CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes
12425 West Bell Road, D-100
Surprise, AZ 85374

Thursday, September 25, 2008 @ 05:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

Vice Mayor Villanueva called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 05:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 12425 West Bell Road, D-100 Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Thursday, September 25, 2008.** Also in attendance with Vice Mayor Villanueva were 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, Kathy Rice, Deputy City Manager, Sintra Hoffman, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, and City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. - Training on the Arizona Open Meeting Law - NO ACTION

City Attorney, Michael Bailey gave a detailed power point presentation relating to the Open Meeting law. Mr. Bailey commented that this is a presentation that will be presented to Council on a regular basis to keep Council informed of any changes.

Council Member Williams - Call an E-Session on an item that is currently on the agenda for legal advice?

City Attorney Bailey - Yes, but the Council needs to take a vote to do so.

Vice Mayor Villanueva - Not on personnel issues, correct?

City Attorney Bailey - Correct, the employee would need to be properly notified prior to the meeting.

Council Member Alton - Is it correct that we do not have to take verbatim minutes?

City Attorney Bailey - That is correct, they are action minutes.

City Attorney Bailey commented that Council has been through 9 training sessions on open Meeting Law and similar topics and commended Council for this.

#2. Presentation and discussion of the City Council's meal reimbursement within the adopted City Council Travel Policy - NO ACTION

Council Member Alton brought this item forward for discussion regarding meal procedure in the Travel Policy.

Council Member Alton discussed the power point presentation relating to receipts or per diem for travel for Council. He commented on the following: suggestion is over night stays, particularly the League of Cities Conference. The classes lasted all day then evening events, that made for a really long day. The networking takes place mostly in the evenings. Suggestion is that overnight stays for events that starts before 7:00 a.m. and end late in the evening. I ask that Council consider this.

Council Member Longabaugh - I think that we should not have a 90 mile radius for this purpose. I would support this change.

Council Member Williams - I like this idea for the purpose of late events and networking.

Council Member Johnson - Are we doing away with the 90 mile radius stipulation?

City Manager Oliver - Read proposed language that complies with the Internal Revenue Service that requires perimeters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Villanueva adjourned the Regular City Council Work Session of September 25, 2008 at 5:40 p.m.

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L.E. Truitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 Regular City Council Work Session of **Thursday, September 25, 2008.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,