



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

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 @ 04:30 PM

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**A. Call To Order**

**B. Roll Call**

Mayor Wolcott called the **Special City Council Work Session** to order at 04:30 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Biundo, 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 regarding a possible future initiative called For Our City Arizona being administered within the State of Arizona - NO ACTION**

Intergovernmental Relations Director, Michael Celaya introduced speaker Council Member Kevin Hartke, and Director of For Our City Arizona from City of Chandler gave an overview of the City of Chandler "For Our City Initiative".

Council Member Hall gave an overview of why this is coming before the Council this evening. He further commented that he serves on the Board.

Several other cities have joined efforts in bringing forward this program (CARE, INC. Arizona).

Council Member Hall inquired about involvement of service groups.

**#2 Presentation and Discussion regarding SCI Sports and Entertainment request for Tourism funding from the special events reserve not to exceed \$20,000 for the 2014 Surprise Fest to be held on Sunday, March 23, 2014 - NO ACTION**

CRS Director, Mark Coronado introduced applicant, Mr. Scrutchfield to the table for the presentation. Mr. Coronado advised Council that this item was unanimously approved by the Tourism Commission. This event will have a beer and wine festival. 35-50 room nights form this event. Reviewed estimated budget.

Council Member Hall inquired about the offsets some of the costs for the tennis complex seating.

Council Member Mankiewicz inquired about the \$20,000 request is for talent fees and these numbers compare.

Sawyer Brown and entertainment for the beer and hospitality garden.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about the location of the event.

Mr. Coronado explained that it would be held on the tennis courts and pavilion that is already there and that he is hoping to coordinate several events around spring training and tennis to keep people in the area.

Council Member Mankiewicz inquired about the layout.

**#3 Presentation and discussion regarding options for amending Surprise City Code Chapter 18, Article II, an article regulating alarm systems within the City of Surprise, using a verified response approach when responding to alarm calls - NO ACTION**

Police Chief Frazier and Attorney, Harold Brady gave an overview regarding options for amending Surprise City Code Chapter 18, Article II, an article regulating alarm systems within the City of Surprise, using a verified response approach when responding to alarm calls.

Council Member Mankiewicz inquired about the fine amount for option #2 and asked for clarification on option #1.

Mr. Brady replied that it is not set yet, but roughly \$150.00 and is at Council's discretion.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about educating the community.

Council Member Hall inquired about the percentage for calls of service for false alarms.

Mr. Brady stated that approx. 8% are false alarms, estimated 4,500 alarms in the City.

Council Member Williams inquired about the timeframe for verified responses and communication with the household. He further stated that he prefers option #1.

Vice Mayor Biundo asked for clarification regarding the zone.

Public Comments:

Steve Keefer, Security Industry Alarm Coalition (SIAC). Former police officer and Chief. Sparks, Nevada went with the verified response, and it did not work in Sparks. Later, we went with the other option and had a reduction in calls by 50%. Handout given to the City Clerk.

Jim Dragoo - License and compliance for west region alarm company ADT. Handout given to the City Clerk. Read handout for the public record.

Julia Bogen - Cox Communications for Cox Home Security. Commended Council for putting together an ordinance and we are in support of a strong alarm ordinance. A model ordinance would be our preference. We support requiring permits. This will help the City keep track of how many systems are out there, and will allow you to identify who is wasting your resources.

Kevin Campbell - Multiple zones, practicality of alarms, if someone steps through, the alarm will never go off, versus a motion detector. Gave example of Tucson, alarm permitting. Escalating scale, higher fines for homes that do not have alarms. Alarm school was offered as well.

Susan Brenton - Executive Director for the Arizona Alarm Association. You should look at some midway instead of the no response ordinance. We hope you go with an alarm program that has been proven to work. Registration of all alarm users would be helpful.

Mayor Wolcott asked that Chief Frazier and Lt. Brady come back to the table to discuss further.

Council Member Hall prefers option #1 and commented that option #2 has bureaucracy for the police department.

Council Member Mankiewicz stated that he is leaning towards option #1 and stated that if it doesn't work, we can always revisit this issue.

Vice Mayor Biundo concurred with option 1 as well.

Council Member Williams prefers option #1 and stated that we have a professional Police department that did research on this issue.

Council Member Villanueva prefers option #1, but is concerned about the fine .

#### **#4 Presentation and discussion regarding the FY2014 Budget Status Report through October 2013 - NO ACTION**

Chief Financial Officer, Bob Wingenroth gave a brief overview on the FY2014 budget status report.

#### **#5 Presentation and discussion regarding Case FS09-246, a zoning text amendment of the Surprise Unified Development Code - NO ACTION**

Assistant City Manager, Jeff Mihelich gave an overview on Case FS09-246, a zoning text amendment of the Surprise Unified Development Code. Draft review starting this month.

#### **#6 Presentation and discussion on City of Surprise current conservation and recycling efforts including water conservation and energy usage - NO ACTION**

Terry Lowe of Public Works, gave an overview on City of Surprise current conservation and recycling efforts including water conservation and energy usage.

Council Member Mankiewicz asked for clarification regarding hazardous waste and diversion rate.

**E. Call To The Public:**

**F. Executive Session:**

**G. Adjournment:**

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Special City Council Work Session of December 17, 2013 at 6:18 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, December 17, 2013.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,