



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

Tuesday, August 6, 2013 @ 04:00 PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Biundo 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, August 6, 2013**. Also in attendance with Vice Mayor Biundo were Council Member Alton, Council Member Williams, Council Member Mankiewicz, and Council Member Hall.

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

Mayor Wolcott arrived at 6:17 p.m.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Biundo asked for a moment of silence for Council Member Villanueva.

D. Special City Council Work Session Agenda:

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing:

#1 Presentation and Discussion regarding an agreement between the City of Surprise and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council - NO ACTION

Assistant City Manager Mihelich introduced the basics of the GPEC contract and introduced the representative from GPEC, John Krueger, Business Development.

Council Member Hall inquired about focusing on Chicago and the action plan.

Mr. Krueger commented that GPEC will be visiting these locations and has visited China several times in the past few years.

Council Member Mankiewicz inquired about education and training.

Mr. Krueger explained the process.

Council Member Alton stated that he wants to know what is coming to the city and the status and that the second issue is the trades and the last issue is Foreign Trade Zone.

#2 Discussion and presentation regarding Ordinance #13-01, an ordinance amending the current False Alarm Ordinance, Surprise City Code, Chapter 18, Article II - NO ACTION

Chief Frazier and Lt. Harold Brady discussed the False Alarm Ordinance amendment. A powerpoint presentation was reviewed and amendments were highlighted.

Council Member Alton stated that he is leaning towards fining on an accelerated basis; giving a warning first time, then the next time charge them, and that this will be a deterrent. He further commented on needing an outside vendor to monitor our false alarms.

Council Member Hall inquired about giving them grace and notification.

Lt. Brady stated that the process is in the proposed ordinance.

Council Member Mankiewicz inquired about obtaining permits and if there have been any issues in other cities.

Council Member Williams spoke of educating the alarm company and notifying them when this is approved. He further commented that he would not support mandating the homeowners to upgrade their technology.

Attorney Leslie made clear the posting requirements of 60 days before the ordinance comes before Council.

Vice Mayor Biundo stated that it appears that there is a consensus of Council to move forward.

Public Comments:

Randy Miller: Provided handout to Council and stated the following: many times the alarm systems are faulty, or the owners sometime do not even know the alarm went off. In the packet, major cities have gone to the verified response. The alarm companies advertise a service, if they get a call, and we can't contact you, then they will notify the Police Department.

Ab Jackson, of the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce stated the following; that the Chamber has a Civic Affairs Committee that stays on top of ordinances that affects our community; we think the process works very well to reach the business community; our thought is to be harder on the alarm companies to follow the process and we understand that false alarms are a considerable problem in our community.

#3 Presentation and discussion on Resolution #2013-78 a resolution by Mayor and Council approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of El Mirage and the City of Surprise for design and construction of a Traffic Signal at Peoria Avenue and Dysart Road and amending the budget for FY2014 - NO ACTION

Assistant City Manager Mihelich introduced the new Public Works Director, Dick McKinley. Mr.

McKinley explained the IGA during a powerpoint presentation.

Council Member Williams inquired about the balance of these 2 funds following this expenditure.

#4 Update and discussion of the Mountain Vista Well No. 2 construction project - NO ACTION

Public Works Project Manager, Terry Lowe presented this item to Council.

Council Member Hall asked for clarification on the balance in the fund after the project is done.

#5 Presentation and discussion on COS 13-009 a contract to provide a turnkey delivery (design, purchase, and installation) of a chlorine generation unit at SPA 1 Water Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$633,963.50 plus an owners contingency of \$50,000.00 - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Dick McKinley gave an overview of this item and provided a powerpoint presentation.

Council Member Alton asked for clarification of the chlorine generation process.

Council Member Mankiewicz inquired about budgeting for ongoing maintenance.

#6 Presentation and discussion regarding general operations and victim services program in the City Prosecutor's Office - NO ACTION

Attorney Leslie introduced staff that conducted the presentation. Prosecutor Craig Jennings opened the discussion regarding the general operations and victim services program in the City Prosecutor's Office. Senior Analyst, Tiffany Copp assisted Mr. Jennings with the presentation.

Council Member Alton inquired about the number of victims needing help and the grant.

Mr. Jennings explained the need that the court is currently experiencing.

Council Member Hall inquired about grant renewal. He spoke of working with shelters in the past; victims of spousal abuse are so confused and angry and that someone really needs to help them out and hold their hands.

Vice Mayor Biundo called for a break at 5:48 and reconvened the Special City Council Work Session at 6:02 p.m.

