



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

Thursday, June 30, 2011 @ 06:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call

Mayor Truitt called the **Special City Council Meeting** to order at 06:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Thursday, June 30, 2011**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Hall (telephonically), Council Member Biundo, Council Member Alton, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, and Council Member Woodard.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Special City Council Meeting Agenda:

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ken Wright commented on: cost of city hall and requested information regarding expenditure involved in the dream catcher park and tennis center.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1 Consideration and action on Resolution 2011-57, a resolution levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the city a certain sum of money for fiscal year 2012 to be assessed against the valuation of real property for primary tax purposes - APPROVED

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty reported on previous action, policy decisions.

Council Member Woodard asked for clarification regarding item B 78. He asked Council to consider the rate of 75.5.

Council Member Alton commented on his word of not raising taxes and agreement of keeping it at .67.

Mayor Truitt commented on a majority at the last meeting about keeping it as .67 and maintaining trust.

Council Member Williams stated that he understands and appreciates the trust issues that were previously mentioned. He advocates maintaining the levy rate to bring it to FY 2008 level or lower.

Council Member Biundo regarding commitments that were made.

Council Member Villanueva made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-57, a resolution levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the city a certain sum of money for fiscal year 2012 to be assessed against the valuation of real property for primary tax purposes at the amount of \$0.06700. Council Member Alton seconded the motion. Six yes votes, one no vote. Motion carried.

#2 Consideration and action on Resolution 2011-81, a resolution levying upon the assessed valuation of property, a certain sum of money for the Fiscal year 2012 to be assessed against Street Light Improvement District (SLID) within the city as shown in Exhibit A - APPROVED

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty reviewed the fiscal year proposal.

Vice Mayor Hall asked for a time line regarding prior year.

Council Member Alton asked for clarification regarding the time frame.

Council Member Alton made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-81, a resolution levying upon the assessed valuation of property, a certain sum of money for the Fiscal year 2012 to be assessed against Street Light Improvement District (SLID) within the city as shown in Exhibit A. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

#3 Discussion regarding the Arizona American Water Company's request to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for an increase in water rates for customers in the Agua Fria Water District - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley reported on the Arizona American Water rates, who is involved, who is affected and the process.

Council Member Alton inquired about Agua Fria and the effect on HOA's.

Council Member Woodard inquired about the monthly amount

Council Member Williams asked for comparison to water rates.

Council Member Alton inquired about the comparison between Phoenix and Surprise and providing service.

Council Member Woodard asked if there are any city facilities serviced by Arizona American Water.

Council Member Biundo suggested sending a letter urging for additional public notices and an additional public hearing.

Council Member Williams asked for a timeline.

City Manager Hillman clarified Council direction: work with Communications to get information on the website in the form of a press release, further discussion on August 2nd Work Session, drafting a letter requesting an additional public hearing and additional information followed by drafting a resolution.

Adjournment:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Meeting of June 30, 2011 at 7:12 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, June 30, 2011.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,