



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

Tuesday, June 7, 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 **Tuesday, June 7, 2011**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Hall, 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:

Public comments:

Bill Lipscomb shared his thoughts and concerns for appointing a candidate for District 1 vacancy.

Statement for the record submitted by Bill Lipscomb.

Council Member Woodard suggested tabling the item until the next Council Meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

**#1. Discussion and possible action regarding District 1 (Acacia) applicant interviews -
CONTINUED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.**

Interviews:

The following questions were posed to the applicants by City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar.

- 1) How long have you lived in the city of Surprise?
- 2) Please provide a verbal statement of your qualifications.
- 3) Have you ever served as an elected official? As an appointed official? If so,

where and when?

- 4) What do you believe are the three greatest challenges for District 1?
- 5) What do you believe are the three greatest challenges for the city of Surprise?
- 6) Why do you want to serve as an elected official?
- 7) What do you believe is the most significant aspect of the 2012 Budget?
What do you believe are the most significant challenges addressed in the 2012 Budget?

John Longabaugh: 1) 8 year resident; 2) 3 years experience in local government in California, served on Disability Advisory Commission for 3 years, Council Member for District 1 for 2 1/2 years; currently serving on Judicial Selection Advisory Commission, Human Resources, Civil Rights Officer and assists people in his community with disability issues. 3) appointed to office of District 1 Councilman. 4) Re-districting. 5) Finances, how to implement the Strategic Plan without money and economic development. 6) Believes in the city, and in being involved. 7) Saved primary services to the city, not cutting staff. Challenge - can we keep that promise?

Dennis Smith: 1) 9 year resident. 2) BBA in Marketing in Finance from Eastern New Mexico University, member of Planning and Zoning Commission for two years, Surprise Academy, 37 years of business experience, retired and married 44 years two children and four grand children all residents of Surprise. 3) No. 4) transportation, 303 completion, jobs and economic development and responsibility watching citizens money. 5) 303 completed, continued job development and ensure livability. 6) watched the growth and changes, need visionary leaders, focus on jobs, transportation bring common sense business background, 37 years of experience. 7) Closely watch revenue and make necessary adjustments.

Richard Umbarger: 1) 6 year resident 2) Native of Maryland, grew up on a dairy farm, Navy for 4 years, trained as electronic technician, BS degree in Agriculture Engineering in NC State, Married with two grandchildren, MS Environmental Engineering at John Hopkins University, Board of Supervisors in Maryland, USDA Civil Conservation Service, Private Consulting and Flood Plain Management. 3) Not served as an elected official, but served on other public bodies. 4) Growth in the next 10 years, impact fees, infrastructure and transportation. 5) continue to establish trust, communication, stability in City Manager's Office and quality of life. 6) opportunity to stand up and do some hard work, private sector experience and legislation. 7) finding additional funds and moving the city forward.

Mayor Truitt called for a short break.

Dan Hughes: 1) 9 year resident. 2) 25 years as Patrol Officer then Assistant Chief, Bachelors Degree in Labor Relations, Chief of Police in Surprise until August of 2010, safe city, Acting City Manager, bringing business to Surprise and Masters in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, FBI Academy. 3) No, but served on HOA for Kingswood Park. 4) Jobs within Surprise and opportunity for further recreation and transportation. 5) bring jobs closer to home, go back to 20/20 plan and transportation. 6) 33 years of service, familiar with departments and directors, can help council with vision and policies and work cooperatively. 7) Revenue, find new avenues of revenue, sales tax is a challenge.

Ted Carr: 1) 9 year resident. 2) Core of Engineers, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Board of Supervisors. 3) Appointed to committees, Federal Agencies and Disability Advisory Commission. 4) Residents want good representation of money they have put in to the city, communication. 5) Businesses, permits, transparency, how money is handled and being responsive. 6) Open communication and involvement. 7) How money is going to be used, reports to public and contracting out.

Jim Biundo: 1) 8 year resident. 2) Bachelor of Arts, Masters of Art Degree, Doctoral Program in English, Speech and Theatre, Board of Directors for Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Bureau, Rotary Clubs, involved in communities. 3) Colorado - Associate Professor and Council Member at large. 4) Fiscal integrity, Building public trust. 5) Fiscal integrity, economic growth, economic stability and quality of life. 6) Likes the city, look at policies that will help city take step forward. 7) take care of 40/80 million that needs to be accounted for and public trust.

Cliff Elkins: 1) 17 year resident. 2) Council Member, MAG Committee, Parks and Recreation, 1998 redistricting committee, Vice Chair of Transportation Commission, solicitation committee, Chair of Bond Committee. Prior to Surprise: Director of Life Long Learning Academy, Congressional Staff Director of House Committee of Transportation, Commerce and Tourism. 3) Same as question 2 and budget. 4) Fiscal issues, working together, transportation and mobility. 5) Quality of life, understanding our issues, transportation and education. 6) Part of the team that will move the city forward. 7) Moved budget forward without layoffs and diminishing the quality of life.

Everett Pincolini: 1) 8 year resident. 2) Retired Military, management, how resources are spent, Air Force budget, leadership positions in the Air Force. 3) No. 4) Achieving an identity, concerns are met in a timely manner and create a sense of greater part of surprise. 5) Identity, generate policies and public transportation, assistance for elderly. 6) Responsibility of all citizens to spend time in government. 7) New city hall facility, amount of money spent.

Joe Genovese: 1) 12 year resident. 2) Financial and Retirement Planner, IT industry, Management, budgets, Communications, and Business, Accounting, Public Relations, certifications and project management. 3) No. 4) Re-districting, growing District 1, looking at all sides of issues. 5) How we look at city financing, living within budget and growth. 6) Has more time now to help the city, has background/education that can be utilized by the city. 7) How to resolve the issue of 40 million dollars,

Public comments:

Tim Murel commented on District 1 applicants, their knowledge and moving forward.

Pat Lutz asked Council to delay their decision and to allow time for residents to give their thoughts on the candidates.

Mike Planeta commented on the statement by Tim Murel.

Chet Chetkauskas commented on the applicants, SPEA and Officer Murel.

Norma Chavez asked Council to think thoroughly on their decision.

Mary Maliker stated that the candidates are great candidates and that one in particular has been doing great work with Surprise.

City Attorney reviewed the process.

Council Member Woodard made the motion to continue the item until the next Council Meeting. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

Council Member Alton asked the residents of District 1 to give their impressions or opinions to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Meeting of June 7, 2011 at 8:12 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 **Tuesday, June 7, 2011.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,