#7 Presentation and discussion regarding the adoption of the 2012 International Building Code, with local amendments - NO ACTION

CED Assistant Director, Chris Boyd introduced Richard Wilder (BCAB) and Doug Helbig, Fire Marshall to discuss the adoption of the 2012 International Building Code, with local amendments with a powerpoint presentation.

Mr. Wilder commented on the process of review and the process started last February. He explained that in May they heard a presentation on how the codes were adopted; that

they looked at and approved the schedule as to how it will pertain to Surprise and that the 60 day public comment period is August - October.

Vice Mayor Biundo asked for clarification of the approval process.

Council Member Alton asked if they have reached out to homebuilders and their feedback.

Mr. Boyd stated that there is no feedback as of yet.

Council Member Hall inquired about the communication process.

Mr. Boyd explained that they have reached out to them and that our public hearing process has been announced.

Council Member Mankiewicz inquired about water standards.

#8 Discussion regarding a budget amendment for the preparation of a floodplain delineation study impacting the southeast section of Special Planning Area 1 - NO ACTION

Assistant City Manager Mihelich reported on the budget transfer.

#9 Presentation and discussion regarding Case FS13-110, a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Moon Valley Nursery - NO ACTION

City Planner, Hobart Wingard presented the Moon Valley signage request.

Council Member Hall spoke of the tortilla factory; Moon Valley doing a nice job and prefers the windmill design.

Council Member Alton stated that he doesn't think that the windmill has a place in our City.

Vice Mayor Biundo spoke of having the responsibility as Council to think about not the moment, but 15 years hence.

Council Member Mankiewicz suggested palm trees and different options for this corner.

Assistant City Manager Mihelich stated that they held 2 public meetings and that no residents showed up. He then asked Council to provide some feedback to the staff on other ideas.

Council Member Williams stated that he liked the windmill the first time around, and appreciates Mr. Villanueva's concerns regarding height. He then suggested that the Arts Commission possibly should be involved with policy for sign design. etc.

Moon Valley Reps., commented that they amended the sign design for the windmill already. They discussed the design and construction.

Mayor Wolcott stated that she agrees with Mr. Villanueva and that he liked the windmill because of its character and fits in well within the community. She suggested that if they could get closer to the top of that box no more than 35 feet, this will work really well for this area.

Mr. Mihelich confirmed with Council that they want to move forward with the windmill design with adjustments and bring it back on Tuesday.

Council Member Mankiewicz spoke of creating a sculpture.

#10 Update from the Council Water Sub-Committee - NO ACTION

Council Member Hall commented that they have been meeting and are becoming educated. He also commented that they will come back with a report on the CAP project.

#11 Discussion regarding the Surprise Youth Civic Leaders Program - NO ACTION

Council Member Williams gave an overview of the Youth Civic Leaders Program. He stated that he wanted to bring this forward to advise the Council and express any concerns they might have.

Council Member Biundo spoke of: formalized experience for the student; oath of office; sign at dais and a certificate at the end.

#12 Discussion regarding the Surprise vision for arts & culture, and comparison of funding with other valley cities with regard to such programs - NO ACTION

Council Member Alton opened the discussion regarding inconsistency with our arts programs in the City. He commented that one thought is to get a good funding source such as tourism tax; that we have to find another way to receive money and that we can probably come up with a program that can sustain itself.

Council Member Biundo spoke of a variety of funding sources. He further stated that the subject of funding sources is an important one and that two are suggested in the general plan.

Council Member Hall stated that there is a link between tourism and art; that 1.52% is dedicated to tourism; that 1% goes to the general fund and that maybe this could be dedicated to art.

Council Member Mankiewicz spoke of procedures.

Mayor Wolcott spoke of sculptures; funding; needing more art at City Hall and needing a plan.

City Manager Hillman spoke of procedure and time frame.

Vice Mayor Biundo spoke of providing incentives to developers that would include art in their projects.

City Attorney Leslie commented that these are the types of components that could be worked into the development agreement process.

Connie Whitlock of WHAM thanked Council and stated the following: we have come a long way to make an awareness of art in Surprise; the City may be in a prime position right now, with an Arts Center at no cost to the City; the City of Goodyear received a grant; we are in the baby

stages; we are giving the people something they need and we are trying to establish a consortium in the west valley and this is something the City can grasp.

E. Call To The Public:

F. Executive Session: None

G. Adjournment:

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Special City Council Work Session of August 6, 2013 at 7:32 p.m. Council Member Alton 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, August 6, 2013.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,