



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

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 @ 06:00 PM

Call to Order

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, September 1, 2015**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Williams, Council Member Winters, Council Member Biundo, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Hall, and Council Member Tande.

Staff Present: City Manager, Bob Wingenroth, City Attorney, Misty Leslie, and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

Presentation regarding the Sundancer Board 50/50 raffle recipients.

Proclamation Title: Grandfamily/Kinship Care Month

Mayor Wolcott presented the proclamation to Sherry Griffin, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

City Manager Report

1 - * The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 285, would like to present the statewide VFW Public Service Award to Battalion Chief Dan Gromer, Captain Don Martinez, Captain Wes Odom, Engineer Steve Spirlong, Firefighter Chris Gousso, and Firefighter Abram Fogelson.
*** The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 285, presentation of the VFW National Law Enforcement Public Service Citation to Surprise Police School Resource Officer, Wendy Klarkowski.**

Police Chief Terry Young and Fire Chief, Tom Abbott recognized The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 285, would like to present the statewide VFW Public Service Award to Battalion Chief Dan Gromer, Captain Don Martinez, Captain Wes Odom, Engineer Steve Spirlong, Firefighter Chris Gousso, and Firefighter Abram Fogelson.* The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 285, presentation of the VFW National Law Enforcement Public Service Citation to Surprise Police School Resource Officer, Wendy

Klarkowski, awards presented by VFW Senior Post Commander, Glenn Stark.

City Attorney Report

City Clerk Report

2. City Clerk Aguilar - Voter Outreach Update

Consent Agenda

3 - Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Area Agency on Aging Region One for FY2016; Resolution 2015-72 - APPROVED

4 - Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa Association of Governments for the Age Friendly Community Connection Program and amending the FY16 budget in the amount of \$5,000; Resolution 2015-78 - APPROVED

5 - Consideration and action authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Valley Metro for the City's FY2016 transit services; Resolution 2015-71 - APPROVED

6 - Consideration and action amending the FY2016 budget for use of the Southwest Gas Capital Expenditure fund in the amount of \$30,000; Resolution 2015-76 - APPROVED

7 - Consideration and action on the meeting minutes of August 4, 2015 Regular City Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting and August 11, 2015 Special City Council Meeting - APPROVED

Council Member Biundo made the motion to approve the consent agenda, excluding items 8 and 9. Council Member Villanueva seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

8 - Consideration and action regarding a Final Plat for Rooney Ranchettes I located on the south side of Adobe Road, west side of 223rd Avenue, in a RR (Rural Residential) zoning district - APPROVED

City Manager Wingenroth asked that this item be removed from Consent for discussion.

Council Member Winters asked for explanation of process. Mr. Fitzer gave an overview of this item.

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve item #8. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

9 - Consideration and action regarding a Final Plat for Rooney Ranchettes II located on the south side of Adobe Road, west side of 223rd Avenue, in a RR (Rural Residential) zoning district - APPROVED

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve item #9. Council Member Winters seconded the

motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

10 - Presentation and discussion regarding traffic changes on Bullard Avenue, community feedback received, and next steps - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Mike Gent opened the presentation by apologizing to the Mayor and Council for not having a robust public outreach process in place before the changes were made.

Mr. Gent gave an overview with a powerpoint presentation.

Mayor thanked Mr. Gent for his compassion and dedication to this project. Gave personal thanks to the public, their feedback was very helpful. This issue has changed how we interact with one another and how we issue a complaint. I want to thank our staff for really trying hard to address the issues.

Council Member Tande - Thanked staff for staying on top of this issue. I want to encourage you to continue working with the schools and residents. We are not a City that dismisses resident concerns. Can you explain how we got to the point of adding the extra lane?

Mr. Gent commented that Bullard is unique because it's not wide in certain areas and other areas not. We really thought it could work effectively with one lane of traffic slowing down the speed limit. This change is all about safety.

Public Comments:

Glen Klitska - Have the residents ever voted on a golf cart lane? Safety is the number one priority, we need to watch out for the children.

