



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes

**125 West Bell Road, D-100
Surprise, AZ 85374**

Thursday, October 23, 2008 @ 04:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

Mayor Truitt called the to order at 04:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 12425 West Bell Road, D-100 Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Thursday, October 23, 2008**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Villanueva, Council Member Longabaugh, Council Member Alton, Council Member Williams, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Hall.

Staff Present: City Manager, Randy Oliver, Assistant City Manager, Doug Sandstrom, Assistant City Manager, Kathy Rice, and City Attorney, Michael Bailey.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. Discussion regarding the appointment process for vice mayor and vacant council seats - NO ACTION

City Attorney, Michael Bailey gave a brief presentation regarding appointment process for Vice-Mayor and Council appointment process. Attorney Bailey commented that the options are endless on how to handle appointment s but need Council input.

Mayor Truitt commented that he preferred majority vote instead of plurality vote.

Council Member Longabaugh agreed with majority vote as well.

Council Member Johnson likes the top two to go to a run-off if needed.

Council Member Alton would like to see the nominations take place and then one vote.

Council Member Alton asked about the process for selecting a Council person if there is a vacancy.

Council Member Alton commented that he would like to change the process. If the vacancy happens to be longer than one year, I think it needs to be voted on as a ballot issue. That would only be fair to the public in the district, it needs to be the voters who make the decision.

Council Member Longabaugh commented that he likes the current process because the district needs to be represented.

Council Member Alton commented that he would like to see that each person is interviewed by the council in the open public. They need to interview for the position.

Council Member Hall agreed that there needs to be an interview process in place.

#2. Discussion and presentation regarding transportation issues with representatives of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) relating to Surprise and the west valley region - NO ACTION

Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Michael Celaya opened the presentation and asked that MAG representatives give a brief power point presentation regarding Surprise and the west valley region for current and future projects.

Eric Anderson with MAG gave a report on the importance of transportation in the valley and reviewed some of the transportation committees.

Mayor Truitt acknowledged the Transportation Department and thanked staff for their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting of October 23, 2008 at 5:55 p.m.

L.E. Truitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,

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 of **Thursday, October 23, 2008.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,