CITY OF SURPRISE

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

Tuesday, April 12, 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, April 12, 2011.** Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Hall, Council Member Alton, Council Member Wolcott, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, and Council Member Woodard.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager, Mark Coronado, 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 FY 2012 Budget - NO ACTION

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty discussed a power point presentation as continuation of the FY 2012 budget process and the City Manager's recommended budget. Topics included: staffing history, staffing cuts from 2009 to present, past actions including COLA & Merit elimination, service level reductions and department mergers.

Presentation

Council Member Alton asked that nothing else happens to employee benefits including no more reductions in pay, benefits, etc.

Interim City Manager Coronado stated that the City Manager's Office has been working with Directors to prepare a budget that does not include any staff reductions, and to maintain existing services.

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley gave estimates for Sun City Grand and maintenance of old city hall.

Council Member Alton requested to see line items for each employee that received increases last year. He also inquired about a Safety Program.

Discussion took place regarding the 81 million budget relating to personnel costs, services, supplies, etc.

Council Member Alton inquired about avoiding a deficit for the future.

Council Member Wolcott commented on the two million in reserve and prioritizing projects.

Council Member Williams stated that he is in favor of investing this money in economic development.

Mayor Truitt commented on creating ideas to bring in more revenues.

Council Member Wolcott stated that we need to put more into Economic Development and have the departments come up with ways to save money.

Council Member Woodard stated that we need to know what the capacity is before we can move forward and we need to do line items.

Vice Mayor Hall commented on using census numbers, hurrying through the budget process, employee incentive program and focusing on Economic Development.

#2. Call for public input regarding agendized items.

Frank Griesemer commented on raising taxes and revenue shortfall.

Bob Vukanovich commented on borrowing money and the 2007 Bond.

Ted Carr commented on staffing history, line items and contracting out.

Lou Provenzano commented on the definition of crisis, increasing our revenues and incentive based budget.

Randy Miller commented on goals for Mayor and Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Regular City Council Work Session of April 12, 2011 at 6:28 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 **Tuesday, April 12, 2011.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,