



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

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 @ 06:00 PM

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Meeting** to order at 06:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Hall, Council Member Winters, Council Member Biundo, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, and Council Member Tande.

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Invocation

E. City Manager Report: None

F. City Attorney Report: None

G. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda:

Consent Agenda:

***#1. Consideration and action on a request by Jason Morris for a Series 9 liquor license for CVS Pharmacy located at 15300 N. Cotton Lane, Surprise, Arizona 85374 - APPROVED**

***#2. Consideration and Action to approve a one year extension of a final plat, entitled "Hope Community Church", located at 16051 North Reems Road; Resolution 2014-19 - APPROVED**

***#3. Consideration and action on the minutes of February 18, 2014 Special City Council Work Session and February 25, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting - APPROVED**

Council Member Biundo made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Hall seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Non-Public Hearing:

#4. Discussion and presentation regarding the possible creation of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - NO ACTION

Presentation regarding the possible creation of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Fire Chief, Michael White gave an overview of this program.

Vice Mayor Hall requested it be added into this year's budget process then inquired about the amount of residents for this program.

Chief White commented that a long range plan is needed and that they could look at a few volunteers for each district.

Council Member Winters asked if this is open to anyone in the City and if there would be any pre-qualifications.

Chief White stated that anyone can apply and no pre-qualifications.

Council Member Villanueva spoke of her brother passing away and the positive and caring response from the team.

#5. Presentation and discussion on customer user fees associated with water, wastewater, and solid waste - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Dick McKinley introduced Angie Sanchez, FCS Group, to discuss the Utility Rate Study completed for the City and explained the process for the rate study results.

Mayor Wolcott stated that stormwater issue needs to be addressed.

Council Member Williams stated that it is important to know that our rates for Surprise are fair; that the study was helpful and that the OTS numbers stand out.

Council Member Villanueva stated that the water rates in OTS is not fair; we've had El Mirage water for many years; she has expressed her concerns before; some have bills up to \$200.00 per month and that the poorest area in Surprise has the highest water rates.

Mr. McKinley stated that unless something changes, we will continue with El Mirage since they own the pumps, pipes and tanks.

City Manager Hillman stated that this issue came up almost 2 years ago; meetings have been held with El Mirage; concerns were expressed regarding the rate increase; discussion took place regarding an asset swap with El Mirage but there were a lot of complications with this. He further stated that if the OTS and the City Council want to have control of this area, we will need direction from Council to see what our options are.

Mayor Wolcott stated that the issue needs to be addressed; the existing system has basically lost its value; beneficial to invest in a system for this area and it's time for us to have a sit

down with El Mirage again to initiate conversation.

Vice Mayor Hall asked about any distinction of rates for El Mirage vs. Surprise.

Mr. McKinley stated that continuing to operate a system that has deteriorated costs more to maintain.

Council Member Tande referenced page 12 and asked if this includes growth or regular replacement.

Mr. McKinley stated it is replacement of a growing fleet.

Council Member Tande inquired about 5 year rates and how will this actually work and our water strategy. He commented that we need to bring OTS water up to standards.

Council Member Biundo asked what a storm water management entails.

Council Member Tande stated that our General Fund is always going to be stretched and would like to identify how we fund that so we can have considerable funded data.

Mayor Wolcott would like to learn more about commercial rates as well.

Sarah Fakhoury inquired about the rates for apartment complexes.

Mr. McKinley explained it is up to landlord and possibly they can roll into the rate.

Council Member Winters stated that the rates are very fair and sympathizes with the OTS. He further commented about EPCOR rates.

H. Call To The Public:

Ab Jackson, Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce referenced book titled "When Boomers Bail: A Community Economic Development Guide" and commented on State of the City Address.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

Council Member Biundo: review Boards and Commission Handbook.

J. Mayor/Council Reports:

Mayor and Council attended and/or reported on the following:

Council Member Winters: press conference with Russell Wilson; thanked Mark Coronado.

Council Member Biundo: Conference Bridging the Education Gap hosted by League of Women Voters.

Council Member Tande: attended the Police Promotional process and Annual Firefighter Awards Ceremony.

Council Member Villanueva: enjoying baseball games; attended Russell Wilson's press conference.

Vice Mayor Hall: Kudos to Public Works South Wastewater Plant, 2 years with no accidents, attended their safety luncheon.

Mayor Wolcott: Thanked Ab Jackson; Mayor's State of the City; thanked Communications staff, Ken Lynch for their hard work and efforts putting the event together and Public Safety Town Hall Meeting went really well.

K. Executive Session: None

L. Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of March 4, 2014 at 7:22 p.m. Council Member Biundo 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 Meeting of **Tuesday, March 4, 2014.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,