



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

Tuesday, March 20, 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, March 20, 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 Deputy City Clerk, Linda Stevens.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Special City Council Work Session Agenda:

#1. Discussion of the 2012 Memorial Day Event - NO ACTION

Mark Coronado and Bill Lipscomb reported on the event.

Mayor Wolcott thanked Mr. Lipscomb for taking the leadership role.

Council Member Hall inquired about the keynote speaker.

#2. Presentation on WHAM's Art is Alive in Surprise Event - Request for Additional Funds not to exceed \$6,000. - NO ACTION

Mark Coronado reported on the event.

Council Member Woodard inquired about partnering.

#3. Presentation and discussion regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Surprise and the Arizona Department of Transportation for the improvements necessary to construct the Bell Rd. Phase III fiber optic improvements - NO ACTION

City Engineer, Nick Mascia reported on the project.

Council Member Hall inquired about diverting traffic.

Mayor Wolcott inquired about the length of the project.

#4. Presentation and discussion on Resolution 2012-30, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Surprise and the Arizona Department of Transportation for the improvements necessary to construct Dove Valley Road from 203rd Avenue to 187th Avenue - NO ACTION

City Engineer, Nick Mascia reported on the project.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about the right-of-way and the railroad.

Mayor Wolcott inquired about phasing plans.

#6. Presentation and discussion regarding financial information, including the FY 2011 audit results, budget adjustments and interfund loans and impacts to the City's current year and future budgets - NO ACTION

Chief Financial Officer, Scott McCarty gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the FY 2011 Audit results.

Presentation

Council Member Hall inquired about the problems in 2000 and 2007.

Council Member Biundo inquired about slide 14.

Council Member Hall inquired about work load.

Council Member Woodard asked for clarification regarding additional contracted staff.

Council Member Alton asked for staff to give information as it comes out with future reports.

Vice Mayor Williams inquired about replenishing policy decisions.

Mayor Wolcott called for a break at 5:42 p.m. then reconvened at 5:56 p.m.

Council Member Hall inquired about slide 52 line 2 expenses.

Public Comments:

Bob Vukanovich spoke of MPC Funds.

#5. Discussion to develop a set of transparency tools for the city's accounting challenges - NO ACTION

Mayor Wolcott introduced the item regarding transparency.

City Manager Hillman reported on setting goals then defining them.

Mayor Wolcott asked for the public to share their thoughts.

Ken Wright commented on: translucent, perception of elections, needing three member council committee.

Chris Baker commented on communication and delivering a crisp message.

Council Member Alton stated that the different perspectives are great but that the buck does stop with Council.

Eric Cultum commented on: transparency, coffee talks and conversations with Council.

Mayor Wolcott thanked Mr. McCarty and his staff.

#7. Consideration and action to adjourn the Work Session and enter into executive session - APPROVED

Vice Mayor Williams made the motion to adjourn the Special City Council Work Session at 7:41 p.m. Council Member Alton seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

#8. LITIGATION - Discussion/consultation with the City Attorney to receive and receive legal advice, to consider its position, and to provide instruction/direction to the City Attorney regarding Surprise's position in connection with pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3)(4))

#9. Consideration and action on executive session items - NO ACTION

E. Call To The Public:

Ted Carr commented on: 1) blinking red light 63000 for a crosswalk light and 2) spending 10,000 consultant for the evaluation of three people.

F. Adjournment:

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of March 20, 2012 at 7:59 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, March 20, 2012.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,