



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

Tuesday, February 25, 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, February 25, 2014**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Hall, Council Member Winters, 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:

Governmental Relations Director, Michael Celaya gave a Legislative Update: heading for another year on the fence and negative national attention; 44 days in session at this point and not over yet; SB 1062, exercise of religion, businesses face claims of discrimination, looking for a veto from the Governor on this item; HURF Funds, HB2692 update, cities rely on the HURF revenue for local roads, this was not incorporated in this year's budget and it did pass unanimously out of the house; Speaker Tobin is behind this bill and we are excited about this bill; HB2027, golf carts in Maricopa County, should be heard in the Senate; Public records fees, bill being proposed HB2019, the new fee would only apply after the first 4 hours of labor and HB2152, prohibit fire districts to annex within municipal planning areas, Major sponsor City of Peoria and Surprise is co-sponsor.

City Manager Hillman: The City received 2 awards, Health & Wellness, Heart Safe City, 25 defibrillators on campus and recognized by the Phoenix Business Journal, 2014 healthiest employers in the valley.

F. City Attorney Report: None

Mayor announced and congratulated Beth Maloney as 2014 Teacher of the Year Award from Dysart School District, 5th grade teacher at Sunset Hills Elementary School, 9th year teaching. Recognized Gail Pletnick and the Dysart Unified School Board Members in attendance.

Gail Pletnick - Thank you to Mayor and Council for recognizing Beth Maloney.

Christian Ruiz - Thanked Mrs. Maloney for her dedication and has known her since Kindergarten. She goes over and beyond in teaching and caring about her students.

Connor Williams 6th grade student. Mrs. Maloney is the best teacher in the world, very caring and an amazing teacher. She motivates the kids and gives pep talks. She is a teacher but mostly feels like family.

Kristen Hatcher, my favorite teacher, she has a way to help her student learn but yet still have fun. Ms. Maloney has a way to bring students out of their shell, and she is my favorite teacher.

Mrs. Beth Maloney thanked everyone especially her students for coming up and doing this. Moved here to Surprise from Chicago, and fell in love with the school and stayed.

Mayor Wolcott honored Teacher Beth Maloney with a plaque of recognition.

G. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda:

Consent Agenda:

***#1. Consideration and action on the minutes of February 4, 2014 Special City Council Work Session and Special City Council Meeting; February 8, 2014 Special City Council Meeting (Budget Retreat) and Special City Council Meeting (Executive Session) and February 11, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting - APPROVED**

***#2. Consideration and action on Resolution 2014-16, a resolution by Mayor and Council amending the Fiscal Year 2014 budget associated with the Pave Dirt Shoulder capital improvement project (#21205) in the amount of \$105,000 - APPROVED**

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

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing:

#3. Consideration and action to appoint Jean Marie Elkins with a term expiration of July 1, 2015 and Roddi Jess with a term expiration of July 1, 2017 to fill vacancies on the Disability Advisory Commission and to direct the City Clerk to issue the Oath of Office - APPROVED

Council Member Winters introduced the item.

Council Member Winters made the motion to approve appointing Jean Marie Elkins with a term expiration of July 1, 2015 and Roddi Jess with a term expiration of July 1, 2017 to fill vacancies on the Disability Advisory Commission and to direct the City Clerk to issue the Oath of Office. Council Member Villanueva seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Aguilar administered the Oath of Office for Jean Marie Elkins and Roddi Jess.

#4. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2014-04, amending Chapter 26, Article II Business Licenses, Chapter 3, Article III Section 3-30 Personnel and moving Chapter 34 Article V Special Events to Chapter 26 Business Licenses - APPROVED

Assistant City Manager Wingenroth gave an overview of Ordinance 2014-04.

Council Member Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 2014-04; an ordinance amending Chapter 26, Article II Business Licenses, Chapter 3, Article III Section 3-30 Personnel and moving Chapter 34 Article V Special Events to Chapter 26 Business Licenses. Council Member Villanueva seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

#5. Continuation of discussion regarding the Employee Class & Compensation Study - NO ACTION

City Manager Hillman gave an overview of the continuation of discussion regarding the Employee Class and Compensation Study. A power point presentation was reviewed.

Council Member Biundo stated that when all is said and done, it seems the only appropriate thing to do is to remove this language from City Code and create a precise and clear policy. He further stated that he is in of favor staff recommendations.

Council Member Williams commented that he appreciates and supports staff recommendations but would like to see the policy.

Council Member Winters also agreed with staff recommendations and thanked staff for all of the hard work they put into this project.

Council Member Tande commented that his bottom line is how we can be competitive and keep people here at the City, he also commented on a policy change.

Mr. Hillman stated that we are going to move forward on this and even after removing language from code, we are not going to make a drastic change.

Mayor Wolcott commented that we want to be competitive when we have a vacancy to attract the best possible candidates and that she appreciates the recommended changes, and encourage staff to move forward and bring forward a policy.

Sarah Fakhoury commented on very clear objectives and encourages applicants to apply with a competitive process and salary.

Council Member Villanueva commented that she is concerned that we have employees at 75 percentile.

Council Member Tande commented that the salary issues are very complex.

H. Call To The Public:

Ab Jackson Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director reported on the following activities: Feb. 19th & 20th Legislative Day; Chamber Executives; Feb. 20th Colonnade rewards

presentation (Legacy awards); Citizen of the Year, Melissa Holdaway, Arizona Charter Academy; Art Mendivil, Citizen of the Year for City of El Mirage; Service Award, Jean Blackman, Town of Youngtown; Social Media Workshop - Wed., Feb. 26th and February 27th - State of the City Mayor Sharon Wolcott, sold out.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

Council Member Williams: number of recreational programs per resident compared to other cities.

Vice Mayor Hall: update on Club Sports.

Council Member Villanueva: list of parks that are not being utilized.

J. Mayor/Council Reports:

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

Council Member Villanueva: Attended Rachel's Challenge, beautiful presentation of their daughter, victim of Columbine High School; Boys and Girls Club Dinner in Scottsdale to raise funds for Maricopa County - over 2 million dollars raised that evening.

Council Member Tande: Looking forward to City Town Hall public safety. We are all really busy, so many meetings being attended.

Council Member Winters: very busy, many different events and meetings; Army Specialist Phillip Martin received Pulte Home, very gratifying.

Council Member Biundo: Attended WESTMARC Forum on education; strong emphasis on computerized assessment; 5 initiatives, 2 parallel the City's strategic plan.

Mayor Wolcott: Will submit a report for the record and place on the website. 2014 Cactus League Kick-off, new Cubs stadium in Mesa. Several Council working with the AZ Business Council, many Canadians here in Surprise. West Valley Mayors/Manager Meeting in Phoenix. Bring all of the west valley together. MAG brought their consultant out to meet with us to talk about a unified vision. Thanked CM Hillman for his leadership on our presentation.

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:20 p.m. and enter into executive session. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

K. Executive Session:

#6 Discussion/consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice; and to consider its position, and to provide instruction/direction to the City Attorney regarding Surprise's position on potential litigation involving development at the southwest corner of Bell Road and the Loop 3003. A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) &(4). Discussion or consultation with the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations. ARS 38-431.03 (A) (4)

L. Adjournment

Council Member Biundo made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of February 18, 2014 at 8:16 p.m. Vice Mayor Hall 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, February 25, 2014.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,