



CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes

100 North Civic Center Plaza

Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, November 4, 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 4, 2014**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Hall, Council Member Winters, Council Member Biundo, 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 of current status on the ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) project to replace Financial, HR/Payroll, and Community Development software systems - NO ACTION**

IT Director, Tammie Hollowell introduced representatives from ERP (Berry Dunn) to conduct a powerpoint presentation.

Seth Hedstrom CAPM, & Jon Grace, Senior Consultant, Lead Analyst.

Reviewed the short list of vendors:

Quintel Management Consulting (Colorado)
Tyler Technologies (Texas)
Woolpert (California)

Currently in the process of vendor demonstrations this week.

Next steps include Round 2 scoring; Reference calls; Site Visits and Contract Negotiations.

Council Member Tande inquired about PeopleSoft.

PeopleSoft did not submit a proposal.

Vice Mayor Hall asked if this will integrate all of the departments.

The software would be fully integrated citywide.

Vice Mayor inquired about the method of support.

2. Update on Skate Park design concepts and Surprise Farms and Veramonte Park Project progress - NO ACTION

CRS Director, Mark Coronado and Asst. Director, Donna Miller conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding Skate Park design concepts and Surprise Farms and Veramonte Park Project progress. The splash pad will have a pirate theme. The park will be ADA accessible times two.

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about the size, he referred to Marley Park and Surprise Farms. He also inquired about the lighting.

Council Member Tande commented on budgeting.

Council Member Winters inquired about the cost and timeframe.

Mr. Coronado recognized staff that has been involved in this project.

Mayor Wolcott stated that it is so exciting to see this come to fruition; that this is what everyone has been waiting for and that exciting things are happening and residents are noticing.

Council Member Tande spoke of residents questioning why we can't do more.

Dave Sanders - CRS Commission Member gave an overview on behalf of the commission. This is a very exciting time with this project. Very positive feedback from the public on this project.

Vice Mayor Hall asked if the sketch at grade or if it drops off.

Council Member Winters stated that he attended all of the meetings regarding the skatepark, and the responses from the public were very positive.

Council Member Tande inquired about cool surface for the summer.

Council Member Biundo inquired about water fountains and picnic areas.

Council Member Villanueva thanked everyone for a fabulous design and stated that she would like to see a park like this for the whole City.

3. Discussion regarding Council Boards and Commissions related to community engagement; powers, duties and possible code changes - NO ACTION

City Attorney, Misty Leslie gave a powerpoint presentation regarding Council Boards and Commissions related to community engagement; powers, duties and possible code changes. She reviewed what has been discussed to date.

Economic Development: Tourism Commission

Vice Mayor Hall commented that Tourism and ED can help each other and that a resort at White Tanks and a conference center is very much in need for a City of this size.

Council Member Biundo stated that we need some time to figure out a market strategy to clarify funding.

Mr. Coronado clarified the application process and challenges for funding events.

Mayor Wolcott stated that we know there is a process in question regarding the tourism dollars and that we made it clear in the strategic plan that tourism is economic development for the City.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that it is hard to get a restaurateur or hotel operator to tell you how much more business they have done from last year to this year.

Restaurants and bars are up 42%, hotels up 29% from tax reports.

Disability Advisory Commission - 11 powers and duties outlined in code.

Mayor Wolcott stated that Dial-A-Ride was a major issue and Council Member Winters was an advocate who brought this forward to Council to rethink this service to our community in a successful way.

Council Member Winters stated that he wants to keep the DAC; that they have done a lot of great things for this community; that they have been very good in getting things done in our communities and that they provide a good service for the City for the quality of life for the disabled community.

Council Member Biundo stated that he agrees and applauds the DAC for specific things they have been doing, especially contact with the business community. He further commented that he would like to see DAC look more into item #9 on powerpoint - Informal education, on site visits, training classes and seminars.

Vice Mayor Hall agreed that the DAC has done a lot of good for our community.

Mayor Wolcott suggested the DAC to be more involved in Dreamcatcher Park.

Council Member Winters commented that yes the DAC was involved with oversight of the project.

Vice Mayor Hall commented on a great turnout for the Special Olympics Event that was highly attended.

Mayor Wolcott stated that we have consensus to keep the DAC, but focus on refining the duties

and focus of this Commission.

Ms. Leslie commented on 1 & 11 - might not need for this commission.

Vice Mayor Hall commented on the CRS Commission and collaborating with joint meetings with CRS, tourism & economic development.

Mr. Coronado stated that the CRS Commission is very engaged with Tourism and economic development.

Planning for parks, we as a city has decided that we don't want to be a bedroom community, but a self sustaining city. The criteria for parks need to change. Folks in the communities need to get to the parks without driving. We need more pocket parks, green spaces, walkable trails, etc.

Council Member Tande commented on the competitive aspect of recreation, and casual recreation for our residents.

Council Member Villanueva spoke of the joint commissions meeting a couple times a year.

Mr. Coronado stated that the CRS Commission is working very closely with CD and that they have to have a plan in place.

Mayor Wolcott spoke on collaborative efforts which will serve our residents best. She suggested meeting in a summit format for all boards/commissions.

Council Member Tande spoke of the Strategic Plan that we already have in place.

Mayor Wolcott commented that each item that comes forward to Council should be tied into the Strategic Plan.

Council Member Winters recommended a verbal report once per year to come before Council.

Vice Mayor Hall - We had to earn the respect of our residents before anything else. We finally have our finances in order, we have improved our bond rating and have earned the respect of our residents. We need to move ahead and have the finances in place before proceeding. The Staff needs to come to the Commissions for their input with a method for financing.

John Yaeger - DAC Chairperson, you already took away half of what I was going to say so I will shorten my remarks. DAC has morphed into more than why it was originally created. Fiesta Grande event, sat up booth, handed out information and most didn't know we existed. A couple in the OTS, both on scooters and expressed they had an issue. They received a summons from the City. He quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate and to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

Roddi Jess - DAC member, I am a newcomer to the Commission, a resident for 8 years. I was able to reap all of the benefits of what the commission has been doing. This is an amazing City. City pool, can't get down stairs, but thanks to DAC, 2 lifts will be installed at the pools.

E. Call to the Public

F. Executive Session

G. Adjournment

Council Member Biundo made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of November 4, 2014 at 6:05 PM. Council Member Villanueva 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 Regular City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, November 4, 2014.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,