



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

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 @ 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, May 7, 2013**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Biundo, Council Member Alton, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Woodard, and Council Member Hall.

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager, Jeff Mihelich, Interim 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 Council Review of the following departmental budgets: Police, Fire, Community and Economic Development, Courts, Human Resources, City Attorney - NO ACTION

Mayor turned over the presentation to Assistant City Manager Mihelich.

ACM Mihelich gave a quick overview of how the budget presentations are to take place.

Police Department:

Police Chief Frazier opened the discussion to discuss major initiatives and policy issues for the Police Department.

Council Member Alton inquired about Redflex and adding new Officers.

Chief Frazier spoke of turnover in traffic unit.

Vice Mayor Biundo inquired about the False Alarm ordinance; Animal Control and a Victims Advocacy Center.

Council Member Woodard inquired about initial booking fees.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about the average fee that other cities are paying into the shelter.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief White gave an overview of the Fire Departments Budget, Accomplishments, Enhancements & Efficiencies.

Council Member Hall inquired about an inventory of all commercial buildings that aren't sprinklered.

Chief White stated that there are some out there that are still not and that they know where they are at.

Council Member Alton inquired about hiring of an outside company for tactical training.

Vice Mayor Biundo inquired about the COLA.

Community and Economic Development:

The presentation by ACM Mihelich gave an overview for CED and ED's accomplishments, enhancements and efficiencies and major policy changes.

Mayor Wolcott commented on the department responding to our citizens on the Building permit process and the good reviews in an article saying that Surprise is doing a good job.

Council Member Woodard questioned the project coordinator position.

Council Member Hall inquired about an update on the Self Certification process.

Court:

Judge Louis Dominguez gave an overview of the Court budget.

Judge Dominguez commented that he is very impressed with the Court staff, small staff but all are cross trained.

Council Member Alton questioned costs for the online payments.

Linda Rodriguez explained the online payment process, it will not cost the City anything and the customer will pay a fee to use.

Human Resources:

Human Resources Director, April Reynolds gave an overview of the budget process for the Human Resources Department. There was discussion regarding Accomplishments, Enhancements and Efficiencies.

Council Member Hall inquired about staff hours managing Boards/Commissions.

Council Member Hall inquired about supporting the healthcare increase and Loss Trust Fund Board recommendations.

Ms. Reynolds stated that the Loss Trust Fund Board protects the Trust and that the Broker recommended a 5% increase.

Council Member Hall questioned page 17.

Ms. Reynolds stated that page 17 is wrong and that Finance is correcting this.

Council Member Woodard inquired about administration of 5 Boards/Commissions.

Council Member Williams commented on health care issue, and inquired about our successions plans and training opportunities.

Council Member Alton inquired about the 2% COLA.

Ms. Reynolds commented that employees who are here now that survived the RIF's, are doing more now than what they were doing before. She also stated that we have some awesome employees in this organization.

Council Member Alton stated that he would like to know how much it will cost to bring everyone up to speed so we don't lose any more employees.

Vice Mayor Biundo stated that he wants the best healthcare possible for our employees.

Mayor Wolcott commented on a report for Council regarding time spent on Boards/Commissions.

Misty Leslie, City Attorney gave a budget overview for the Legal Department. There was discussion regarding Accomplishments, Enhancements and Efficiencies.

Bob Vukanovich read a written statement regarding the 2014/2015 FY Budget for the record.

E. Call To The Public:

Vukanovich Statement for the Record

F. Executive Session: None

G. Adjournment:

Council Member Alton made the motion to adjourn the Special City Council Work Session of May 7, 2013 at 5:52 p.m. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

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, May 7, 2013.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,