



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

Tuesday, October 21, 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, October 21, 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 updating Council on the development of a Stormwater Utility - NO ACTION

Vice Mayor Hall opened the discussion and introduced Wastewater Services Director, Terry Lowe to review the development of a Stormwater Utility.

A powerpoint presentation was reviewed and discussed.

Vice Mayor Hall inquired about the recommendation.

Council Member Tande inquired about rates.

Council Member Biundo asked for the difference between utility funds and enterprise funds.

Mr. Lowe stated that they are the same.

Council Member Villanueva inquired about Citrus Road.

Mr. Lowe stated that he will follow up.

Mayor Wolcott inquired about stormwater facilities and managing it.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that we know where the problem areas are, so we can improve where needed.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to Water Sub-Committee current events - NO ACTION

Vice Mayor Hall extended his thanks to Council Member Williams and Winters for their participation with this committee. He stated that Mr. Lowe brought in good speakers to the group and excellent discussion took place.

Vice Mayor Hall and Water Services Director, Terry Lowe gave an update on the Water Committee and shared consultant results.

Mayor Wolcott - This is why we need a really big picture of projected growth. We could grow larger than we actually want to grow. How big is big enough? This sets the stage for the Summit.

Council Member Williams - If this was a movie right now, there would be dramatic music in the background. This issue is so critical in the decisions we make now for the future of our families. This will determine how we develop for the future.

Mr. Lowe - The consultant summarized "We need to put the water back in the ground near where it was originally pumped out".

Vice Mayor Hall - Refresh my memory regarding recharge of CAP water. Are we using it a lot? We have recharge in Surprise but not sure of how much is being used.

Mayor Wolcott - How much would this cost? I understand very costly. Is it Impact Fee financeable?

City Manager Wingenroth - If we do this for projected growth, I believe my answer is yes.

Mayor Wolcott - Arizona has done a really good job on managing water and we are way ahead of some of our neighbors, but there is work to be done.

Council Member Biundo - I read somewhere that we shouldn't call it a source, it is a temporary supply that we can repay back. That's a fair statement.

Mr. Lowe reviewed recommendations.

Council Member Tande - Recharge at the south plant, what would you do to get it up to operation? Keep basins at the south plant, but send plumbing throughout the City for compliance.

Vice Mayor Hall - EPCOR's service area does not go west of bell, correct? Will it extend for future growth?

Mayor Wolcott - I would like to have a better sense of how we can use gray water throughout the City.

Council Member Tande - because of the importance of this, I would like to find a way to do this sooner.

Mayor Wolcott - Thanked staff and Council for working on this project, it is a complicated and complex subject.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to a proposed Water Conservation Policy - NO ACTION

Water Services Director, Terry Lowe commented that the draft policy that was attached to the agenda packet, had clerical errors. A corrected report was made available to each member by hard copy at the dais.

Vice Mayor Hall - Gallons per capita explanation.

Mayor Wolcott - Many residents don't spend the summers here, but the irrigation systems can be faulty and run while they are gone and that affects all of us. I changed out my irrigation system and cut down on water usage by 50% the first month.

Council Member Tande - Work with Community Development to work on updating codes for misuse of water.

4. Presentation and discussion pertaining to water conservation within the Bell Road Right-of-Way - No Action

Water Services Director, Terry Lowe reviewed the powerpoint presentation pertaining to water conservation within the Bell Road Right-of-Way.

Recommendations:

Remove the grass from the median options granite, plants, artwork, artificial turf, etc.

Develop a phased CIP project.

Council Member Williams - I am in favor of no grass and no plants for Bell Road. Zero water, zero maintenance. We can do a really good job with this with artwork, etc.

Council Member Winters - I agree with granite, artwork, etc.

Council Member Tande - I actually like landscaping, do we have a landscape policy in place? I think there is a need to come up with a citywide policy. Would like to receive a report on water cost savings and what is the payback. This is one of our main gateways, Bell is the main road.

Mayor Wolcott - I agree that we need a policy in place, but it needs to be consistent throughout the entire City. A lot of people hunger for trees, especially here in Arizona. We need plants that are natural to the desert.

Vice Mayor Hall - We must have at least 150 palm trees along Bell Road. The far west entrance

coming into Surprise is our best entryway. The palm trees are magnificent. It's up to us to set an example.

Mayor Wolcott - it appears that there is a consensus to remove the grass along Bell Road.

E. Call to the Public

F. Executive Session

G. Adjournment

Council Member Villanueva made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of October 21, 2014 at 5:54 p.m. Council Member Tande 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, October 21, 2014.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,