



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes

125 West Bell Road, D-100

Surprise, AZ 85374

Thursday, January 8, 2009 @ 05:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

Mayor Truitt 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, January 8, 2009**. 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, Kathy Rice, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, and City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. Discussion and presentation on Foreign Trade Zones - NO ACTION

Director of Economic Development, John Hagen gave a brief presentation regarding Foreign Trade Zones.

City Manager Oliver commented on; creating our own Foreign Trade Zone or combine with other west valley cities and towns.

Council Comments/Questions:

Mayor Truitt; letter form Congressman Franks that supports a Foreign Trade Zone. in Surprise, direct revenue from having a trade zone

Council Member Alton; school districts are involved in the process of approval and BNSF applying for a zone.

Vice Mayor Villanueva; ownership and municipality, time limit, an advantage and ongoing fees.

#2. Discussion and presentation on Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET) Program - NO ACTION

Director of Economic Development, John Hagen gave a brief presentation regarding GPLET.

Council Comments/Questions:

Council Member Johnson commented on the reason we would use GPLET would be to generate high paying jobs or sales tax.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Regular City Council Work Session of January 8, 2009 at 5:33 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 Work Session of **Thursday, January 8, 2009.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,