

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2008

Call to Order:

A. Roll Call:

Mayor L.E. Truitt called the **Regular City Council Meeting** to order at 6:00 p.m., at Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 12425 West Bell Road, Suite D-100 Surprise, Arizona 85374, on **Thursday, June 26, 2008**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Roy Villanueva and Council Members: John Longabaugh, Richard Alton, John Williams, Joe Johnson and Skip Hall.

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager, Prisila Ferreira, Assistant City Manager, Doug Sandstrom; Assistant City Manager, Kathy Rice; City Attorney, Michael Bailey; Deputy City Manager, Sintra Hoffman; Special Assistant to the City Manager, Stephanie Wilson; Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager, Michael Celaya; Chief Information Officer, Randy Jackson; City Engineer, Robert Maki; Traffic Engineer, Nick Mascia; Police Chief, Dan Hughes; Fire Chief, Michael White; Public Information Officer, Ken Lynch; Management and Budget Director, Michael Schrock; Finance Director, Robert Nilles; Director of Economic Development, John Hagen; Director of Human Resources, James Bowers; Director of Community and Recreation Services, Mark Coronado; Director of Public Works, Robert Beckley; Information Technology Specialist, Michael Sollano and City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar.

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

C. Invocation:

D. Current Events and Reports by Mayor and City Council:

Council Member Johnson attended and/or commented on the following events/meetings:

- PTA Meeting
- Valley Metro Buses
- APS – Rep. Jeanie Blackman
- Condolences to Dan Lundberg, his father recently passed away

Council Member Longabaugh attended and/or commented on the following events/meetings:

- Elected Officials Session
- Flag Day Ceremony
- Police Department – vehicle identification (etching)

Council Member Alton attended and/or commented on the following events/meetings:

- League Conference
- Grand Avenue Coalition
- Pride Day
- GPEC Summit
- Shops in Surprise
- W.A.E. Zone Commission
- AdHoc Foreclosure Committee – making progress

Council Member Hall attended and/or commented on the following events/meetings:

- Newly Elected Officials – very informative
- Crime and Prevention Workshop
- Coyote Lakes HOA Meeting

Vice Mayor Villanueva attended and/or commented on the following events/meetings:

- Pride Day
- Flag Day
- Newly Elected Officials

Council Member Williams attended and/or commented on the following events/meetings:

- Elected Officials Training
- Solar Panels – shops in Surprise
- Rio Salado 401 K
- Pride Day – thanked everyone

Mayor Truitt attended and/or commented on the following events/meetings:

- Presented City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar with certificate for Master Municipal Clerk (MMC)

E. City Manager and Staff Reports:

- **Current Events**
- **Special Olympics Update and award presentation** – by Mark Coronado
- **Community Development Update** – Kathy Rice

ITEM # 1 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mike Woodard commented on the following; newly Elected Council Members, 6 months service to the city, Granicus, Pride Day and the budget.

Ken Wright commented on the following; car allowance, travel expenses and Attorney General report.

Caleb Laiski commented on recycling glass.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council, and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items during this meeting.

Council Member Longabaugh made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

- *Item #3– Approved **Resolution No. 08-111**; a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, declaring its intention to create a lighting improvement district pursuant to A.R.S. §48-616 for the purpose of purchasing energy for lighting the public streets for the Johnson Townhomes Lighting Improvement District, legally described in Exhibit A and with boundaries as shown on the map in Exhibit B; declaring such street light improvements to be of more than local or ordinary public benefit and that the expenses of the district be paid for by the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes upon the assessed valuation of all real and personal property in the Johnson Townhomes Lighting Improvement District, and pursuant to A.R.S. §48-581(A), ordering the proposed improvements.
- *Item #4 – Approved an application for Liquor License request for **Valero Corner Store** #1713, located at 16794 W. Bell Road, Surprise, Arizona 85374 for a Series #10 New License.
- *Item #5 – Approved an application for Special Event Liquor License requested by **Arizona Traditions Homeowners Association** located at 17221 N. Citrus Road, Surprise, Arizona 85374 for the following events:
 - * September 13, 2008 - End of Summer Party
 - * September 22, 2008 - Sock Hop Dance
 - * October 25, 2008 - Halloween Costume Dance
 - * December 6, 2008 - Holiday Party-Dinner Dance
 - * December 31, 2008 - New Years Eve Party
- *Item #6 – Approved an application for Special Event Liquor License requested by **Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce**, located at 19753 N. Remington Drive, Surprise, Arizona 85374. The event is scheduled as follows:
 - * July 25, 2008 - Fundraiser
- *Item #7 – Approved the **minutes** for the Special City Council Work Session of June 5, 2008; the Regular City Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2008.
- *Item #8 – Approved **Resolution No. 08-98**, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, approving a Commercial Subdivision for a project known as Greenway Marketplace, case CS08-072. The subdivision will consist of splitting Lot 2 (as approved on MLD07-178) into two parcels 2a and 2b, and to dedicate easements across the site. The subject project is located on the southeast corner of Greenway Road and Reems Road.

