



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

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 @ 04:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call Special City Council Work Session Agenda:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#1. District Internal

CM Hillman gave an overview of the Off Tuesday Work Sessions. Packets for Council Meetings - process for distributing agenda packet information. Mayor expressed concern regarding the public not bring aware that the majority of the discussion will take place at the work session and not the meetings.

#2. District Citywide

Councilmember Biundo commented that he wanted to present some information on the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club. The motive for raising this issue is to simply explore the possibility of bringing one of these to our City. I understand there are some sensitivities to this topic from the past, but my hope is that council can discuss this openly. Will the YMCA enhance the overall quality of life in Surprise? Are one or both of these feasible? Would Council want staff to explore the possibilities? if Council has consensus to pursue then I would suggest creating a small group to sort out the information. Present their findings to Council at a future work session, then we could ask Mr. Hillman direct staff to bring back recommendations to Council. Mayor - We have discussed this issue in the past and met with Reps., Will this group include staff members? Biundo - I think it is important to keep the group small if possible. Hall - I am a big fan of these types of organizations, and they add a quality of life. Our CRS has wonderful programs right now in place, maybe they could co-mingle. They will need a site, and raise money to make this happen. Are we going to waste more time talking about it or are we going to try and follow through and help as a City.

Coronado - The conversation with the B & Girls Club and the Sundancers were to be a partner and donate scholarships on a yearly basis to enhance the community and make it more accessible to children. Mayor - Joint location Alton - Strategic plan to prioritize our vision. We are going to need to make a decision on whether we should add this to the plan. Maybe a public-private partnership by land donation, etc. Might be a doable deal. The City does not have the financial capabilities right now. I like the idea of forming the committee. Hillman - The committee could define the goals and expectations and then explore ideas for partnership. Biundo - I am still unclear of what the organizations are asking for so I would appreciate the findings of the group.

Bill Lipscomb - I appreciate that this conversation is taking place right now. Everyone has some great ideas and some concerns as well. The idea of a group is a good idea and all of these issues can be identified. We are fortunate to have Mr. Coronado and his staff bringing good quality programs to our City. I believe that the core group is a great idea, the financial aspect is very important, how much can we afford at this time? Private donations, what do these organizations expect from the City. We can only do so much.

#3. District Citywide

Mayor Truitt commented that he made several calls to the Arizona Corporation Commission and they reassured him that they would make sure that the audit is followed and take the necessary steps to make sure this is fair. He is very aware of our residents concerns. Beckley - Gave an overview of the issue with Arizona American and the water rate increase proposal. Villanueva - Is this rate increase being recommended to build a new facility? Alton - The letter is very gracious and kind and it has no teeth. The resolution has no teeth. Either we represent our residents or we get out of this. Out of pocket, it is going to cost me about \$500.00 and this may effect at least 50% of our residents in this manner. We need to get tough and ask the Arizona Corporation Commission to toss this out and bring back a lower one.

#4. District 4

#5. District Citywide

#6. District Citywide

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#8. District Citywide

#9. District Citywide

#10. District Citywide

ADJOURNMENT:

CALL TO ORDER.

A. Roll Call

Mayor Truitt called the to order at 04:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, August 2, 2011**. Also in attendance with Mayor Truitt were Vice Mayor Hall, Council Member Biundo, Council Member Alton, and Council Member Villanueva.

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. Discussion and review of process for the Off Tuesday Special Work Sessions by City Manager, Chris Hillman - NO ACTION

City Manager Hillman gave an overview of the Off Tuesday Work Sessions, packets for Council Meetings and the process for distributing agenda packet information.

#2. Presentation and discussion regarding the YMCA and the Boys & Girls Club - NO ACTION

Council Member Biundo stated that the motive for raising this issue is to simply explore the possibility of bringing one of these to our City. He further stated that if Council has consensus to pursue then he would suggest creating a small group to sort out the information. Present their findings to Council at a future work session, then we could ask Mr. Hillman direct staff to bring back recommendations to Council.

Mayor Truitt asked of the group included staff members.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that he is a big fan of these types of organizations, and they add a quality of life. He further stated that our CRS has wonderful programs right now in place, maybe they could co-mingle.

#3. Presentation and discussion on City letter to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) pertaining to the proposed Arizona American Water (AAW) rate increase associated with the Agua Fria water district - NO ACTION

Ted Carr stated commented on giving an alternative, shutting the plant down and have staff to maintain it until the new homes are hooked up.

Bill Lipscomb stated that he brought this to the Kingswood HOA, had a meeting and inviting Council member Woodard to discuss what was going to happen. He read a letter from the HOA legal counsel and recommended coming together with other HOA's to do this together.

Mayor Truitt inquired about the deadline for the Intervener.

Council Member Alton inquired about a city intervener and our role.

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about incorporating some language to be suggestive to closing down their operations and go back to the wells.

#4. Presentation and Discussion regarding El Mirage Water Increase - NO ACTION

Public Work Director, Robert Beckley reported on The City of El Mirage rate increase.

Council Member Alton asked for clarification regarding Surprise Original Townsite.

#5. Presentation and discussion regarding the agreements with Inside Out Sports for the Cancer Treatment Centers of America Tennis Championships - NO ACTION

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado conducted a powerpoint presentation with an overview of the agreements with Inside Out Sports for the Cancer Treatment Centers of America Tennis Championships.

Mayor Truitt stated that Mr. Coronado has warned Council that we would lose some money in the beginning, but has turned around.

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about electronic social media.

#6. Presentation and discussion regarding Asante Park to include process for acceptance of the park - NO ACTION

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado conducted a powerpoint presentation with an overview regarding acceptance of the park.

Council Member Biundo asked for the perimeters of the park.

Council Member Alton asked if the park is being used right now.

#7. Presentation and discussion regarding the annual agreement between the City of Surprise and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) for national and international economic development marketing services - NO ACTION

Mike Hoover gave a presentation regarding GPEC's Annual Agreement.

Mayor Truitt commended staff for bring the item forward. He also spoke of Rio Glass and Gestamp, both are North American businesses relocating here in Surprise.

Council Member Villanueva stated that we have come a long way.

Council Member Alton commended GPEC and stated that he looks forward to more deals this year.

#8. Presentation and discussion regarding two grants from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) one Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), and a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant - NO ACTION

Chief Frazier gave an overview of grants. One from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety , Edward Byrne's Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and Victims of Crime Grant (VOCA).

Council Member Alton commended Chief Frazier for obtaining grant funding.

#9. Presentation and discussion regarding a professional services agreement with Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. to update the City's impact fee study - NO ACTION

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty gave an overview of the professional services agreement with Heinfeld, Meech & Co., to update the City's Impact Fee Study.

Vice Mayor Hall asked for clarification regarding issues we had previously.

#10. Call for public input regarding agendized items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truitt adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of August 2, 2011 at 5:48 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 of **Tuesday, August 2, 2011.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,