



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

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 @ 04:00 PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott 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, December 18, 2012**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Williams, Council Member Biundo, Council Member Alton, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Woodard, and Council Member Hall.

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wolcott acknowledged the incident at Newton, Conn. and asked for a moment of silence.

D. Special City Council Work Session Agenda:

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing:

Mayor Wolcott spoke of the Town Hall Meeting that will take place today at 6:00 p.m. at Marley Park.

#1 Discussion and presentation regarding Resolution 2013-06, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to provide the City of El Mirage with Animal Control Officer services - NO ACTION

Asst. Chief, Leggett and Harold Brady gave an overview of Resolution 2013-06, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to provide the City of El Mirage with Animal Control Officer services.

Council Member Woodard questioned the amount of officers who are serving in this capacity and the amount of days of coverage.

Reply - 7 days per week.

Council Member Alton asked for the purpose of doing this.

#2 Discussion and presentation on Resolution 2013-07 amending the FY2013 Capital Improvement Budget - NO ACTION

City Manager Hillman introduced the new Interim CFO, Bob Stohle and asked him to give an introduction of his work history.

Interim CFO, Cathleen Gleason started the discussion and presentation on Resolution 2013-07 amending the FY2013 Capital Improvement Budget.

Council Member Alton asked for an explanation regarding projects being left out.

Interim CFO Gleason stated that the primary focus was on the CAFR, it was missed and was an inadvertent mistake. She further stated that accounting staff and budget staff have been separated so they won't compete for project completions.

City Manager Hillman stated that the process started late last year, so there wasn't time to catch some of these things. He also stated that Cathy's last day is tomorrow.

#3 Discussion and presentation on Resolution 2013-04 authorizing the City to enter into a grant application for a WaterSMART grant for the installation of micro-hydro electric turbines - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Beckley gave a presentation on Resolution 2013-04 authorizing the City to enter into a grant application for a WaterSMART grant for the installation of micro-hydro electric turbines.

Council Member Hall inquired about conversion and how it works.

#4 Discussion and Presentation on Resolution 2013-03, a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a grant application for a WaterSMART grant to add solar energy collection for effluent storage basin - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Beckley gave a Presentation on Resolution 2013-03, a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a grant application for a WaterSMART grant to add solar energy collection for effluent storage basin.

Council Member Hall asked for clarification regarding the E-7 rate and evaporation calculation method.

Council Member Woodard inquired about conserving gallons and temperature.
Council Member Alton inquired about credits through CAP.

Council Member Villanueva asked if Mr. Beckley is comfortable with the grant.

#5 Discussion regarding possible funding for the WHAM (What's Happening Art Movement) Spring Art Festival - NO ACTION

Sandi Staehle conducted the powerpoint presentation regarding possible funding for the WHAM (What's Happening Art Movement) Spring Art Festival.

Council Member Alton reviewed City budget information provided by the City Manager's office. He

stated that Mayor Wolcott sent out an invoice to pay the bill for the consultant who conducted the appointed employee evaluations. He asked that the Mayor and Council please try and find the funds to assist this event.

Council Member Biundo explained the in-kind donations from the City, estimated at \$25,000.

Connie Whitlock stated that she is not aware of any in-kind figures have been addressed with me.

Council Member Alton requested that all of the in-kind advertising for all of the events for comparison vs. their contributions and stated that he doesn't understand why we are picking on WHAM.

Mayor stated the following; no one is picking on WHAM; she requested that staff places a dollar amount for all events since we have so many events coming forward; this is strictly for future budgeting practices and that we never anticipated that we would be spending any funds on Professional services so we zeroed it out.

Council Member Biundo spoke of establishing a process that may require and stated that his concern is broader than the event itself.

Council Member Woodard spoke of appreciating the discussion; integrity of the Council; City Council Travel and Community Outreach amounts.

Mayor Wolcott explained that Council should have anticipated certain expenditures coming up and need to work toward putting together a process for these types of events and requests.

Council Member Hall stated that he respects Woodard and Alton coming forward to plead the case for WHAM; the Tourism Board vetted this thing a lot, they recommended \$10,000.00 and that we agreed to it.

Council Member Alton stated that we don't see a consensus; going forward next year, we are going to have separate travel and contingency funds.

Council Member Biundo stated that it needs to be a part of the budget process.

Ms. Staehle reviewed budget for the next budget process, we need to make that specific in the process.

City Manager Hillman stated that staff is working on policy to accommodate some of the requests that will set perimeters.

Council Member Villanueva requested that this be brought forward to the next Council Meeting, January 8th.

Public Comments:

Reg McCormick stated the following: Connie has done a phenomenal job for WHAM, he belongs to WHAM and he understands that Council wants to get art in the west valley but there's no support for this and that people want to come here but there is nothing here for them.

E. Call To The Public:

Ken Wright commented Department of Interior and Colorado Water Basin; assured water supply on state legislation and read a paragraph of a statement.

F. Executive Session: None

G. Adjournment:

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of December 18, 2012 at 5:39 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 Special City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, December 18, 2012.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,