



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- A. Call To Order
Mayor Hall called the City Council Work Session of Tuesday May 2nd, 2023 to order at 4:03 p.m., 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 Nick Haney, Alyson Cline, Patrick Duffy, Ken Remley and Jack Hastings.
- 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
- H. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda
 - 1. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 2. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:
 - 3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:
 - 1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to annual updates to the City's financial policies.

Finance Director Andrea Davis came to present this item. She talked about FY2024 Policy Changes.

Councilmember Remley asked about the construction tax, specifically if we had been collecting this and what we would do in the future? Andrea said that we were and summarized the tax rates.
 - 2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the economic impact of art in communities.

Kelsey Lamphier came to present this item. She introduced Executive Director Connie Whitlock from WHAM Art Association for the presentation. Connie talked about the growth of the city as well as various non-profit organizations. She talked about how art can impact the economy, and further detailed the impact that art has in education. She went over the various financial contributions into the arts.

Councilmember Cline talked about her involvement with non-profit organizations; she talked about how there is a general interest in art and how important it is to offer exhibits to students and citizens.

Councilmember Remley said that Connie should give the same presentation to the school board. He talked about how disappointing it was that the state didn't give the same credence to the statistics that the city does.

Mayor Hall said that lack of corporate commitment is a huge opportunity that companies should step up to meet. He suggested that economic development could help Connie get in touch with local businesses.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to updates to Capital Improvement Plan projects.

Andrea Davis introduced this item. Holly Osborn talked about the fire station, pool, and park improvements. She said it would be easier to combine those items into one project. She talked about the conceptual layout. She talked about Firestation 309 and the associated Fire Department-themed splashy pad, as well as the proposed pools for the site.

Councilmember Cline said she likes the slope elements and asked where the idea came from? She said she also liked the idea of being active around the pool. Holly said that the dirt dug out from the pool would be used to make the mounds for slides and other park elements. Holly talked about the idea of incorporating fitness concepts with play.

Mayor Hall asked if anyone had estimated the competitive aspect of the site? He noted how this would be unique in the west valley. Holly said that YMCA Goodyear was the only site with a comparable pool. She said that they are designing the pool to meet competitive activities. Mayor Hall asked if the project would be competitively bid upon. Holly stated that it was and that all the procurement was done.

Councilmember Remley said it was great to design the pools for competition. He then asked about the award of the construction agreements? Andrea said that we had signed off on the amount for the pool. She said they were looking at the most efficient way to build the site. She talked about balancing out the budget with a quality product. He noted the total cost of the project and cautioned about the cost of the project and where the expectations should be. Holly said she was feeling confident about the project. Councilmember Remley state that this project will be something new for the city and that it deserved all the attention it will be getting.

Councilmember Duffy said he liked the design. He asked what the incline was going to be for the projected slide? Holly said it would be ADA compliant. He was concerned about kids slipping. Holly said they would consider that.

Vice-Mayor Judd asked how much was designed and what would be available for future phases? Holly said it was all designed already. She detailed parking and other court possibilities for future phases. He asked how much acreage the fire station would be? She said it was 3 acres. They talked about the acreage for the pools. He asked if the park would be accessible when the pool wasn't open? She said it would be. He asked how much of the operational funding would be recovered from renting out facility? She said it would cost about \$2 million but the income would be around \$400,000. He asked the cost to heat the pools? She talked about the different strategies to do that. He asked how many gallons for all three pools? She said less than a million but more than 500,000 gallons.

Mayor Hall asked about solar parking cover through APS? Holly said they are looking for all solutions to maintain sustainability. She said they are looking into it and mentioned other strategies.

Councilmember Haney asked how many additional swimming lessons the city could offer? Holly said they would likely double what they offer already. He asked if there was a wait list and if this would help reduce that? Holly said it would.

Councilmember Remley said that there should be a concession stand there to help offset costs.

Councilmember Cline talked about the pools at Grand. She asked about chilling the pool water and the possibility of opening the pool for more hours and seasons.

Mayor Hall said there were a lot of things to consider for such a project of this scope and that this would be an exciting addition to the city.

Andrea moved on to talk about traffic signal funds. She talked about the importance of such projects. She talked about Cactus road and future connected projects.

Councilmember Duffy, talked about Cactus road and asked about the City's timeline. Andrea said it would likely be 2025. She said they would tie it in to other projects to minimize traffic interruptions. Mayor Hall said that we have a great relationship with the Maricopa Water District.

Andrea talked about the additional projects and other costs. She talked about a General Bond Obligation. She said that to speed these projects along a bond would be necessary.

Vice-Mayor Judd asked about the tax rate and the bond and how it works? Andrea talked about the growth that allows the additional capacity to fund the bond. Vice-Mayor Judd said that the growth is offering a solution to some issues.

Councilmember Cline said it would be a great opportunity to reach out to the public about the proposed bond. She talked about the traffic and how this is an important topic.

Councilmember Duffy asked how much there would be on the bond? Andrea said that not all the list would be on the bond, but it would be about \$100 million. He asked if the 50 acre park wouldn't be on the list? Andrea said it wouldn't. She talked about future 303 connections and possibilities. He asked if there would be no parks and recreation stuff on the bond? He asked why design something if it won't be built? Andrea said they are long-term goals. He talked about operating and construction costs; as well as different prioritized projects.

Mayor Hall asked if any future questions could be asked later. Andrea talked about future actions to answer questions.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

J. City Council Reports

K. Executive Session

1. Executive Disclaimer - Part 1

L. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

Initiated By: Aly Cline

Seconded By: Patrick Duffy

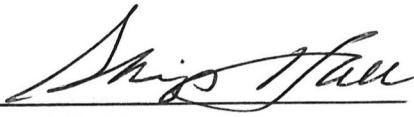
Yes: Aly Cline, Jack Hastings, Ken Remley, Patrick Duffy, Skip Hall, Chris Judd, Nick Haney

No: None

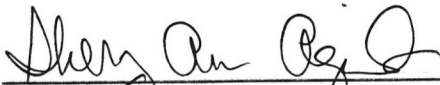
Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

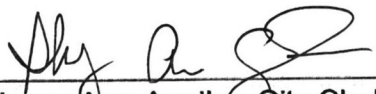

Skip Hall, Mayor

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 Workshop of **Tuesday, May 2, 2023.**


Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC