



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Thursday, January 22, 2009 @ 06:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Truitt called the **Regular City Council Meeting** to order at 06:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 12425 West Bell Road, D-100 Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Thursday, January 22, 2009**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Longabaugh, Council Member Alton, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, and Council Member Hall.

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

Staff Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

D. Current Events and Reports by Mayor and Council:

Council Member Williams: giving back to community, recognized Willow Canyon Students, Vice Principal and member of Governor's Office. Katie Ensley, Elizabeth Simons, Chase Tipton, Terese Tipton and Jean Marie Berger. Village Planning Meetings schedule, GO Bond Meeting schedule, HOA Roundtable, Teen Leadership Summit.

Council Member Hall: attended Gov. Breakfast, Tourism Meeting, Western Heritage Trails Meeting and GO Bond Meeting.

Council Member Longabaugh: 2nd Annual Disability Summit, CAM JAM and Happy Birthday to Brenda.

Vice Mayor Villanueva: attended GO Bond meeting last night; Revitalization Meeting; and condolences to Mike Branham for the loss of his wife.

Council Member Alton: attended home based businesses seminar; continue to meet every Monday morning at JB's restaurant; attends all of the Bond Committee Meetings, look for the information coming forward when they will be coming to your area and worked at St. Mary's Food Bank in Surprise.

Council Member Johnson; attended RPTA meeting, budgets will be tight; attended Southwest Mayors Foreclosure Seminar and they are directing people to websites for assistance.

Mayor Truitt; Congratulated Joe Johnson as being appointed as Secretary to the RPTA Board. Special thanks to Radiant Church for use of their facility and their volunteers. Attended as a guest of John Nelson for the inauguration of Jan Brewer and January 29th - 7:00 p.m. conducting State of the City Address. Will be a live show but will go to remote locations that were filmed this week.

City Manager and Staff Reports:

Item # 1 Swearing In of Vice Mayor

Oath of Office - Joe Johnson - administered by Sherry Aguilar, City Clerk

item # 2 CM Report - Jan 22

City Manager Oliver reported on; Maricopa Water District Meeting this week, gotten 3 additional volunteer drivers for the Senior Center, Sun Village Condo Association and Randy Jackson & Tracy Mills - Tracy received certification as a Project Manager. (A plaque was presented)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mike Woodard commented on; Seniors.

James Truman commented on; excessive light pollution (Prasada Development).

Sharon Wolcott commented on; ambulance services.

Consent Agenda

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

Item # 3 - Consideration and action on liquor license application request for Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1627 located at 13379 W. Grand Avenue, Surprise, Arizona 85374 for a Series #12 New License - APPROVED

Item # 4 - Consideration and action on a liquor license application request for Red Lobster #6288 located at 13709 W. Bell Road, Surprise Arizona 85374 for Series #12 New License - APPROVED

Item # 5 - Consideration and action on the minutes for the Regular City Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting of January 8, 2009 - APPROVE

Item # 6 - Consideration and action on the final reading of Ordinance No. 09-01, an ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, approving a rezone for a project known as Grand Avenue and Happy Valley Road Properties, RZ08-109, consisting of changing the zoning on two parcels on 7.3 net acres, generally located on both sides of Happy Valley Road, southwest of Grand Avenue. Portions of the properties are currently zoned R1-43 (single-family residential), and the request is to convert the residentially zoned portions of the parcels to C-2 (community commercial) - APPROVED FINAL READING

Item # 7 - Consideration and action on the final reading of Ordinance No. 09-04, an ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, amending the City of Surprise Municipal Code, Section 113, "Signs." (TA08-168 Text Amendment to Chapter 113 Signs) - APPROVED FINAL READING

Item # 8 - Consideration and action on the final reading of Ordinance No. 09-02, an ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona approving the

inclusion of language amending Chapter 125, section 125-224 Single-Family Home Product Design Guidelines, by creating the requirement of a “Zero-Step” entrance for all model homes in the City of Surprise - APPROVED FINAL READING

Item # 9 - Consideration and action on the final reading of Ordinance No. 09-05, an ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, amending Section 105-25 of the Surprise City Code, Penalties for Violations and declaring an emergency with an immediate effective date upon adoption - APPROVED FINAL READING

Item # 10 - Consideration and action on a transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from Unforeseen Grants to the Essential Services ADA and Dialysis Transportation program for a Federal matching section 5317 New Freedom Grant - APPROVED

Item # 11 - Consideration and action on Resolution No. 09-06, a resolution altering the speed limit to 45 mph from various speeds on Cactus Road between Bullard Avenue and Dysart Road for both directions of travel - APPROVED

Item # 12 - Consideration and action on Resolution No. 09-05, a resolution altering the speed limit to 45 mph from various speeds on Litchfield Road between Waddell Road and Peoria Avenue for both directions of travel - APPROVED

Item # 13 - Consideration and action on Resolution No. 09-04, a resolution altering the speed limit from 35 mph to 45 mph on Waddell Road between Litchfield Road and Dysart Road for both directions of travel - APPROVED

Item # 14 - Consideration and action on Resolution No. 09-28; a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona approving the Advanced Life Support Labor Services Agreement and the Emergency Ambulance Transportation Agreement with SW General, Inc., DBA Southwest Ambulance. The term of the contracts are for one (1) year with an option for two (2) additional one (1) year terms - APPROVED

Item # 15 - Consideration and action on awarding a contract for marketing services to Moses Anshell, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate terms - APPROVED

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

Liquor License Applications

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

Item # 16 - Report, presentation and discussion on the work to date by the Mayor and Council appointed Citizen General Obligation Bond Committee - NO ACTION

GO Bond Committee Chair, Cliff Elkins gave a brief presentation regarding the committee's progress.

Regular Agenda Item - Public Hearing

Item # 17 - Consideration and action on Resolution 09-38 - approving the implementation of an Abandoned and Foreclosed Properties Action Plan - APPROVED

Director of Community Development, Jeff Mihelich reported on the plan.

Council Member Hall commented on: alerting all of the lenders about this resolution.

Council Member Williams commented on: great direction we are going in, Neighborhood Watch will be a great resource and it detours criminal activity.

City Manager Oliver stated that we will notify the lenders and a process will be in place.

Council Member Alton commented on; press release about someone who damaged an abandoned home, there was arrested with a felony count.

Vice Mayor Johnson commented on: if we don't come down on the lenders, then they will continue to stall on taking care of the issues and we are on a good path here.

Council Member Williams made the motion to approve the implementation of an Abandoned and Foreclosed Properties Action Plan. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Item # 18 - Consideration and action on the first reading of Ordinance 09-06 - creating two new advisory bodies - the Quality of Life Commission and the Community Development Block Grant Commission. (Existing Revitalization Advisory Board to become new Quality of Life Commission) - APPROVED FIRST READING__

Director of Community Development, Jeff Mihelich reported on the commissions.

Council Member Longabaugh made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-06; an ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, creating two new advisory bodies - the Quality of Life Commission and the Community Development Block Grant Commission. (Existing Revitalization Advisory Board to become new Quality of Life Commission). Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Item # 19 - Consideration and action on Resolution No. 09-37 - amending the Building Safety and permit fee schedule as it relates to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification - APPROVED_

Director of Community Development, Jeff Mihelich reported on Resolution No. 09-37.

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve Resolution No. 09-37; a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, amending the Building Safety and permit fee schedule as it relates to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification. Council Member Longabaugh seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Other business - future agenda items

Council Member Williams requested: Traffic Control Citywide (Collectors streets, hot spots), a Retreat to discuss budget for the remainder of this fiscal year and to discuss incomplete/pavement issues for roadways in various areas of the City.

Council Member Alton requested; Discuss aesthetics and speed limit on Bullard Avenue near Stadium. Council Member Alton requested; a Work Session regarding ladder trucks responding to EMS calls and a Work Session regarding construction on Bell Road - Changing schedules work to be done at night - Traffic backup issues.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting of January 22, 2009 at 7:21 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 Regular City Council Meeting of **Thursday, January 22, 2009.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,