



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

Tuesday, September 6, 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 6, 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:

#1. Presentation and discussion regarding the status update to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) with regards to the use of decorative glass blocks on State Route 303L (SR303L) from ½ mile north of Peoria Avenue to Mountain View Boulevard - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley gave an overview regarding the IGA with ADOT and the use of decorative glass blocks on SR303.

Presentation

Council Member Woodard inquired about the figures.

#2. Discussion of Council/staff positions - NO ACTION

City Manager, Chris Hillman opened the discussion regarding vacant positions and the possibility of hiring additional staff for Mayor/Council and City Manager's Office. A handout was presented to Council for review.

Council Member Alton commented on no raises in three years and asked for Public Works Reorganization.

Mayor Truitt stated that he would like to take the Assistant to the Mayor off the table right now until after November 8th election.

Council Member Alton commented on the hiring at the 75% and hearing complaints from our constituents.

Mayor Truitt commented on Grants Coordinator position.

Council Member Woodard suggesting waiting until January to see where we are at for COLA's.

Council Member Alton commented on the Financial Analyst position, qualifications and responsibilities.

Council Member Alton inquired about the IT department.

Council Member Woodard commented looking at a policy to look at the vacancies that have been vacant for a very long time.

Council Member Biundo agreed with Council Member Woodard then commented on doing the right things to move us into the future.

Council Member Williams spoke of the City Manager making decisions to move the organization forward.

#3. Presentation and discussion regarding an Honor Policy to recognize past recipients (veterans, elected officials, etc.) - NO ACTION

Mayor Truitt spoke of the purpose for the item.

City Clerk, Sherry Aguilar spoke of the City of Chandler website and their policy.

#4. Presentation and discussion regarding the building permit and inspection process - NO ACTION

Community and Economic Development Director, Jeff Mihelich gave a power point presentation regarding the building permit and inspection process.

Council Member Woodard inquired about a water heater permit.

Council Member Alton gave examples and asked that staff be empowered to make decisions so that the process does not slow down.

Mayor Truitt spoke of working with the Chamber on explaining the process to encourage businesses coming to Surprise.

Council Member Williams spoke of doing a survey for improvement.

Vice Mayor Hall spoke of educating the customer.

#5. Presentation and discussion on case LPD09-009 a comprehensive long range plan for Village 3 - NO ACTION

City Planner, Vineetha Kartha gave a presentation regarding Village Plan 3.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about building at the base of the mountain.

Presentation

Council Member Woodard inquired about pollution.

Vice Mayor Hall spoke of marketing of reusing water, lighting, etc.

Public Comments:

Bob Vukanovich stated that he is not against the villages then inquired about the General Plan.

#6. Presentation and discussion regarding Surprise Police Department response times to Calls for Service and factors impacting future response times - NO ACTION

Chief Frazier gave a report on response times Calls for Service.

Presentation

Mayor Truitt thanked Chief for an informative presentation.

Council Member Alton inquired about a sub-station.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about answering calls.

Public Comments:

Helen Perez stated that she wanted to have the analysis done to see if we had any issues. The information was helpful and was appreciated.

#7. Presentation and discussion regarding an agreement with Waste Management Recycle America for the First Amendment to Recycling Services Agreement - NO ACTION

Public Work Director, Robert Beckley reported on glass recycling.

Presentation

Council Member Villanueva inquired about other west valley cities.

Rodney Glassman stated that the majority of the west valley communities are practicing some type of recycling.

#8. Call for public input regarding agendized items.

#9. Consideration and action to adjourn the Council Meeting and enter into executive session -NO ACTION

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

Discussion/consultation with the City Attorney and City Manager to receive an update, to consider its position, and to provide instruction/direction to the City Attorney and City Manager regarding Surprise's position in connection with development agreements relating to public and private development in the area of the Loop 303 Corridor, which is the subject of negotiations. (A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03 (A)(3)(4)).

#11. Consideration and action on executive session items - NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of September 6, 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 Work Session of **Tuesday, September 6, 2011.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,