



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

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 @ 04:00 PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Sharon 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, September 17, 2013**. Also in attendance with Mayor Sharon Wolcott were Vice Mayor Jim Biundo, Council Member Rachel Villanueva, Council Member John Williams, Council Member Richard Alton, and Council Member Skip Hall.

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing:

#1 Presentation and discussion of the Dial-a-Ride ridership and trends for FY13 - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Dick McKinley introduced staff and Valley Metro Representative, Arlene Schenck.

Dave Kohlbeck gave a powerpoint presentation which summed up the year.

Mayor Wolcott stated that she would like to see two things: 1) establish a better understanding of those who would like to use transit
2) ridership numbers 571

Council Member Hall commented on 571; El Mirages numbers; dialysis schedules and limit the non-ADA.

Ms. Schenck stated that we are a non-ADA city. She then reported on fee increase and zones.

Council Member Alton stated that the intent of Dial-A-Ride is to help disabled and people who

need medical attention services and that he is not in favor of giving kids a ride for movies. He suggested going forward and look at increasing those types of fares.

Council Member Alton inquired about cancellations.

Ms. Schenck stated that it's part of the contract.

Mayor Wolcott spoke of the importance of data, northwest valley transit study and having conversations with Valley Metro and MAG.

Council Member Alton spoke of Hopper, a Transportation Bus.

Vice Mayor Biundo commented that he is surprised with the shopping numbers.

Public Comments:

Roland Winters commented that he is a user of Dial-A-Ride and commented on higher fare.

#2 Presentation and Discussion regarding 2014 Surprise Fine Art and Wine Festival and Thunderbird Artists' request for Tourism/Marketing funding not to exceed \$31,000. - NO ACTION

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado gave a powerpoint presentation regarding 2013 Festival.

Mayor Wolcott stated that her feedback from last year's festival was that more was needed.

Ms. Combs stated that their goal is to increase the number of participants and artists.

Council Member Alton asked for clarification on the meaning of juried.

Ms. Combs explained that all artists provide a variety of photos including photos of their booths.

Council Member Alton inquired where profits go.

Council Member Hall inquired about fees.

Council Member Alton inquired about sales tax and hotel numbers.

#3 Presentation and Discussion regarding new Library Assistance Program IGA with Maricopa County Library District - NO ACTION

Director of Community & Recreation Services, Mark Coronado reported on the IGA.

#4 Presentation and update regarding Community and Recreation Services public process regarding future city park and facility capital improvement projects - NO ACTION

Director of Community & Recreation Services, Mark Coronado reported on the projects.

Council Member Hall asked that the Surprise Farms park be accelerated.

Council Member Alton stated that Council is in control of this matter and not the CRS Commission. He also stated that this issue goes back a long time and wants it made a priority.

Council Member Williams stated that he hears about the need frequently; that there is a tremendous need in terms of open space and facilities to take their kids to and that the 3.2 K does not solve any of our problems.

Mayor Wolcott agreed and stated that there is an outstanding need and that promises were made that we have gone back on.

Vice Mayor Biundo spoke of Section 10 park.

City Manager Hillman clarified funding.

Council Member Villanueva stated that she is disappointed that we don't talk about the Original townsite.

#5 Presentation and discussion on case FS13-228, a Preliminary Plat entitled Sycamore Farms Parcel 12.

City Planner, Bart Wingard reported on Sycamore Farms Parcel 13 project.

Council Member Alton inquired about setbacks; two story and yards.

Council Member Hall inquired about a side door and upscale housing.

Council Member Williams inquired about location, lowering of density, starter housing and what is different about these homes.

Council Member Hall and Mayor Wolcott spoke of the rendering.

Assistant City Manager Mihelich stated that this project was approved in 2004, that it is consistent with the zoning and the pad and that it meets the requirements and standards.

Council Member Alton spoke of marketing and agrees with the project.

The applicant Mr. Major from KB Homes spoke of a similar product on Tatum and Greenway.

#6 Presentation and discussion regarding Trail Emergency Response Program - NO ACTION

Council Member Alton introduced the item and asked ACM Mihelich to give his presentation.

Mayor Wolcott asked where the HOA is with this initiative.

Mr. Mihelich stated that it is working through the committee.

Council Member Hall spoke of the increments between markers.

Vice Mayor Biundo inquired about the city's responsibility.

Council Member Alton continued with presentation.

Council Member Hall commented on the GPS aspect of the markers and the history trail.

Mayor Wolcott stated that it's a great idea and wanted to hear from the homeowners who brought the initiative forward.

Ted Carr of Sun City Grand gave background information regarding the concept.

Jim Olmstead, representative of Desert Vista Neighborhood stated that this is not a new concept.

Mayor Wolcott stated that she felt that there is consensus and that it is a great idea.

Sheila Marden of Sun City Grand discussed the process of the HOA's, the committee is okay with this idea. She suggested having consistency within all trails.

Ted Carr spoke of the need for markers on golf courses.

E. Call To The Public: None

F. Executive Session: N/A

G. Adjournment:

Council Member Alton made the motion to adjourn the Special City Council Work Session of September 17, 2013 at 6:14 p.m. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Six 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 Special City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, September 17, 2013.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,