



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

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 @ 04:00 PM

Call to Order

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 17, 2015**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Council Member Winters, Council Member Biundo, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Hall, and Council Member Tande.

Staff Present: City Manager, Bob Wingenroth, Interim City Attorney, Robert Wingo, and Deputy City Clerk, Linda Stevens.

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Presentation and discussion regarding Surprise Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - NO ACTION

CRS Director, Mark Coronado introduced the item, he commented that Donna Miller would give the update and that Ms. Babb, Mr. Turner and Mr. Abrams were available for questions.

Manager, Donna Miller gave an update on the plan. She commented that a survey was completed and that they met with P/Z Commission and several stakeholders.

Mayor Wolcott: define pocketbook

Ms. Miller: its 5 or less

Mr. Abrams: put it on the table so that those amenities are there.

Mayor Wolcott: spoke of pocket parks and urban look

Council Member Winters: are we counting HOA parks?

Ms. Miller: yes, we are counting them

Mayor Wolcott: inquired about library expansion.

Mr. Coronado: we can take the parking lot to the north and we still have the parking north of the lake that would take care of the parking. Taking it back to the tennis most cost effective

Council Member Villanueva: are there plans to do anything in the OTS area?

Ms. Miller: we do have some reinvesting to do, all of them could use some help

Mayor Wolcott: 3 Star Park and Gaines Park are on the list

Council Member Villanueva: major issues on south side of Grand Ave.

Council Member Winters: was the 13 acres for Rancho Mercado donated by developer?

Ms. Miller: yes

CRS Chair Tuner: the biggest factor is the funding issues; primary objective; we've talked about another aquatic center; trail connection and open space.

Mayor Wolcott: Voters will want to know what it is they are buying

Council Member Villanueva: inquired about Coyote Lakes; Rose Garden and canal.

Council Member Tande: vision; more detailed level a running 15 year project timeline; we need to disclose the costs.

Mr. Turner: yes in some points we already are; some we are behind the 8 ball and we need to get more aggressive.

2 - Presentation and discussion regarding public engagement guidelines - NO ACTION

ACM Frazier introduced the item.

Communications Director, Diane Arthur spoke of general thoughts about public engagement and public notification. She commented that this has a direct impact on residents life some a notification process is required.

Mayor Wolcott: referred to utility companies; complimented the Communications Dept.; it is making the notification piece so residents can become aware that something is happening.

Council Member Hall: referred to Centurylink's tearing up drive ways we need to know about it; asked for staff to do a better job of public notices; put signs up as soon as construction begins on new sites; phone apps and Channel 11.

Council Member Tande: lots of positive posts, people feel connected, opportunities for pushing news, referred to apps. and include HOA's on that list.

Council Member Villanueva: referred to Fiesta Grande and commented that a lot of people were not aware of it.

Ms. Arthur: it's a challenge, but we'll keep trying.

Mayor Wolcott: we have a very engaged Council; web-page; community chats, etc. We are missing some basic tools so that when something happens they are notified.

3 - Presentation and Discussion on latest changes to the Proposed City Council Board and Commission Handbook (2015 edition), and corresponding changes to Surprise Municipal Code, Section 2-295 amending the Boards and Commission bylaws by removing the requirement to resign to run for elected office, and amending the attendance standards - NO ACTION

City Manager Wingenroth introduced the item.

He reported that there are 4 changes: 1) page 10: segment on removal adding; 2) page 13: attendance; 3) sub committees and working groups and 4) in what way may the public participate.

Council Member Winters: page 5; appointed officials - city attorney

Mr. Wingenroth: staff would like to do 2nd meeting in December and make that change.

Page 10 - removal: 6 months on page 13

Mr. Wingenroth: the new process.

Council Member Tande: Page 28 video or audio vs. video and/or audio

Council Member Villanueva: attendance questions

Council Member Biundo: great fine tuning

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of November 17, 2015. Council Member Hall 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 17, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,