



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

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 @ 04:01 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 04:01 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, March 3, 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

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1. Presentation regarding future funding from Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority - NO ACTION

Asst. Director, Donna Miller introduced Mr. Tom Sadler, Arizona Sports Authority & CEO, gave a presentation regarding future funding from Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority.

The topics discussed included:

Grant Funding Recipients
Future Funding Opportunities
Cactus League Funding
Facility Renovations

Council Member Hall inquired about the source of funds.

Mr. Sadler explained the sources which are tourism revenues, hotel bed tax and rental surcharge on rental cars at the airport, along with tourism promotions and Cactus League is 3rd in the bucket.

Council Member Hall asked if the bed tax is county wide.

Mr. Sadler replied yes.

Mayor Wolcott stated that it really stands out that Surprise has benefited from this program.

2. Update and Discussion regarding baseball operations at the Surprise Stadium, improvements and renovation projects, and status of possible extension of the agreement between the City and both the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals - NO ACTION

Asst. Director, Donna Miller gave a powerpoint overview of the baseball operations at the Surprise Stadium, improvements and renovation projects, and status of possible extension of the agreement between the City and both the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals.

The topics discussed included:

Timeline of clubhouse renovation project

Estimated funding

Estimated budget

Team agreement, major deal points - extension to 2030

Council Member Hall asked if there was a firm that completed the economic impact of the Cactus League.

Ms. Miller explained that she couldn't recall but we do have a copy of this.

Council Member Hall spoke of capacity of hotel rooms in Surprise, need for occupancy in the summer and that we have approx. 750 rooms. He further commented on the construction schedule.

City Manager, Bob Wingenroth explained breakdown of project costs. He also explained Sports Authority monies.

Mayor Wolcott asked for more detailed information to share with our residents.

Council Member Tande inquired about ticket surcharge.

Ms. Miller explained that the ticket surcharges that were collected last year.

3. Discussion of refinancing of MPC03 bonds and \$15M new bond issuance for clubhouse renovations - NO ACTION

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan and Asst. Finance Director, Andrea Davis gave a powerpoint overview of MPC03 bonds and \$15M new bond issuance for clubhouse renovations.

Council Member Hall asked for explanation of funding for payback.

Council Member Tande stated that he sees a similar reduction in impact fees and asked for clarification.

Mayor Wolcott commented on opportunity to pay off some of these interfund loans and asked if the loan transfers will be closed.

Ms. Davis explained.

City Attorney Leslie asked for E-Session to explain funding in E-session.

Council Member Hall made the motion to enter into executive session at 4:31 PM. Council Member Biundo seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

The Board may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

Mayor Wolcott reconvened the meeting at 4:49 PM.

Call to the public:

Ken Wright stated the following: The committee that has been formed as the Bond Committee, talked to a few Council about this, there seems to be some confusion about this. Looked at the current issue of the Independent and the word Committee was used several times. To me a committee is a committee. I don't see any differential of how it does not pertain to the board/commission handbook. What I am asking is I what is this committee doing? What is their task? If they can change one item in there, then they can change all of them. They need to know what they can and can't do to find out what their job is. I want to know what is going on and what the charge of the Council is. Someone needs to make this determination. Let's get an answer up front and avoid confusion.

Mayor Wolcott asked that the City Attorney and or City Manager meet with Mr. Wright to answer his questions.

Adjournment

Council Member Tande made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of March 3, 2015 at 4:55 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, March 3, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,