



CITY OF SURPRISE
City Council Work Session Minutes
1600 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 @ 04:00 PM

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, September 20, 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: Assistant City Manager, George Kolb, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, and City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar.

Special City Council Work Session Agenda:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. Discussion and presentation regarding Tour of Traffic Management Center - TMC - NO ACTION

Mayor and Council toured the Traffic Management Center.

#2. Presentation by Antonia "Toni" Bouchard regarding "Smart Power" - NO ACTION

Mr. Drew Bacon gave a power point presentation regarding Smart Power, a 501c3 company that was hired by Arizona Public Service. This company supports solar energy programs.

#3. Discussion and presentation regarding the Grand Avenue Coalition. Discussion of new resolution supporting the Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley gave a power point presentation regarding Grand Avenue Coalition.

Presentation

Council Member Alton stated that the Grand Avenue Coalition has actually been around for a few years, it was presented first by himself and Mayor Truitt and that the history goes back a lot farther

than 9 months.

Vice Mayor Hall spoke of MAG being the main ingredient to make this happen.

Mayor Truitt spoke of Glendale, Phoenix and bringing in larger partners.

Council Member Alton stated that two cities outside the coalition are dictating what needs to be done.

Council Member Biundo asked for clarification regarding Glendale and Phoenix.

Council Member Alton suggested waiting on this issue until Phoenix and Glendale actually adopt a resolution.

Council Member Woodard spoke of Glendale, Phoenix, light rail and commuter rail.

Council Member Williams stated that we all need to work together to get this done.

#4. Presentation and discussion on entering in to a licensing and service agreement with ECotality for installation of up to 5 electric vehicle charging stations within the City - NO ACTION

Project Coordinator, Terry Lowe gave an overview for the electrical charging station.

Council Member Alton inquired about the cost.

Presentation

Council Member Woodard asked if there are any city vehicles that are fully electric.

Council Member Alton asked where they would be located.

Council Member Williams stated that this is not a grant the city received, only partnering with Ecotality, correct.

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley gave an overview of the Design Build Contract with Felix Construction for the design and construction of security improvements.

#5. Discussion and presentation regarding COS 11-021 a Design Build Contract with Felix Construction Company for the design and construction of security improvements for 19 high risk water and wastewater sites in the amount of \$916,176.00 plus an owners contingency of \$33,824.00 - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley gave an overview of the Design Build Contract with Felix Construction Company.

#6. Status update on entering into an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation in order to accept the grant funding for the Vadose Zone Recharge Wells Capital Improvement Project - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley gave an overview of the status of the agreement with the

Bureau of Reclamation for grant funding for the Vadose Zone Recharge Wells Capital Improvement Project.

#7. Discussion regarding the Arizona Open Meeting Law - NO ACTION

City Attorney, Michael Bailey gave a power point presentation regarding the Arizona Open Meeting Law. This presentation is prompted from a complaint filed and reviewed by the Attorney General's Office. This presentation was signed off on it by the Attorney General's Office before being presented tonight.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about executive session minutes.

City Attorney, Michael Bailey gave an example of an employment agreement. He spoke of instructing the City Attorney.

#8. A review of the iPad/tablet pilot project. Nineteen tablets have been delivered and used by the Mayor, City Council and Department Heads. Staff will tell about their experiences and observations and discuss the positives, the challenges by the IT staff and users and the conclusions derived from the pilot project - NO ACTION

Information Technology Director, Randy Jackson gave an overview of the pilot IPAD Program.

The following topics were discussed: cost savings, IT staff learning new technology and difficulties with updates.

Presentation

Mayor Truitt stated that it is great for email and scheduling.

Council Member Williams inquired about costs per year.

Council Member Biundo stated that staff time is key.

Council Member Woodard stated that it's a great tool for emails and keeping track of calendars.

Assistant City Manager, George Kolb thanked Randy for his years of service and for this particular project.

#9. Discussion on policy direction regarding interfund loans - NO ACTION

Finance Director, Scott McCarty gave a power point presentation regarding Interfund Loans, reviewed staff recommendations into 4 categories.

Presentation

Council Member Hall spoke of needing restructure and closing 2011.

Mayor Truitt spoke of a resolution and acknowledged staff for their efforts.

Council Member Williams spoke of restructuring so that we are able to move forward.

Public Comments:

Joseph Ryan made the following statement: we need a transportation system that makes money and this means you don't want people to be waiting. What Phoenix has been doing is wrong and not cost efficient. Bring the down points of light rail. You want what is good for Surprise. Compared Surprise to cities that he is familiar with. Have a route with express and local trains to be more efficient and cost effective, you need accountability.

Bob Vukanovich made the following statement: I have a complete different understanding on the Interfund Loans that Council does. I have served on Council and on committees and I am familiar with this. We didn't have a problem paying the 2007 debt service from our rent money, now it is taken out of our budget and we can't find out where the rent money is going. In 2009/2010, we had close to 20 million in the account, now where has it gone? We are not going to pay off the 51 million dollars for at least 25 years. Why did they get rid of the MPC Board? They don't have an income any longer, they have taken the rent money out of our revenues.

#10. Call for public input regarding agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of September 20, 2011 at 7:20 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 Work Session of **Tuesday, September 20, 2011.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,