# CITY OF SURPRISE

**City Council Work Session Minutes**
**)00 North Civic Center Plaza**
**Surprise, AZ 85374**

Thursday, February 11, 2010 @ 04:00 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 04:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Thursday, February 11, 2010.** Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Alton, Council Member Wolcott, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Woodard, and Council Member Hall.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:**

**#1. Overview regarding municipal elections and redistricting - NO ACTION**

Director of Community Development, Jeff Mihelich reviewed the summary that would be presented.

City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar gave a brief report on election timeline comparison spring to fall, the cost, reporting to Department of Justice.

Council Member Wolcott commented on the Elections Department, yellow cards, communication problems and confusion.

Mayor Truitt commented on disenfranchisement.

Council Member Villanueva inquired where snowbirds vote.

Vice Mayor Alton commented on campaigning during hot weather.

City Manager Oliver asked for consensus.

Council Member Wolcott commented on having public input/public hearings.

Council Member Villanueva commented on losing 6 months of term.

Mayor Truitt commented on broadbase feedback.

Council Member  Woodard commented on Surprise Progress.

Director of Community Development, Jeff Mihelich reported on the redistricting process. He reviewed the Redistricting Principles, compactness, contiguity, minority representation, communities of interest, diverse constituency and blind redistricting v. protecting seats.

Council Member Wolcott commented on blind redistricting.

Vice Mayor Alton commented on term of office.

Council Member Woodard commented on Westpointe and blind redistricting.

Council Member Hall commented on: voted in by the people who voted for you.

Council Member Woodard commented on a citizen's committee.

**#2. Presentation and discussion on Water and Sewer Rate Study - NO ACTION**

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley reported on the purpose and objective of the study.

Council Member Hall commented on reserve ratio.

Council Member Wolcott commented on: percentage of water customers, rate adjustment and comparison with 9 providers.

Council Member Woodard commented on the comparison with Chandler.

Vice Mayor Alton commented on last rate increase.

Council Member Hall commented on meter reading.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Regular City Council Work Session at 5:33 p.m.

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L.E. Truitt, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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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, February 11, 2010.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,