



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

Tuesday, May 15, 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, May 15, 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

D. Special City Council Work Session Agenda:

#1. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Arts and Cultural Advisory Board's Recommendation to Grant an Additional \$2,000 to be Used for the Surprise Police Department's Anti Graffiti Project - NO ACTION

Presentation

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado gave an overview of a request by the Arts & Cultural Advisory Board for a grant in an additional amount of \$2,000.

Vice Mayor Williams would like to see the end product when completed.

Council Member Biundo asked if this money was already allocated.

#2. Review of the FY 2013 City Manager's Recommended Budget - NO ACTION

Department Summaries

Council Member Hall inquired about the General Obligations Account, he referenced page 39 of the white book. He also inquired about the difference of the ending reserve amounts he referenced page 31.

City Manager Hillman asked CFO McCarty to explain the budget books issued to Council last week. Mr. Hillman advised Council that the 4 largest departments would be discussed tonight (Police, Fire, Community Recreation Services and Public Works).

Mr. Hillman introduced Police Chief Frazier to review the Police Department proposed budget.

Chief Frazier reviewed the Department Budget Summary sheet in detail.

Council Member Hall asked for clarification regarding the Red Flex contract.

Vice Mayor Williams inquired about the amount of Officers on the street.

Chief Frazier stated that we are in good shape right now.

City Manager Hillman introduced Fire Chief, Michael White to discuss the Fire Department budget summary.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about our response times.

Chief White stated that we are not due to the fact that we cover 100 square miles with 7 stations.

Council Member Alton stated that the biggest concern for public safety is that our employees are safe and that if additional funds are needed during the year you need to ask for it.

Council Member Hall inquired about the increase in over time.

Mayor Wolcott called for a break at 5:21 and reconvened at 5:32 p.m.

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado gave an overview of the department analysis.

Discussion included the possibility of closing the city store, marketing our merchandise and partnering with the Chamber.

Council Member Woodard asked for clarification of expenses vs. revenues with every program that will be easy to understand.

Vice Mayor Williams commented on offering family services that are significantly less costly.

Council Member Biundo asked for clarification regarding \$450,000.00

City Manager Hillman - Thanked Mr. Coronado for his hard work and efforts on the budget process and reminded Council that last year, he put together a budget as interim.

E. Call To The Public:

Lou Provenzano - Co-Chair of CRS Advisory Board stated the following: disappointed that the city store is closing but hope to have some other alternatives; better days are ahead of us, we need to look at improvements now especially addressing the fence around the 8 acre park; would love to see Surprise brand their own water; did some research with a company that could brand Surprise water as an extra income.

Wayne Turner: thanked Council on the budget process; thanked Mark and staff for their efforts and for reductions in the budget. He spoke of our fees are so much lower, this is something we need to take a look at this; Mayor Shafer had the motto of Live, Work and Play; over 1,000 people at 8 acre park every weekend and that we need to keep our kids here in Surprise, not neighboring cities.

F. Adjournment:

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of May 15, 2012 at 6:58 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, May 15, 2012.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,