



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

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 @ 05:02 PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 05:02 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, October 22, 2013**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Biundo, Council Member Alton (telephonically), Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Mankiewicz, and Council Member Hall.

Staff Present: City Manager, Chris Hillman, City Attorney, Misty Leslie, and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Special City Council Work Session Agenda:

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing:

#1 Presentation and discussion of recommended amendment of the Surprise City Code Chapter 2, Administration; Articles I, In General ; Article II, Mayor and Council; Article III, Officers and Employees, and Article IV, Departments - NO ACTION

Mayor Wolcott turned over the item to Vice Mayor Biundo to explain the proposed amendments regarding Chapter 2.

Attorney, Misty Leslie gave an overview to the proposed changes to Chapter 2 of the Surprise City Code. A power point presentation was reviewed with Mayor and Council. Ms. Leslie reviewed each section in detail.

Council Member Hall inquired about section 2-40 - Role of the Mayor and stated that the rest of Council should be notified when someone will serve at Regional/State level. He inquired about the Public Safety Retirement Board; the MPC Board and hiring and firing city employees.

Council Member Williams asked for more details on staggered terms for election process and regional committee appointments, etc.

Vice Mayor Biundo spoke of Council being notified in regards to appointments to committees.

Council Member Villanueva asked for clarification on how the committees work.

Vice Mayor Biundo clarified section of giving City Clerk and City Attorney the authority to hire, fire employees within their department.

Ms. Leslie asked for clarification of changes/ratifications, etc. regarding state board/committees.

Council Member Alton spoke of committees going through Mayor's office and wants this to be available to all of the Council.

Mayor Wolcott explained that this is an issue that can be clearly defined in the Council rules and procedures.

Public Comments:

Bob Vukanovich referred to Council Policies and Procedures Manual, January 2010. He spoke on Council Member participation by phone and adding it to the code.

Bill Lipscomb spoke of two issues; filling Council vacancy section, Section 2-20 (B), District residency; Council Member Alton is no longer a resident; his district is being unfairly represented. The second issue - the role of the Mayor, very concerning, declaring an emergency; you are trying to give yourself the power to institute Martial Law.

Chet Chetkauskas spoke of Martial Law and stated that we are giving the Mayor the authority to practice this. He asked Council if they understood what Martial Law is.

Paula Forster spoke of Martial Law; lives in District 2, ran in District 2 and waiting until December 31 to appoint who they want.

Larry Templeton: spoke of concern that Mr. Alton is in California moving to California, not being represented and residency requirements.

Mayor Wolcott stated that she would like an opportunity to meet with residents on the residency issue and language for Role of the Mayor.

E. Call To The Public:

Bob Vukanovich spoke of the definition of a resident.

F. Adjournment:

Council Member Villanueva made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of October 22, 2013 at 6:19 p.m. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

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 Regular City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, October 22, 2013.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,