



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- A. Call To Order
Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Workshop of Tuesday, August 15, 2023 to order at 5:07 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 the 2022-2023 Surprise Community Outreach Program and Neighborhood Grant awards.

Director of Human Service & Community Vitality, Seth Dyson came to present this item. He provided a recap of the outreach program, and the neighborhood grant.

Councilmember Remely, said he was so proud to be part of the efforts of the City, and gave kudos to the team.

Vice-Mayor Judd, talked about the program and the good that it does for the community with volunteer help. He asked if this year's had already been awarded? Seth says it was, but that the neighborhood grant application was still open. He said it was open until the end of September. Vice-Mayor Judd asked if that was so the neighborhoods could get their HOAs to sign off on it. Seth said it was.

Councilmember Cline, talked about her previous involvement with the committee. She thanked everyone who was involved.

- 2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to truck parking solutions.

City Manager Bob Wigenroth and Deputy City Manager Tracy Montgomery came to present this item. They gave a review about truck parking and a history of complaints. Tracy talked about potential amendments to the existing City Code regarding trucks and trailers.

Councilmember Remley, asked about time constraints, and if this would apply to big moving trucks. Tracy said that would be an opportunity to use discretion when enforcing. Tracy asked about expanding the time? Councilmember Remley suggested 4 hours. Councilmember Hastings asked about the size of the truck? Tracy talked about the differences. They further talked about leniency and what other cities are doing.

Councilmember Haney, suggested adding "actively loading and unloading" to section 2? Tracy talked about previous conversation about taking breaks impacting the timeframe. Councilmember Haney talked about it being too strict versus being reasonable. Councilmember Remley talked about not giving the wrong impression with the suggested changes.

Tracy talked about Truck Parking Alternatives and offered three different potential solutions: #1 135th avenue, and #2 Sweetwater Avenue.

Councilmember Remley asked about the potential maintenance costs exactly and what it means? Tracy said the city would provide maintenance as needed. Bob talked about millings being installed by the city.

Tracy then talked about option #3 Hope Drive Alignment. She suggested doing a pilot with Option #1 and monitoring it with cameras.

Councilmember Cline, asked about updating the Police Department about the parking, and if we could inform ADOT about the potential changes? Tracy said that truckers have their own navigation that identify parking opportunities. Councilmember Cline talked about known drivers in Surprise and the distance from the parking to potential homes. She wanted to know the impact to residents who drive for business? Tracy said it was nominal and that the community survey helped identify some truckers within the City. Councilmember Cline asked about option #2 and if the area was coming into development soon? Tracy said they didn't know of any developments going in soon. Councilmember Cline then asked about option #3 and the access provided, and noted the distance it had from neighborhoods. She said she would prefer option #3 as a long-term option.

Vice-Mayor Judd, talked about being cautious when approaching these changes. He asked them to review the definitions of trailers and the potential impact on camping trailers. Tracy asked for clarity of the types. He then said he was worried about putting in language that relies too heavily on discretion.

Councilmember Duffy, talked about the scale of starting small versus the number of trailers parked right now. Tracy said we would be the only City offering this kind of parking in the county. She said they hoped to attract a full-scale truck stop in the future. Councilmember Duffy reiterated that option 1 was not going to be enough. He said he would rather have too much than not enough. Mayor Hall said he liked option 3.

Councilmember Haney, asked how many trucks would be displaced if they moved forward? Tracy said it would only be anecdotal. Mayor Hall said it was too bad there wasn't a location on the west side. Councilmember Haney asked if a timeline would be associated with the proposed spaces. Tracy said they weren't anticipating a whole lot of regulation. Councilmember Haney talked about how important the trucking industry is for the economy. He suggested the idea of letting residents have first dibs is possible.

Councilmember Hastings, said he liked the idea of the ordinance. He asked that if we are paving the road, who is liable if something bad happens and if the city is liable? Tracy said it would be like any other city street. Attorney Wingo said he wasn't concerned about raising liability based on

parking spaces. Councilmember Hastings talked about no other city providing this, and wanted to clarify that these weren't concerned truck stop. He was worried about attracting trucks and said he liked the cheapest option but was worried it wasn't going to be enough. He said he's all for leading the way but was cautious about being the trailblazing city.

Councilmember Remley, talked about dealing with trucks being in residential neighborhoods first. He talked about a lot of neighborhoods having HOAs and if the city is going to trump the HOA rules? Or if the HOA going to trump the City? Tracy said that some HOAs do have rules about trucks while others don't. Tracy said the City already restricts it. Councilmember Remley said RVs park in his neighborhood already. Tracy said that recreation vehicles don't fit with the definitions described. He talked about the existing problems within the city and the impact City growth will have. Mayor Hall talked about the genesis of the conversation and how it's important to proceed forward with that in mind. Councilmember Remley talked about the increase in the number of trucks within the City. Mayor Hall pointed out the cost of the City cost versus Contractor cost.

Councilmember Cline, talked about the impact this would have on certain districts. She talked about a potential parking authorization sticker to offer vehicles for Surprise residents. She talked about how these proposed options could be improved down the road.

Councilmember Haney, asked for clarification about what happens when the spaces are full? Tracy said that the truckers would have to go somewhere else and if they went somewhere they weren't supposed to, then the City could enforce it. He reiterated his support for option #3 and for Surprise residents.

Vice-Mayor Judd, said he was a fan of the permit idea and keeping it cheap. He said he wants to keep the cost low in case a private solution appears.

Councilmember Hastings, asked about the differences in City costs. Tracy talked about the costs. Councilmember Hastings said he would be open to option #3. He asked about the number of trucks in the City. Tracy said the MAG study provided information.

Bob said they would come back with a code amendment and an option item for future presentation. Councilmember Remley suggested Sarival avenue for future research.

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: Nick Haney

Yes: Ken Remley, Skip Hall, Nick Haney, Patrick Duffy, Aly Cline, Chris Judd, Jack Hastings
No: None
Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.


Skip Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Kristi Passarelli, 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, August 15, 2023.**


Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk