



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

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @ 04:00 PM

A. Call to Order

B. 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, April 7, 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.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

1. Presentation and discussion regarding CDBG Administration, Neighborhood Improvement Activities to HUD as part of the Annual Action Plan 2015-16 - NO ACTION

Community Services Director, Michael Celaya gave the introduction of the CDBG Administration, Neighborhood Improvement Activities and turned the powerpoint presentation over to Christina Ramirez and Alicia Rubio.

Council Member Biundo thanked staff for their report and from the citizens.

Council Member Hall asked for clarification of data and streetlights in the OTS.

Council Member Tande stated that he likes all the effort that staff put into this plan.

Mayor Wolcott commented that she appreciates the extra effort you put into getting this report together and that she is very interested in water feasibility study.

Council Member Villanueva stated that some of the street light poles are missing numbers and that some belong to the century link.

2. Presentation and Discussion of the recommended draft Water Funding Policy - NO ACTION

Water Services Director, Terry Lowe gave a powerpoint presentation regarding Water Funding Policy.

Mayor Wolcott thanked Mr. Lowe for bringing this report forward and kudos to the Water Planning Committee for their efforts.

Council Member Hall commented that he appreciates all that the water planning committee and staff are doing. He further commented that we have a reasonable plan for the future that is flexible to move and adjust as needed.

3. Presentation and discussion regarding Bell Road and Grand Avenue (US60) Traffic Interchange Aesthetic concepts, designs, and costs - NO ACTION

Karl Zook gave the introduction for this item and introduced Meg Saligman the artist who spoke about the design concept and public participation process.

Jackie Keller reviewed timeline for the project.

Meg Saligman discussed the different options of art for this project and outlined most cost effective methods.

Mayor Wolcott thanked staff for providing a variety of concepts, and asked Ms. Saligman to provide some of the feedback from meetings already held.

Ms. Saligman commented that ADOT was concerned about the paint and light, that they were positive about the agave concept, but not so sure about the My Surprise concept.

Jackie Keller also gave feedback in that the majority agree that we want to be different, something that stands out and they all want Surprise to be distinguished.

Council Member Tande spoke of the quality and unique comments, branding Surprise and suggested possibly adding saguaros and joshua trees, sunset over white tanks and the Arizona State Flag.

Council Member Hall commented on imagery on fence material.

Council Member Biundo agreed that LED lighting is critical, he commented that he likes shadows and agave.

Mayor Wolcott stated that it is important that ADOT loves this project as much as we do and commented that the overall public comments were to make sure it wasn't too busy, something classy.

Council Member Hall inquired about the feedback from the Arts Commission.

Council Member Villanueva commented that she also likes the lighting but does not like the level 3 concept.

4. Presentation and discussion on a Zoning Text Amendment regarding the regulation of donation bins within the City of Surprise - NO ACTION

Hobart Wingard, City Planner gave an overview of a Zoning Text Amendment regarding the regulation of donation bins within the City of Surprise. He commented that staff is recommending a temporary use permit for the placement of donation bins with additional restrictions.

Council Member Hall inquired about Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations.

Mr. Wingard stated that they recommended what is in the draft ordinance right now.

Council Member Winters stated that he is glad that the City is doing something about this.

Council Member Tande stated that it looks like there are only 4 or 5 different providers for these boxes, and asked if we anticipate any others.

Mayor Wolcott stated that she has noticed that some people have used these as if they are dumpsters. She asked what the industry doing about this issue and if they can help us respond to this.

Public Comments

Benjamin Graf - Whitney Morris Law Firm, here to represent Goodwill, they do not own any drop boxes. They are tired of these drop boxes showing up on their properties. Currently, we estimate approx. 6 to 7,000 drop boxes in the valley. The issue is a land use issue. The great majority of these boxes are owned by 4 non-profit companies. I do not have any suggested changes to the draft ordinance presented to you, other cities are taking a look at your ordinance. Fee structure needs to be a part of this process to cover code enforcement costs.

Kristin Greene, represent a tech recycling industry and echo what Mr. Graf said, we are very happy with this ordinance. Small change requested, singling out the donation bin industry and not all other TUP's, the change request would be to cover all TUP's since this is a land use issue.

Jim Mapstead - Represent Stop Donation Bin Blight. Express support for the City's ordinance for donation bins and protect property rights.

Robby Milner - Operations Manager for Recycling Services, we fully support the regulations being presented to Council in the ordinance. We clearly mark all of our bins to what type of items we are collecting. We service our bins a minimum 3 times per week. We are very aware of the blight. It is purely a convenience factor for using the bins, instead of going to a facility. It provides a service for the community and eliminated over 50 tons going into the landfill last year alone.

Council Member Hall commented that he likes what Planning and Zoning recommended to Council and he selected option 2.

Mayor Wolcott commented that everyone appeared to be in general agreement with option 2.

5. Continuation of the discussion and presentation regarding FY2016 Budget - NO ACTION

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan introduced Jared Askelson to conduct the powerpoint presentation regarding the changes.

City Manager, Bob Wingenroth commented on additional recommended staff and library costs.

Council Member Hall requested that staff explain the Library situation for the audience,

Council Member Tande commented on the creative work on the internal auditor.

Call to the Public

Rick Molera - 163rd Avenue and Peakview Rd., The City chip sealed Peakview Road, thanks to the Mayor and Council for doing this for the citizens.

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of April 7, 2015 at 6:02 PM. Council Member Villanueva 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, April 7, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,