



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

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 @ 04:00 PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular 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, March 27, 2012**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Williams, Council Member Biundo, Council Member Alton, Council Member Woodard, Council Member Villanueva, and Council Member Hall.

Staff Present: City Manager, Chris Hillman, City Attorney, Michael Bailey, and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

#1. Reivew and discussion of a Council communications/outreach/transparency plan regarding the upcoming audits of Developement Agreements and impact fee management, and budget impacts - NO ACTION

Communications Director, Ken Lynch gave a report and power point presentation regarding the Transparency/Outreach Program.

Mayor Wolcott thanked Ken Lynch for his efforts on this topic, she inquired about the telephonic method.

Council Member Woodard stated that we need to make available copies of the presentation at the table in the lobby then inquired about the cost.

Council Member Hall stated that he liked the website idea and in person meetings.
Council Member Alton stated that he is pleased with all of the options and that we can't go overboard on transparency.

Council Member Biundo stated that it is critical that we activate our options quickly so that we don't burn people out but provide substantive information.

Vice Mayor Williams stated that this is a great way to communicate.

Mayor Wolcott stated that we put policy in place last year that created a 13 million issue with creation of the policy.

#2. Presentation and Discussion regarding the Operating Reserve, FY 2013 Budget Approach and City Council Expectations - NO ACTION

City Manager Hillman introduced the topic for operating Reserve, FY 2013 Budget Approach and Council Expectations.

Mayor Wolcott stated that she is impressed with the report that is being presented tonight and that the message is crystal clear.

Council Member Alton stated that after we review the presentation, we as Council may want to offer suggestions for more cuts, etc.

CFO McCarty - gave a powerpoint presentation regarding Operating Reserve Plan.

Council Member Hall inquired about development fee structure.

Council Member Alton inquired about waiting for 2014 for the property tax increase.

Council Member Biundo stated that maybe we should be looking at cuts before looking at privatization.

Council Member Hall inquired about discussion regarding the Stadium and Tennis Facility an Enterprise Fund.

E. Call To The Public:

Bob Vukanovich stated: he likes the idea of transparency, but at the last meeting the agenda took you into Executive Session. Read state statutes relating to E-sessions. You want our involvement, but going into E-Session, the public does not know what is going on.

F. Adjournment:

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Regular City Council Work Session of March 27, 2012 at 5:45 p.m.

Sharon R. Wolcott, 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 Regular City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, March 27, 2012.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,