



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes

100 North Civic Center Plaza

Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 @ 04:00 PM

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular 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, November 18, 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, Bob Wingenroth, 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 pertaining to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Surprise and Maricopa County Flood Control District (MCFCD) for the construction/improvements at 107th Avenue and Union Hills Road - NO ACTION**

Public Works Director, Mike Gent gave an overview regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Surprise and Maricopa County Flood Control District (MCFCD) for the construction/improvements at 107th Avenue and Union Hills Road.

Michael Boule of Public Works gave a presentation, overview and background of this project.

Vice Mayor Hall commented that he prefers the design with the purple mountains since it fits our theme.

Council Member Tande inquired about relocating utility lines.

Mr. Boule reported that there are no major power line relocations.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about the small community behind the Circle K.

Mr. Boule stated that the project will be beneficial.

Council Member Winters liked the design with the mountain scenery as well.

Mayor Wolcott spoke of the designs, receiving negative feedback in the past, having a Landscape Architect on staff and tying these projects together.

Council Member Biundo stated that we need to take a broad view and that he would not want to see mixed designs within a project.

2. Presentation and discussion on a minor amendment to the General Plan 2035 land use map and an amendment to the existing Planned Area Development for the area generally located at the southwest corner of Grand Avenue and Dysart Road to change from medium density residential to commercial land use designation - NO ACTION

City Planner, Robert Kuhfuss gave an overview of this project. The land has been vacant for some time located along Grand Avenue. A rezone from mixed use to Commercial is being requested. 6 residents attended the public meeting with general concerns regarding noise and light issues mostly.

Vice Mayor Hall asked staff to notify him when public meetings are held in his district. He inquired if the drainage issues were figured out.

Mr. Kuhfuss stated that these issues will be flushed out during the review process.

Council Member Williams inquired if we are clear on the size and scope of the project in comparison to other WESTMEC facilities. He asked for more details of the project for the community.

Council Member Winters inquired about a block wall and if it will be higher than 6 feet.

Mayor Wolcott asked for better numbers on the facility. She further stated that WESTMEC will have a significant impact on the City and that they build magnificent facilities.

Council Member Villanueva commented on landscaping, for it to be consistent with the area.

3. Discussion and presentation of the City of Surprise Fire Medical Department's application for a Certificate of Necessity with the Arizona Department of Health Services to provide ground ambulance service with an anticipated initial investment and an interfund loan of \$1.4 million for capital and ongoing operational costs to be paid back within FY16 - NO ACTION

Fire Chief, Tom Abbott gave a powerpoint presentation of the City of Surprise Fire Medical Department's application for a Certificate of Necessity with the Arizona Department of Health Services to provide ground ambulance service with an anticipated initial investment and an interfund loan of \$1.4 million for capital and ongoing operational costs to be paid back within FY16.

Chief Abbott commented that this is nothing more than an application process at this point, looking for a response by July 2015, and will take at least 6 to 8 months before we can get a hearing.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that he is glad Chief is doing this and that we will get better service and financial benefit.

Council Member Winters asked for the advantages of having our own ambulance service.

Chief Abbott stated the following: quicker response, more control over the employees and better quality care. He further commented that the current service provider has filed bankruptcy and that we will be able to provide continued service.

Mayor Wolcott stated that this is a core critical service for the City, that we have an obligation to provide services to our residents. She also spoke of reimbursements.

Council Member Tande spoke of competing with the outside; comparing our numbers ensuring good value.

Mayor Wolcott asked for clarification on how this would work within the current mutual aide system.

Chief Abbott explained that the ambulances will remain inside the City limits. However, if a disaster hits in Peoria for example, the Phoenix alarm room has control and we would provide assistance.

Chief Abbott stated that he will go forward and submit the application.

E. Call to the Public

F. Executive Session

G. Adjournment

Council Member Villanueva made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of November 18, 2014 at 5:02 PM. Council Member Winters 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 Work Session of **Tuesday, November 18, 2014.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,