



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

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 @ 04:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call

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 **Tuesday, June 28, 2011.** Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Hall, Council Member Biundo, Council Member Alton, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Woodard.

Staff Present: City Manager, Chris Hillman, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, and City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar.

Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. Presentation and discussion regarding the Arizona State Rail Plan and Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Rail Study by Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Bob Beckley opened the presentation regarding the Arizona State Rail Plan. Mr. Beckley also introduced the Transportation Commission is in attendance and here for discussion and participation.

A powerpoint presentation was conducted regarding:

ADOT accepted the Arizona State Rail Plan on March 18th, 2011.

2050 - Proposing a north/south bound rail plan to cover all of Arizona.

Passenger Rail Vision - Currently conducting a study for Phoenix to Tucson connection - high priority.

Freight Distribution - Improve freight distribution system - high priority.

Vice Mayor Hall inquired if Grand and Bell are on the priority list.

Council Member Woodard commented on the high speed rail lines.

Cliff Elkins stated the following: it is essential of the Council to look at what has been done over the years. Surprise has one distinct advantage, we have BNSF along Grand Avenue. The opportunities are there, it is up to you to take advantage of it.

#2. Presentation and discussion regarding Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Bob Beckley opened the discussion regarding Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). Nick Macias gave the powerpoint presentation on this issue. A video was presented regarding explanation of the ITS. The video was created by the Engineering and Communications.

Presentation

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about message boards on Bell.

Council Member Alton inquired about the number of people in the station.

#3. Discussion regarding possibly filling two existing vacancies with two professional staffers for Mayor/Council - NO ACTION

Mayor Truitt opened discussion regarding filling two vacancies for Mayor and City Council.

Council Member Alton stated that the timing of this is not right.

Council Member Biundo commented on the cut of 70+ positions and feels that it's not the right time.

Council Member Woodard commented on: Needing a study; job description/duties; can the duties be performed by someone else; pay range and benefits packages.

Council Member Williams stated that we need to give the City Manager the opportunity to evaluate staffing throughout the City before we make this decision.

Vice Mayor Hall commented on the timing of this and having the City Manager to evaluate this.

Council Member Biundo inquired about funding.

Council Member Woodard suggested starting with adding one person and see how this works.

#5. Call for public input regarding agendized items.

Ted Carr commented on adding another layer between Council and staff filling the vacancies and hiring them for fluff for Council.

#4. Presentation and discussion regarding CopLink System - NO ACTION

Police Chief Michael Frazier gave a powerpoint presentation regarding CopLink System.

Presentation

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Regular City Council Work Session 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 Regular City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, June 28, 2011.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,