



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

Tuesday, May 5, 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, May 5, 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 regarding City's short range transit plan - NO ACTION

David Kohlbeck, Public Works opened up the discussion regarding City's short range transit plan and introduced Wulf Grote of Valley Metro to conduct a powerpoint presentation.

Regional Route 138 & 170 Extensions
Litchfield Road Connection to Luke
Proposed Circulator Routes
Grand Avenue Transit Feasibility Study

Council Member Hall commented on ridership totals. He inquired about the Park and Ride being close to the Shopping Center.

Council Member Winters commented that he is excited to hear about this, particularly the Bell Road route and connection to the region. He further commented that he would like to hear the results of the study when it is ready.

Mayor Wolcott commented that everyone wants to be connected to the grid and that now we have an

opportunity to do this.

2 - Presentation and discussion regarding increasing City of Surprise Transient Lodging Tax (Bed Tax) - NO ACTION

CRS Director, Mark Coronado conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding increasing City of Surprise Transient Lodging Tax (Bed Tax). DeAngelo Hall of the Tourism Commission was available for questions.

Discussion regarding the possibility of a 2% increase and the city would be in the middle of the other valley cities.

Council Member Hall commented that Surprise is the 7th lowest in bed tax, and the 2 cities lower than Surprise has no stadium.

Mr. Coronado commented that people will ask why we are doing this. He explained that the Rangers and the Royals have been here since 2003, and that we have 2 championship teams in Surprise for spring training.

Mr. Coronado explained that the Chamber of Commerce is our designee to be our representative to the DMO (Designated Marketing Organization). He further commented that for the record we are going to apply this month and it takes one year for the application to be considered.

Mayor Wolcott asked for clarification regarding DMO.

Council Member Hall inquired about Peoria & Glendale.

Mr. Coronado stated that they are their own DMO.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Vice Mayor Williams made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of May 5, 2015 at 4:50 PM. Council Member Biundo 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, May 5, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,