Mr. Wingenroth reviewed the strategic plan with a powerpoint presentation as discussed in the retreat a few months ago.

Councilmember Remley commented that we did a really big bond issue to accomplish some of our goals a few years ago, could we in a future meeting have a slideshow on how those monies were used and how we came out with it? Mr. Wingenroth commented that yes, we will plan this.

Finance Director, Andrea Davis and Budget Director, Eric Boyles continued with a detailed powerpoint presentation on the upcoming budget process. .

Topic of discussion was Developing the Budget process was discussed.

Vice-Mayor Judd asked for a breakdown of Intergovernmental revenue. Mr. Boyles clarified.

Mayor Hall asked about HURF, gasoline tax and the effects on the City.

Councilmember Remley commented that 50% of the new construction is multi-family, I also noticed the FTE growing to 1.6 per thousand per resident, this would be a big increase. Is there any linkage to multi-families creating a greater need for more officers. Surprise is one of the safest cities in the U.S. Also, at the State level, they have been considering eliminating the rental tax. Do you have a handle on how big this number is and how we will handle in the future.

Ms. Davis clarified the effects this would have on the City and provided an estimate.

Councilmember Cline commented on the timing delay depending on State budget adoption and that there is a significant delay on state transaction tax. How long will this take?

Ms. Davis replied that it is about a year behind when we receive it, and it is a solid number.

Councilmember Cline commented that will increased population if they are buying locally and spending tax dollars here, there is an advantage on the revenue that will come back to us.

Ms. Davis commented that revenue is mostly from population growth not necessarily spending money here in Surprise. More people have been purchasing online instead of in store.

Vice-Mayor Judd asked about setting the SLID rate for property tax? Where would a CFD fall with setting rates? Ms. Davis commented that it is Secondary property tax rates, Special Taxing District.

Councilmember Cline commented we haven't increased our tax rate since 2014, residents want their property values to go up but it appears that we are increasing the tax amounts in which we are not. Councilmember Cline also noted how she liked the slide detailing the dollar bill and the breakdown

Councilmember Remley commented that property taxes are the most confusing every year, residents need to know we have held the line on for many years. We have more money collected because we have more homes. We need to explain the secondary tax and explain that it is a bond issue.

Further discussion on the One Time vs. ongoing revenues personnel, operational supplies.

The budget calendar was reviewed through June 2023 leading up to the budget adoption.

No other comments received.

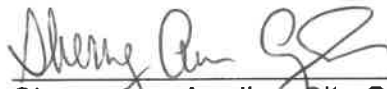
L. Adjournment

Mayor Hall commented that there is no further business and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Cline made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Remley seconded the motion. 6 yes votes, 1 excused (Hastings) to adjourn at 5:46 p.m.


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, February 21, 2023.


Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC