



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session - Part 1

16000 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 @ 06:00 PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Special City Council Work Session** to order at 06:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, April 3, 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. City Council's consideration and recommendation on transportation related activities effecting FY2012-2013 and beyond - NO ACTION

Mayor Wolcott opened the discussion regarding a presentation by RPTA (Valley Metro), Steve Banter to outline the Total Transit Network for transportation around the valley.

Jim Wright (RPTA) conducted the powerpoint presentation regarding Route 571 load factor. Topics highlighted were: Average weekday boarding for Surprise. Annual Express Route 571 - Service Cost Summary included an estimate to reduce \$136,000. per year. One service is Discount Cab that has been recently added to the transportation options for this area.

Council Member Hall inquired about the MAG Study and asked for clarification regarding the numbers.

Council Member Woodard inquired about customers being turned down and commented on the numbers.

Mayor Wolcott commented that it is very important that Council understands the fees so that we can explain this to our constituents. She thanked them for taking the extra time to clarify.

Council Member Alton asked for clarification on subsidy to the City, cancellation or denial and Dial-A-Ride capacity.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about hiring of city employees.

Council Member Alton inquired about the number of employees in Transit Department.

Mayor Wolcott asked for clarification regarding the New Freedom Grant.

Public Works Director, Robert Beckley suggested coming back to request that we list the service levels we do provide and seek council consensus so that we have clear direction on what Council would like to see for our residents.

#2. Presentation and discussion regarding the APS Franchise Agreement - NO ACTION

Assistant City Manager, George Kolb conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding the Arizona Public Service Franchise Agreement effective December 2012. History/Background was presented regarding Franchise Agreements in general.

Vice Mayor Williams asked for clarification of costs to the City for construction, etc., pertaining to language in the agreement.

City Manager Hillman explained the 2% fee and how it is based on the right-of-way.

Council Member Alton commented on election and costs.

Council Member Biundo asked if APS promote a communication campaign.

Council Member Woodard inquired about the changes from the old and new agreement.

#3. Discussion on the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan 2012-13 - NO ACTION

Christina Ramirez gave an overview of the CDBG 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan.

Council Member Woodard inquired about Sections 10 & 11.

Council Member Alton inquired about administrative costs for the program.

Mayor Wolcott asked for a breakdown of the administrative costs.

#4. Presentation from Elliott D. Pollack & Company regarding the Economic Conditions Report for Greater Phoenix and the City of Surprise - NO ACTION

Chief Financial Officer McCarty conducted a presentation regarding Elliott D. Pollack & Company regarding the Economic Conditions Report for Greater Phoenix and the City of Surprise.

#5. Discussion and presentation regarding FY 2013 Operating Budget Revenue projections including direction regarding the amount of Property Taxes to be included in the projections - NO ACTION

Chief Financial Officer McCarty explained the bond rating summary handed out to Council. FY2013 Operating Budget Revenue Presentation; 2012 Revenue Adjustments; 2013 Revenue Projections; Determine amount of property tax revenue to include in FY2013 Revenue Projections; Revenues are 10% greater than last year and FYTD Revenues are 4% over budget.

Council Member Woodard inquired about the cost to the typical homeowner.

Council Member Hall asked to see how we compare our restaurant/bar tax vs. other cities.

Mayor Wolcott stated that food tax numbers need to be compared as well.

Vice Mayor Williams stated we need to be consistent, maintain the revenue and that now is not the time for tax increases for the residents.

Council Member Biundo stated that if the city were in a different circumstance at this point and time, he would feel differently.

Council Member Hall stated that he prefers Option D.

CFO McCarty proposed that we need to take around \$4 million out of budget this year.

Mayor Wolcott commented on having a recovery plan that protects our revenues and services.

Council Member Biundo stated that we need to demonstrate that we are scrutinizing the budget process right now to create a lean City government.

E. Call To The Public:

F. Adjournment:

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of April 3, 2012.

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, April 3, 2012.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,