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- *Item #9 – Approved **Resolution No. 08-101**; a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Asante Arsenic Development Agreement between the City of Surprise and Asante LH, LLC.
- *Item #10 – Approved **Resolution No. 08-102**; approving the Greer Ranch First Amendment with Courtland Homes for reimbursement for land and road improvements related to the Greer Ranch Fire Station.
- *Item #11 – Approved the final reading of **Ordinance No. 08-25**; adopting the 2008 amendments to the Tax Code of the City of Surprise and amending Chapter 46 of the Surprise Municipal Code to make the entire Surprise Tax Code readily accessible rather than by reference.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING:

- Item #12 – Consideration and action on **Resolution No. 08-100** – amending the City of Surprise Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) Supplemental Retirement Savings Plan [401 (a)] adopted on February 14, 2008 – by lowering the minimum participation age from 40 to 30 – **APPROVED**

Council Member Alton made the motion to approve Resolution No. 08-100; a Resolution of Council amending the City of Surprise Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) Supplemental Retirement Savings Plan [401 (a)] adopted on February 14, 2008, by lowering the minimum participation age from 40 to 30. Council Member Longabaugh seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

- Item #13 – The **Heard Museum West is requesting \$71,152.00** funding from FY08 Council Contingency Funds – **APPROVED**

Frank Goodyear of Heard Museum West gave a brief report regarding the request.

Council Member Alton commented on the following; rise in personnel, free admission, closing down for a couple of years.

Council Member Longabaugh commented on the following; run like a business; its art and cultural for the city and it's a gem.

Council Member Williams commented on the following; the need for a museum, sustainability and outreach to school district.

Council Member Johnson commented on the following; not against museum, city is in financial hardship and its \$71,000 additional.

Vice Mayor Villanueva commented on the following; would be a tremendous loss and supports it.

Council Member Hall commented on the following; development plan, measuring effectiveness and marketing department.

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Council Member Longabaugh made the motion to approve the Heard Museum West request for \$71,152.00 from the Fiscal Year 2008 Council Contingency Fund. Vice Mayor Villanueva seconded the motion. Six yes votes, one no vote (Alton). Motion carried.

- Item #14 – Consideration and action on **Resolution No. 08-105** – levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the city a certain sum of money for FY2008/2009 to be assessed against the valuation of real property for primary and secondary tax purposes – **APPROVED**

Director of Management and Budget, Michael Schrock gave a brief presentation regarding Resolution No. 08-105.

Council Member Hall made the motion to Resolution No. 08-105, a resolution levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the city a certain sum of money for FY2008/2009 to be assessed against the valuation of real property for primary and secondary tax purposes. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

- Item #15 – Reconsideration of the **installation of twelve pickle ball courts** at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex – **APPROVED POSTPONING FUNDING EITHER TO A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION OR UNTIL THE NEXT BUDGET PROCESS OR IF MONEY BECOMES AVAILABLE SOMETIME DURING THIS BUDGET YEAR**

Council Member Hall commented on needing the history of pickle ball courts.

Council Member Johnson made the motion to postpone funding either to a General Obligation Bond Election or until the next budget process if money becomes available sometime during this budget year. Vice Mayor Villanueva seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried to postpone.

- Item #16 – Consideration and action to increase the construction manager @ risk contract for construction of **Surprise Farms Park with DL Withers Construction L.C.** by \$1,496,808 and increase the owner's contingency on the project by \$15,000. – **CONTINUED TO A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING**

City Manager, Prisila Ferreira requested that the item be continued to a future council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Item #17 - Consideration and action on items to be placed on future agendas

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting of **Thursday, June 26, 2008 @ 7:42 p.m.**



L.E. Truitt, Mayor

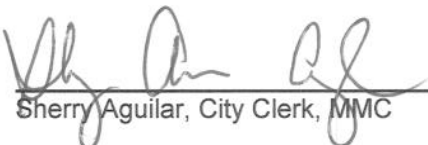
ATTEST:



Sherry Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sherry 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 **Thursday, June 26, 2008.**



Sherry Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC