



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

Tuesday, October 20, 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, October 20, 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, City Attorney, Misty Leslie, and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Discussion regarding the proposed Neighborhood Grant Pilot Program for FY16 - REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Vice Mayor Williams asked Mayor Wolcott to pull the item since he was unable to attend the 4:00 PM Work Session.

2 - Community Development staff and consultant will provide an update to the city initiated General Plan 2035 Major Amendment. The presentation will focus on the Land Use Element, the foundation piece for this Major General Plan Amendment - NO ACTION

City Planner, Joshua Mike gave an overview of the powerpoint presentation relating to the city initiated General Plan 2035 Major Amendment.

Consultant, Kevin Goodwin with Michael Baker continued the presentation. Focusing on the land use section of the plan including Character Area Description and Surprise Character Area Approach.

Mayor Wolcott questioned how certain types of development will be addressed.

Council Member Tande inquired about the following: is there a mechanism in place; Council policy related to tall office buildings and communicating this to staff.

Economic Development Director, Eric Fitzer clarified that we have identified certain types of planning areas, putting design principles in the plan, gearing up over the next year with character area approach.

Council Member Villanueva referred to the Heritage Overlay in the OTS and asked if this is part of the future plans for the OTS.

Mayor Wolcott clarified that the overlay will not occur until the General Plan overlay occurs. She spoke of the Transit Overlay and Grand Avenue Corridor.

Rural Development Type
Suburban Development Type
Urban Development Type - Neighborhood Character Area
Industrial Development Type
Open Space - Character Area
Community Commercial
Public Facility Development Type
Character Sub Areas

Council Member Biundo stated that it is important to integrate fire/medical, police and public works into this process.

Mayor Wolcott: General Plan amendment and zoning code, what happens and I want to make sure we don't drop the ball on this.

Staff is looking for Council approval in December, policy document that will launch into a full zoning ordinance.

Mayor Wolcott commented that we have a vision and that there is a lot of land that sat around for a long time undeveloped.

Leo Mankiewicz: I took a bunch of notes and some questions were answered. He spoke of the character approach; open areas and zone. High quality design that is built in to the plan today. City of Phoenix is doing good with Village Plans they have in place. Are we going to create more big box models or are we going to show them more creativity.

3 - Presentation and discussion related to City transportation projects update - NO ACTION

Mr. Bob Hazlett (AZMAG) conducted the powerpoint presentation on the US 60 Grand Avenue Compass Project. Grand Avenue is over 100 years old, a lot older than most of our freeways and Grand connect so many of our surrounding cities. Four alternatives are being proposed as part of the Compass Project.

Regional Transportation Plan
Grand Avenue Expressway
Commuter Rail
Other High Capacity Projects
Systems Planning & Implementation - Zoning Overlay District

Mayor Wolcott: Study limits in Phoenix to the 303? Yes

Council Member Villanueva: Any plans on Grand to the 101, 8 or 9 lights along this area.

Council Member Winters - Good presentation, please explain why commuter rail over light rail?

Mr. Hazlett: Station spacing, roughly half mile to a mile apart.

Council Member Tande: 100 million projects between loop 303 and loop 101. Any of those projects funded currently?

Mr. Hazlett: Yes, next renewal of the next sales tax approval.

Mayor Wolcott: Stations for light rail.

Karl Zook, gave a City transportation update.

Bid Projects:

Waddell Median/Litchfield Rd.

Reems Road/Peoria to Cactus

Bullard Avenue

Peoria to Cholla

Citrus Rd.

Sarival Rd.

Cactus Road/Litchfield Alignment

Cactus Rd/175th to Cotton Lane - Roadway dedication

Peoria Avenue - Several projects

Reems Road to Sarival Avenue

Bell Road Sidewalk

Bullard Avenue Project

Task Force Implementation

Safe Route to School Study

Cactus Road - Marley Park

Big project coming up - Greenway Road, Bullard to Litchfield Rd. - Bid process

Open House to present these projects out to the public.

Council Member Hall: Give us a hard copy of the report with map, date starts, completion, etc.

Council Member Winters: Really happy to see the Bell Road Sidewalk Project. When should this be done?

Mr. Zook: Before Thanksgiving.

Council Member Villanueva: What about the dips on Dysart Road and Greenway Road?

Mr. Zook: we are reviewing a proposal right now, contract shortly. Draining issues to polish up.

Council Member Tande: That was a long list of projects. Appreciate all of the hard work going on. The residents will really appreciate this.

Mayor Wolcott: I love this Bell Road sidewalk project, it's so much more accessible for the public.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of October 20, 2015 at 5:29 PM. 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, October 20, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,