



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

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 @ 04:00 PM

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**CALL TO ORDER.**

**A. Roll Call**

Mayor Truitt called the **Special 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, October 4, 2011.** Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Hall, 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.

**Special City Council Work Session Agenda:**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:**

**#6. Review and discussion of a proposed Development Agreement between the City of Surprise and Uptown Alley Development Group - NO ACTION**

Community and Economic Development Director, Jeff Mihelich gave a brief power point presentation regarding the Uptown Development Group. It is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2012.

Presentation

Council Member Alton inquired about the Senior adult bowling leagues and business hours.

Council Member Williams commented that this is the most popular business coming into the city.

Council Member Villanueva asked if anything else would be located in the building.

Council Member Woodard stated that this has been a long wait for this opportunity and that he is glad to have them in our city.

**#1. Presentation regarding Project Graduation - Connie Lord, Surprise Liaison with S.A.D.D.(Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Jessica Smith, Arizona Coordinator of S.A.D.D. will conduct presentation - NO ACTION**

Connie Lord, Surprise Liaison for S.A.D.D. conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding Project Graduation. The project is to protect our graduating seniors and the goal is to keep them safe and be able to celebrate their successes with them in a fun and safe environment.

#### Presentation

Council Member Alton commented on having a venue.

Mayor Truitt stated that Speed World said that they are in and would like to assist with this project.

Council Member Biundo spoke of volunteers and possibly hiring staff for security.

Council Member Williams spoke of involving the school district.

Council Member Woodard spoke of getting city acceptance.

#### **#2. Discussion on officially retro-fitting the (2) Community park tennis courts to (8) permanent pickle ball courts at no cost to the city. Any costs associated with the initial retro-fit of the tennis courts to pickle ball courts will be absorbed through fundraising efforts of the Surprise Pickelball Association - NO ACTION**

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado gave an overview on officially retro-fitting the (2) Community park tennis courts to 8 permanent pickle ball courts at no cost to the City.

#### Presentation

Council Member Alton inquired about the first phase and the performance report.

Mayor Truitt spoke of Pickleball and the offer.

Council Member Woodard stated that this is a great private/public partnership especially for financial reasons.

#### **#3. Update regarding the CTCA (Cancer Treatment Centers of America) - NO ACTION**

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado gave an overview of the CTCA (Cancer Treatment Centers of America). Played a tennis video for Council. The Communications staff created this video and won an award.

#### Presentation

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about tickets sales.

#### **#4. Presentation regarding Council communications with the public on the City's website - NO ACTION**

Communications Director, Ken Lynch gave an overview of the Council communications with the public on the City's website.

#### Presentation

Council Member Villanueva inquired about updating the website.

Vice Mayor Hall spoke of the city website.

Council Member Alton inquired about automatic pop-ups.

#### **#5. Presentation and discussion regarding Public Art in Crime Prevention - NO ACTION**

Chief Frazier and Officer Ortega gave an overview of Public Art in Crime Prevention.

##### **Presentation**

Council Member Alton spoke of working with the Arts and Cultural Advisory Board.

Council Member Woodard spoke of the murals on Main Street in 29 Palms California.

Council Member Biundo spoke of connecting to the community where the site is.

Council Member Williams inquired about the timeline for the timeline for the Bi-Centennial pilot.

#### **#7. Discussion and presentation of LPD09-335, Streetscape Design Guidelines - NO ACTION**

City Planner, Vamshee Kovuru gave a Streetscape Design Guidelines overview.

Council Member Alton spoke of backs of businesses on the arterial.

Mayor Truitt spoke of architect designs and bringing this back.

#### **#8. Discussion on performance evaluations for Appointed Officials - NO ACTION**

Human Resources Director, April Reynolds gave an overview of the Appointed Employee Evaluation process. She stated that staff recommendation is to utilize the resource of an outside facilitator.

##### **Presentation**

Mayor Truitt inquired about the cost for a consultant.

Council Member Alton spoke of transparency for the employees and setting goals.

Mayor Truitt commented on the provided information and suggested bringing it back to the Council for further discussion.

City Manager Hillman spoke of a facilitator.

Council Member Williams stated that he agrees with Mayor and spoke of making the decisions internally.

Council Member Biundo stated that a consultant would be helpful.

Vice Mayor Hall spoke in favor of a facilitator.

**#9. Presentation and discussion regarding the City's bond ratings - NO ACTION**

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty gave an overview of the City's Bond Ratings.

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about the peek in 2007.

Council Member Alton inquired about how this could have happened. He spoke of the 2003 & 2007 bond issuance.

Jim Strickland stated that if they were trying to sell the bonds, they are still going to get the coupon, but if they go to resell in the current market, there would be a discount in the face value.

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty reviewed the next steps with Council.

**#10. Call for public input regarding agendized items.**

Ted Carr spoke of communication, vandalism, artwork on a concrete channel, drainage canal along Bell Road and streetscaping.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of October 4, 2011 at 6:39 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 Special City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, October 4, 2011.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,