Steven Benson - Point out 81% of the residents were against this for one reason or another. I hope this is not right, that this is a done deal and to keep it one lane, I hope it's not in stone here. Is it out of the question to change back to two lanes. I respect that the gentleman managing the project is doing this in good conscience. This has changed everything, it brings people into the process grassroots, I hope that you will listen to the people, and look at the numbers of residents who are opposed to this. I know that people like me are not activists, will use social media.

Hugh Foss - When Governor Brewer signed the legislation for golf cart lanes were designated for senior communities only. We have never seen any golf carts used on Bullard, it's not wide enough for this.

11 - Consideration and action on an agreement between the City of Surprise and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) for the participation and support of regional programs, in the amount of \$54,434.00 - APPROVED

Economic Development Director, Jeanine Jerkovic gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Council Member Winters - 52 prospects, out of the 52, how many were able to locate in Surprise.

Council Member Biundo - GPEC's July monthly report 32 prospects, leads, prospects, inquiry were referenced, what is the distinction?

Chris Camacho President and CEO of GPEC, clarified the distinctions between leads, inquiries, prospects.

Council Member Biundo - GPEC's basic reason for being is locates and jobs, is this correct?

Mr. Camacho agreed.

Council Member Biundo - Only 14% that GPEC has created is in the west valley. Could we use the funds that we have paid to GPEC over the past 26 years, and the funds allocated this year, could have gone to internal staff in Economic Development Department.

Council Member Hall - when you bring a company in, does it attract other interests?

Mr. Camacho - referred to a 2005 locate.

Council Member Biundo - When this comes around next year, I hope that we receive a presentation from GPEC, it would be very helpful.

Mayor Wolcott - spoke of Surprise was thought of as a bedroom community and referred to the expansion and growth. I appreciate the value that our staff places at being at the table at GPEC. The East Valley is older than us, but I would argue today that it's our turn, for the west valley.

Council Member Tande made the motion to approve an agreement between the City of Surprise and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) for the participation and support of regional programs, in the amount of \$54,434.00. Vice Mayor Williams seconded the motion. Six yes votes, one no vote (Biundo). Motion carried.

12 - Presentation and discussion of progress update on the AZ TechCelerator renovation project and business programs - NO ACTION

Economic Development Director, Jeanine Jerkovic gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Mayor Wolcott thanked ED staff for the AZ Techcelerator, a special thanks to Julie Neal for keeping the place going.

Council Member Hall - Positive feedback from the tenants, great job.

Julie Neal - It's not an upgrade, but when City Hall left, we didn't have access to the network.

Council Member Hall - The sign out front, the top screen will be changeable?

Council Member Hall - When is the Grand Opening? October 22nd.

Vice Mayor Williams - This idea has been very successful, a lot of work and a lot of effort. I don't want to forget that this is an incubator and a training center for small businesses. We will invest in this as long as this is the focus.

Council Member Villanueva - Congratulated Council Member Hall, someone at League Conference brought up the AZTechcelerator, and he did an excellent job explaining the scope of this facility.

13 - Consideration and action authorizing funding to Thunderbird Artists in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and amending the budget for FY 2016 Surprise Fine Art and Wine Festival as recommended by the Tourism Advisory Commission; Resolution No. 2015-79 - APPROVED

Community and Recreation Services Director, Mark Coronado gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Council Member Hall - Wasn't this a 3 year agreement when this was first organized? On the 4th year, this event was supposed to be sustained. What happened here? I love this event, but I am disappointed with the hotel rooms for this event, last year they got 22.

Mr. Coronado - The organizer would have to go after out of town artists to fill room space. Honestly, we don't have the infrastructure to support major events. The Tourism Board and I discussed this at great length, we wanted to give it one more try, and hope it becomes a successful and sustainable event. May open up other opportunities down the road.

Council Member Hall - What does success look like to Ms. Combs? She needs to do a better job in getting more artists to come here to Surprise.

Council Member Winters - Attendance was down last year because of bad weather, correct? Sales were down as well? Food trucks this year, are you charging a percentage? Why are we subsidizing for an event that is really not making it?

