



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes

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

Thursday, May 7, 2009 @ 04:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Truitt called the **Special City Council Work Session** to order at 04:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 12425 West Bell Road, D-100 Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Thursday, May 7, 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, Doug Sandstrom, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, and Deputy City Clerk, Linda Stevens.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Consent Agenda - None

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

#2 Presentation and discussion regarding Western Heritage Trails

John Langellier, Vice Chair of the Western Heritage Trails Association reported Surprise Geo-Tourism/Western Trails project.

Chair of the Western Heritage Trails Association, Marianne Archibald reported on: National Geographic, MapGuide, being the gateway and missing link, Historic Highway 89-US/60 and cost.

Mayor Truitt inquired about the expected contribution from each municipality. Ms. Archibald stated \$25,000.00 would allow them to move forward and stay on track.

Council Member Alton inquired about designations for other highways and ADOT's support.

Mayor Truitt asked how the Chamber of Commerce felt about the project.

Council Member Alton inquired about inserts.

Council Member Hall commented on: spontaneous visitor, what is there to do and needing all these pieces.

Council Member Villanueva commented on a visitor's center.

#1 Presentation and discussion regarding major highway beautification efforts - NO ACTION

Director of Community Development, Jeff Mihelich reported on alternative design enhancements

Council Member Hall inquired about: cost per mile, wall design and fence.

Council Member Alton inquired about a fence, vegetation, grants and amenities on along Bell Road.

Mr. Mihelich reviewed the cost spread sheet.

Council Member Villanueva commented on noise zone and drainage ditch along the south side of Grand Avenue.

Mr. Mihelich reported on the bridges/enhancement, MWD Bridge.

Vice Mayor Johnson commented on the following: Grand Avenue being an entry way into our city, spend 1,300,000.00 to get things done right and needing to concentrate on Grand Avenue.

Council Member Alton commented on: signage, hasn't seen the affect of a freeway coming through the city and structurally first.

Council Member Hall stated that the eastern part been neglected and finishing the gateway then moving on.

City Manager Oliver may consider \$25,000.00 out of this budget.

Adjournment:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of May 7, 2009 at 5:55 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 Work Session of **Thursday, May 7, 2009.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,