CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes
00 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, May 1, 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 1, 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 water and sewer multi-year financial plans - NO ACTION

Presentation

Chief Financial Officer McCarty gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the water and sewer multi-financial plans.

Council Member Alton inquired about the percentage of capacity of our current facilities.

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley gave a status update and explained usage charts included in presentation.

Council Member Woodard inquired about the Desert Oasis project.

Council Member Alton stated he would like to see a forecast sheet of all deficiencies, growth and non-growth costs.

Mayor Wolcott inquired about long range planning and the regional planning process.

Council Member Alton inquired about the city's water plan and banking supply.

Council Member Alton commented on software programs.

Mr. Beckley stated that we do that now.

Council Member Hall inquired about a sewer line at Civic Center Drive and commercial rate study.

#2. Presentation and discussion on exploring charter government - NO ACTION

League of Cities and Towns Director, Tom Belshe gave a powerpoint presentation regarding exploring Charter Government. He also reported on History of Charter Government; General Law; Home Rule; Council/Manager form of Government
Examples of Charter Provisions and Election of Freeholders.

Mayor Wolcott asked about issues that come up today that would need to be in a charter since the laws have changed over the years that allow cities to operate without a charter.

Mr. Belshe stated that it would be left up to the court.

Council Member Alton inquired about ruling for charter cities and non-charter cities and the Charter failing in Sierra Vista, Lake Havasu and Bullhead City.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about freeholders.

Council Member Woodard commented on removing the charter.

Attorney Bailey stated that Council would repeal the organic charter, but then there would be no laws in place and we would be back to ground zero.

Council Member Biundo inquired about the majority vote of the Council.

Mayor Wolcott stated that she appreciated the report, but need to discuss this now during the budget time.

Mayor Wolcott called for a break at 5:47 then reconvend at 6:04 p.m.

#3. Presentation on Surprise Fest 2012 and SCI Sports and Entertainment's Request for Tourism/Special Event Grant Funding not to exceed $20,000. - NO ACTION

Presentation

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding Surprise Fest 2012 and SCI Sports and Entertainment's request for Tourism/Special Event Grant Fund.

The Tourism Fund Balance was discussed and Mr. Scrutchfield was available for questions. The event will be held on September 29 at the Stadium the gates open at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Scrutchfield has confirmed Tracy Lawrence, Country artist; Classic Car Show, Nancy Perry Productions will bring in at least 100 cars inside the stadium.

#4. Discussion on Original Town Site Infill Incentive for Dental Station 02 - NO ACTION

Presentation

Community and Economic Development Director, Jeff Mihelich gave a powerpoint presentation regarding Dental Station 02.

Vice Mayor Williams inquired about Pediatrics Specialists.

#5. Presentation and discussion on FY 2013 employee benefits - NO ACTION

Presentation

Chief Financial Officer McCarty conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding FY2013 Employee Benefits Package.

Council Member Alton inquired about Fire Insurance premium Tax.

#6. Presentation and discussion regarding sales tax reimbursement agreements - NO ACTION

Presentation

Chief Financial Officer McCarty gave an overview regarding sales tax reimbursement agreements.

#7. Discussion and Presentation on Resolution No. 2012-38, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, ordering the work for the proposed street lighting improvements as described in Resolution No. 2012-37 to establish the City of Surprise, Arizona OTS Commercial North B #123 Street Lighting Improvement District - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Bob Beckley gave a quick overview on the OTS Commercial North #123 Street Lighting Improvement District.

E. Call To The Public:

F. Adjournment:

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of May 1, 2012 at 7:32 p.m.

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Sharon R. Wolcott, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 1, 2012.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,