



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

Tuesday, August 4, 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, August 4, 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

Invocation

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Presentation and discussion of the 2015-2016 Youth Strategic Plan, presented by the Surprise Youth Council - NO ACTION

Youth Coordinator, Paul Bernardo opened the discussion regarding the Surprise Youth Strategic Plan and introduced the Youth to conduct the powerpoint presentation. Members are: Anthony Canelli; Ariel Hatton; Jada Henderson; Samantha Salazar; Nithya Satiyasela; Quade Miller-Edwards and Riley Pollard.

Jada Henderson; Samantha Salazar and Nithya Satiyasela gave a powerpoint presentation.

Mayor Wolcott: thanked the Youth Commission and commented that she really likes the new logo. I would like to throw out an idea; we want to make sure we touch all areas of our youth in the communities. Engage the youth through science, have the City of Surprise sponsor a robotics contest, there are international contests that we could participate in if you are interested.

Council Member Hall: Good job and it's great that it came from you. Are you talking about expanding the count of the Youth Council?

Mr. Bernardo: incorporating into the existing 25 count.

Council Member Hall - Is there any kind of a budget? There are surveys, etc., that are low cost but there could be interesting ways for fund raising.

Council Member Winters: Which logo are you going to use?

They will be interchanged depending on the project.

Vice Mayor Williams: Great job, I had an opportunity to review this with Paul and what I like best is the Youth is offering this, it is shared leadership. The events should come out of this group, however this is done and we need to support this.

Council Member Villanueva: Very proud of all of you, great job. What do you mean by hashtags?

Twitter, social media, write a quote for people to give their feedback in short messages.

Council Member Villanueva - How do you get around to all of the schools with only 25 members?

Created a video to share to be more productive.

Council Member Tande: Great job, I looked at this from a strategic standpoint, and I see leadership. I like the idea that you are going to be equals with us.

Mayor Wolcott: Thank you for presenting and we look forward to working alongside of you.

2 - Presentation and discussion regarding the City's Legislative Agenda and Economic Development Reimbursement Authority - NO ACTION

Deputy City Manager, Nicole Lance gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the City's Legislative Agenda and Economic Development Reimbursement Authority proposal.

(EDRA) Economic Development Reimbursement Authority - Economic Development tool.

Council Member Hall: On the Rio Glass example, please explain the tax change.

Mayor Wolcott asked the City Attorney for clarification of funding explanation.

Council Member Tande: Clarified his discussion about further analysis.

3 - Presentation and discussion regarding the Surprise retail market - NO ACTION

Jeanine Jerkovic, Economic Development Director gave a brief powerpoint presentation regarding the Surprise retail market survey results.

Decals have been created for top 10 business recognition.

Council Member Hall: Anything we can learn about this high response in terms of response, was it the method we used, or the subject matter?

Mayor Wolcott: asked about the internet and our strategy. It's a controversial subject matter. Do we have a strategy, have we talked about this?

Council Member Hall: Leakage on gasoline, well it's because a lot of residents are leaving out of our City to go to work and are filling up in Phoenix, so we don't get the offset of people filling up here.

Council Member Villanueva: We have talked about a mall in the past and it is no longer popular anymore. Arrowhead Mall is packed all the time, it seems like we should have one here. I think it is necessary to look into this.

Assistant City Manager, Rick Buss: asked for Council support on future projects coming before them as what criteria are you looking for future businesses in Surprise.

Mayor Wolcott: We need to make sure it's a destination that people want to go to. Visually pleasant, many things to do other than just shop.

Vice Mayor Williams: commented on Groupons

Council Member Villanueva - Do you feel that bringing in a Costco will jeopardize the other businesses already here such as Sam's Club and WINCO?

Ms. Jerkovic: It is common and we feel that they could all be successful.

4 - Presentation and discussion regarding a Boards and Commissions Handbook - NO ACTION

City Attorney Leslie gave a brief powerpoint presentation and highlighted specific changes. Asked that we focus on specific changes for the sake of time.

Council Member Winters: On 2012 Liaison, how much is going to be changed, what was wrong?

That section isn't prepared so I really don't want to discuss since you don't have it.

Council Member Winters: On sub-committees, are they not permissible for boards and commissions?

They would need to go through Council for permission to do this.

Council Member Hall - Sub-committees, what were we afraid of, what was the rationale but I can't remember what it was?

Mayor Wolcott: I think we were concerned about committees forming too many sub-committees and placing strain and burden on staff.

Council Member Biundo - Clarified the reason for sub-committees coming before Council for approval.

Council Member Hall: Questioned Orientation of new members.

Ms. Leslie: Coordinated effort with City Attorney's Office, City Clerk and staff liaisons.

Council Member Hall: recommended filming the orientation then new board members can review and sign an affidavit.

Public Comments:

Susan DeJong - Talked about the overview on page 2. Read a statement for the record. It is time to update and add more wording for the Arts Commission. Asked that this is changed.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Vice Mayor Williams made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of August 4, 2015 at 5:33 PM. Council Member Hall 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, August 4, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,