



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

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 @ 05:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call

Mayor Truitt called the **Special City Council Meeting** to order at 05:30 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Wednesday, May 18, 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:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. Presentation and discussion regarding the policy decisions associated with the FY 2012 Budget necessary to prepare the Tentative Budget - NO ACTION

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty gave a presentation regarding FY 2012 Budget Policy Decisions.

Mr. McCarty commented that we will not be asking for Council direction tonight on the refinance issue but would like to discuss the city's options in detail. He reported on the YES options and ramifications, General CIP and General Fund.

Presentation

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about writing off the debt.

Council Member Woodard inquired about writing off obligations.

Council Member Alton asked for clarification regarding asset, liability, external financing and possible loan against city hall.

Mayor Truitt asked staff to bring options and opportunity to make a decision on May 24th.

Vice Mayor Hall asked to pursue it and bring back some solid options.

Council Member Woodard asked for the number of institutions that we are dealing with right now.

Mayor Truitt called for a break at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

Public Comments:

Ken Wright - Expressed appreciation for staff's efforts to bring this forward and commented on bonds.

Mr. McCarty presented part 2 of the presentation on Policy Decisions followed by a powerpoint presentation.

Council Member Woodard commented on Tort Claim Reimbursement and Mayor and Council Community Relations budget.

Vice Mayor Hall and Council Member stated that they do not want to increase anyone's taxes.

Council Member Alton requested that City Manager Hillman look for excess spending over the next 12 months and bring his findings to the Council.

Mayor Truitt stated that if we are in a better place in 6 months he would like to see a COLA issued to employees.

Vice Mayor Hall commented on keeping the ASRS at 50/50 and use the leftover Arts Board Money to cover this for this year.

Council Member Williams asked for the Arts Board Master Plan.

Mr. McCarty stated that he now has direction on what needs to be done.

#2. Consideration and action to adjourn the Council Meeting and enter into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#3. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the City Council may go into executive session with the City Attorney for legal advice on any item listed on the agenda.

#4. Consideration and action on executive session items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Meeting of May 18, 2011 at 7:50 p.m.

Excerpt 1

Excerpt 2

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 **Wednesday, May 18, 2011.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,