



CITY OF SURPRISE
City Council Meeting Minutes
100 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 @ 06:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call

Mayor Truitt called the **Special City Council Meeting** to order at 06:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, October 6, 2009**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Longabaugh, Council Member Alton, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hall.

Staff Present: City Manager, Randy Oliver, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar, and Deputy City Clerk, Linda Stevens.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Special City Council Meeting Agenda:

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

INSTRUCTIONS: In order to address the City Council, you will need to fill out a Call to the Public Form available at the front counter, and then turn it in to the City Clerk before the meeting begins.

Note: A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) - During this time members of the public may address City Council on any item not on the agenda. At the conclusion of the open call, City Council may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. No discussion or action shall take place on any item raised.

Public Comments:

Bob Vukanovich commented on: \$150,000.00 transfer, discrepancies. He submitted the document for the record.

Paula Forster commented on: Grand Times article regarding maintenance between Grand Avenue and Beardsley Canal.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. City Manager and Staff Reports

Emergency Management - H1N1 Update by Fire Chief, Michael White

Chief White gave a report regarding H1N1, the status of the flu pandemic and employee and public awareness.

#2. Discussion of payroll issues involving overpayment of former employees - NO ACTION

Powerpoint Presentation - Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Update

City Manager, Randy Oliver reported on: the organizational chart, chain of command, staff responsibilities, corrective measures and the investigation.

Vice Mayor Johnson commented on: different payouts and breakdown in communication.

Council Member Hall asked for clarification on reduction in force and voluntary severance.

Council Member Williams commented on: corrective action, break down in the system and a whistle blowing system.

Council Member Alton commented on: training, follow up within Human Resources, forms of communication and open door policy.

Public Comments:

Gwyn Wisner commented on: 28,000.00 mistake, authority, hiring an outside auditor and regaining public trust.

Paula Forster commented on: the amount of mistakes that have been made, \$28,000.00 mistake and employee should have gone to the top.

#3. Discussion of \$4.5 million budget adjustment - NO ACTION

#4. Discussion of budget forecast/outlook for fiscal year 2010 and beyond - NO ACTION

#5. Discussion of additional services for external audit, review of internal control and procedures - NO ACTION

City Manager Oliver reported on the 4.5 million budget adjustment, the budget forecast/outlook for fiscal year 2010 and beyond and the external audit, review of internal control and procedures.

Council Member Alton commented on: protecting services, employees and conservative approach.

Council Member Hall commented on: ongoing financing and construction change orders.

Council Member Williams commented on the budget process.

Vice Mayor Johnson commented on: conservative numbers and forecast and budget retreat message.

Council Member Alton commented on: auditing and reporting to Council and the City Manager at the same time.

Council Member Hall stated that an auditor with a lot of city experience is necessary.

Public Comments:

Christine Pritchard commented on: over payments, tax payers money is mismanaged and being held accountable.

Paula Forster commented on: population, Cafe, Rio Salado.

Mike Woodard commented on: adherence to policies and procedures and the audit.

#6. Consideration and action on a project titled "It's My Money" that will be a financial transparency portal for the citizens of the City of Surprise.

Information Technology Director, Randy Jackson reported on the "It's Your Money" transparency portal.

Communication's Director, Ken Lynch reported on launching the project.

Powerpoint Presentation - It's Your Money

Mayor Truitt stated that this is a great tool.

Council Member Alton commented on salaries on the web.

Council Member Williams commented on posting of salary schedules.

Public Comments:

Paula Forster commented on transparency of council members.

Gail Strynad commented on the city logo.

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve a project titled "It's My Money" that will be a financial transparency portal for the citizens of the City of Surprise. Council Member Longabaugh seconded the motion. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Alton made the motion to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m. and convene to executive session. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

#7. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), the City Council may go into executive session with the City Attorney for legal advice on any item listed on the agenda.

#8. Consideration and action on executive session items - NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Meeting of October 6, 2009 at 8:28 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 Special City Council Meeting of **Tuesday, October 6, 2009.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,