



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Meeting - Budget

**12425 West Bell Road, D-100
Surprise, AZ 85374**

Saturday, May 2, 2009 @ 08:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call Special City Council Meeting Agenda:

Mayor Truitt called the **Special City Council Meeting** to order at 08:30 a.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 12425 West Bell Road, D-100 Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Saturday, May 2, 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, City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar, and Budget Manager, Jared Askelson.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. 8:30 a.m. REVIEW AND CONTINUATION OF DAY ONE ITEMS

Budget Manager, Jared Askelson continued the budget retreat with discussion regarding the Capital Projects for FY2010.

Topics included: CAP Allocation; SPA1 Groundwater Savings Facility; SPA2 163rd Avenue Sanitary Sewer Interceptor.

Council Member Villanueva commented on: Grand Avenue to Sunny Lane to Dysart Road, people living on the north are going to lose a lane to back out of their driveways and the one lane going west is slowing traffic down already, but will be worse with two lanes.

Dr. Maki stated that they would evaluate recommendations and bring to management and Council.

Council Member Williams commented on: concerns with the Grand and Waddell Crossing and needing to monitor and work closely with El Mirage to make sure this is taken care of.

City Manager Oliver stated that if El Mirage does not have all the right-of-ways and that the agreement automatically terminates on October 1st.

Council Member Hall asked for an explanation of the Municipal Property Corporation, and asked for

clarification of several capital items in Transportation and questioned the unsafe areas of Bell Road on the east side of Grand Avenue.

Council Member Williams stated that there are several areas throughout the City that is like that with sidewalks, then it stops and then people walk on gravel and dirt, then back to sidewalks.

Mayor Truitt summarized discussion on transportation projects.

Continuation of discussion from last night's meeting.

Vice Mayor Johnson commented on: \$65,000.00, for protective gear.

Council Member Alton recommend that the \$65,000.00 come from other sources and leave the \$100,000. for other uses.

City Manager Oliver stated that if not used they will lose it.

City Manager Oliver reviewed the elimination of the Development Agreement Manager and two Community and Recreation Services positions.

Council Member Alton commented on: the payment preservation plan, multi-faceted, crack seal program, and of equipment.

Mayor commented on: revenue exceeding expectations at the end of the year, Council Contingency and finding other ways to cut the budget.

City Manager Oliver reviewed salary information for all employees.

Mayor Truitt asked for clarification regarding eliminating the position of Deputy City Manager, cutting top positions in other cities.

City Manager Oliver stated that we have eliminated the DCM, and if we still have 2, that would be adequate.

Vice Mayor Johnson commented on: other cities combining departments.

City Manager Oliver stated that two ACM's are needed to provide quality control and that in the long run we will suffer.

Council Member Villanueva agreed with City Manager.

Council Member Alton commented on consolidation of Economic Development and CRS.

Mayor Truitt stated a consensus is needed on 2 ACM's, the majority went with one ACM.

Mayor Truitt asked for consensus to combine departments, the consensus was to: Combine ED with CRS with a one year trial and to make sure Coronado's position in CRS would be assured.

Vice Mayor Villanueva asked for clarification regarding the Deputy City Manager position being eliminated.

Attorney Bailey is prepared to take this on the responsibility.

City Manager Oliver stated that City Bailey will take the lead on the development agreements and that it would be difficult for Mr. Mihelich due to staff reductions.

Vice Mayor Johnson inquired about the Risk Management position being under HR or Legal.

Mayor Truitt commented on a consensus is two divisions with one director, Economic Development and CRS should tie together.

City Manager Oliver commented on Economic Development division and CRS.

Mayor gave closing remarks and thanked everyone for attending and viewing the budget process. He further thanked all employees for their dedication and service.

Public Comments:

Mark Woodard commented on reducing of the senior programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

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

#2. Consideration and action on executive session items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Meeting (Budget Retreat) of May 2, 3009 at 10:40 a.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 **Saturday, May 2, 2009.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,