



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

Tuesday, February 17, 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, February 17, 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 Deputy City Clerk, Linda Stevens.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1. Presentation and discussion updating City Council on the development of a Signature Gateway Program for the City of Surprise - NO ACTION

Jackie Keller of Community Development reported on the Signature Gateway Program for the city. She spoke of the purpose and the next steps.

Council Member Villanueva spoke of existing signs and adding something a little higher.

Council Member Tande spoke of existing signs and consistency.

Council Member Biundo referred to the St. Louis Gateway Arch and spoke of a sign theme and unifying the signs.

Council Member Hall spoke of a unifying message, simple and elegant signs. He commented that he would like to see a well-defined budget and that we get creative about the way it looks.

Council Member Tande stated that he likes a common design, the mountains, etc.

Mayor Wolcott spoke of the purpose and starting to plan a unified theme and brand.

2. Presentation and discussion regarding the Capital Improvement Program, prioritization, budget implications, and possible funding strategies and alternatives - NO ACTION

City Manager, Bob Wingenroth and Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan reported on the CIP.

Mr. Wingenroth stated he would try to synthesize some of what he heard from City Council and present some options to them. He reported on the following options: Proceed with bond questions November 2015; proceed in 1-2 years and postpone indefinitely.

Council questions:

Mayor Wolcott spoke of Mr. Wingenroth's leadership. She further commented that we need to continue fostering our relationship with Dysart.

Council Member Hall spoke of taking a look at overage in reserve and how strategically we can spend it; projects that need to be addressed in FY16; voter outreach and learning about school finances.

Council Member Tande spoke of the different systems in California; the term "override" and the city having the same concerns.

City Attorney Leslie reminded Council that they need to stay on the agenda topic.

Council Member Villanueva spoke of Dysart School District and being on the Board.

Council Member Biundo referred to the voter turnout initiative and voter turnout. He commented that he doesn't know what "supporting Dysart" means. He also referred to the recreation center.

Vice Mayor Williams referred to the term critical project. He stated that he is in favor of option 2.

Council Member Tande inquired about the voter turnout initiative. He spoke of having options 1 and 2 on the table until June.

Mayor Wolcott gave a recap: voter turnout, different places handle things differently, find ways to educate as it is allowed, team approach to educate and building a sense of urgency.

Council Member Hall spoke of creating jobs in Surprise.

Council Member Villanueva stated that we should form a committee as soon as possible.

Ms. Leslie explained that there is a draft resolution and recommended going through it at the Regular Council Meeting.

Public Comments:

Mike Planeta: impressed with Council's discussion; agreed with Council Member Biundo and Vice Mayor Williams; timing is very important

Wayne Turner: music to his ears; have been talking about it for years; sees great movement with option 1 and 2.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of February 17, 2015 at 6:10 PM. Council Member Villanueva 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, February 17, 2015.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,