Mr. Coronado - Events take 5 to 7 years to mature, then they become stale. I believe this event is worth keeping for this year, but we need to evaluate if it's an event that we want to continue.

Council Member Tande - I spoke to someone from Northern Arizona that really is excited about this event. I think it might start paying off in a couple of years.

Council Member Biundo - Thunderbird does bring a national recognition to the City. This should be a test year and take a real hard look for the future.

Mr. Coronado - The message from present and past Councils have been "We need more arts and cultural enhancement in our City".

Mayor Wolcott - Mark you make a great point of the exposure to the City. We have had great exposure because of this event, we would do ourselves a disfavor to our residents if we discontinue. Perhaps it's a bit of a slow start, but we are going to have a tremendous success with art in our community.

Council Member Villanueva made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-79. Council Member Tande seconded the motion. Six yes votes, one no vote (Winters). Motion carried.

14 - Consideration and action approving a one (1) year extension of a final plat, entitled "Mariposa Acres;" Resolution 2015-65 - APPROVED

City Planner, Hobart Wingard gave a brief overview.

Council Member Tande - Will this action be recorded?

The Deed Restriction is ready to be recorded.

Council Member Hall - The deed restriction says "Assisted Living Facility". Does the language suffice? Yes.

Council Member Tande made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-65, with the condition that the deed restriction be recorded. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

15 - Presentation and discussion to receive council direction regarding a future amendment to the Surprise Municipal Code relating to signs - NO ACTION

City Planner, Robert Kuhfuss gave a powerpoint presentation regarding this item.

Donna Bronski, Deputy City Attorney discussed a Supreme Court Case Reed vs. Town of Gilbert. The League is looking at this for the cities and towns to do an opinion of how Reed applies to us including political signs. A practical example is what do you want to do to regulate signs in the right of way? What does this mean from a practical stand point.

Mr. Kuhfuss - Some of the issues we are looking at is what would be the appropriate time of year for the signs; do we eliminate signs from the right-of-ways all together? Fixed locations; A-Frame signs; banner signs; temporary signs.

Mayor Wolcott questioned whether a painted sign is considered a permanent sign.

Council Member Hall - commented about advertising a product, the fast food industry, has a constant window promotion, so I think this is over reaching.

Mayor Wolcott - commented that the hour is getting late and we are losing focus. Maybe we should have this item on a Special Meeting solely for the purpose on this one item.

Vice Mayor Williams - You put a lot of time and effort to put this together. There are a lot of issues and questions that need to be reviewed.

Council Member Biundo - I agree as well. Our situation is even more complicated due to Bell/Grand Construction.

James Truman - Powerpoint on the Truman Ranch and sign issues.

Charlie Gibson - Work for a sign company, former President of the Arizona Sign Association. Extend an invitation to the local Arizona Sign Association. Strive for a clean purposeful sign. We have worked at no charge to help handle these types of rewrites to sign codes. We can help you navigate the waters a bit. Surprise code is a little more restrictive.

Other Business

Mayor Wolcott - Written policy - Public Outreach Policy

Council Member Hall - Public input moved to the beginning of meetings

Mayor and Council Reports:

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

Council Member Tande - Surprise Youth Council Conference

Council Member Hall- Compliment Nicole Lance, Jodi Tas and Gloria Bianco great work on the League Booth. Impressed with VM Williams presentation on the Youth Council.

Council Member Villanueva - Kudos to Paul Bernardo as well for the League Booth.

Council Member Winters - Palm Vista Baptist Church; meeting at Benevilla

Council Member Biundo - Resuming monthly meetings in SC Grand twice per month.

Vice Mayor Williams - Next step, collaboration to support education; Debbie Lee, Navy Seal killed in Iraq, cross fit type of event.

Mayor Wolcott - Staff worked so well to prepare us for the event in Tucson. It was the best attended by everyone. Surprise really showed their stuff, thanked staff for assisting with the Youth Council events.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of September 1, 2015 at 8:25 PM. Vice Mayor Williams 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, September 1, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,