



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

Thursday, April 29, 2010 @ 04:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call

Mayor Truitt called the **Special City Council Meeting** to order at 04:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Thursday, April 29, 2010**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Alton, Council Member Wolcott, Council Member Williams, Council Member Woodard, and Council Member Hall.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager, Mark Coronado, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, and City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar.

B. Pledge of Allegiance Special City Council Meeting Agenda:

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Public Comments:

Ken Wright commented on budget retreat, grant writer and project manager.

Judy Hill commented on buses and bus schedules.

Patrick Murphy commented on bus issues.

Carol Dodd read a statement regarding Maricopa County transportation survey.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. Discussion and action on budget related policy issues.

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty gave a power point presentation and overview of budget related policy issues.

Reinstate Dial-A-Ride to full funding - Council asked to put this back in the budget.

Vice Mayor Alton recommended that staff move forward to increase trip fee according to fee schedule.

Policy issue - #2 - Reinstate Express Bus Route

Policy Issue #3 - Do not increase property tax revenues

Policy Issue #4 - Assess Tort Claim Reimbursement via Property Taxes - \$138,400.

Policy issue # 5 - Increase amount of Construction Sales Tax allocated to Operating Funds to 1.25 million from \$625,000.

Policy Issue # 6 - Utility Rates - Levy in lieu of property taxes on city owned utilities. Rates would be effective 01/01/2010, the rate study is forthcoming.

Policy issue # 7 - Increase the operating contingency from \$500,000. to \$750,000. in FY 2011.

Policy Issue # 8 - Establish planned savings account: \$750,000.

Policy issue # 9 - Limited funding for asset and infrastructure replacement funding.
Vice Mayor Alton commented on "Slush Fund", street preservation

Policy issue # 10 - 10% property tax set aside program remains suspended for FY 2011.

NEW POLICY ISSUES:

Healthcare

Reinstate 40 hours of paid time off

Reinstate Tuition Reimbursement Program

Council Member Woodard commented on the Tuition Program.

FY2011 Operating Budget - Expense Reductions from Retreat:

Project Management Costs to CIP's

Increase planning savings to \$1 million

ED reorganization

HR reorganization

Mayor and City Council (Multiple)

Total: \$862,900.

Council Member Hall commented on Fire's Public Education Program.

Council Member Woodard inquired of a new position.

Council Member Hall commented on Grant Writer position.

Council Member Williams stated that he would like to bring Disability Advocate position back.

Mayor Truitt asked if there any items that the Council would like to take off of the list. No further discussion.

Council Member Hall commented on road priorities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Meeting of April 29, 2010 at 4:50 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 **Thursday, April 29, 2010.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,