



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

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 @ 06:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Meeting** to order at 06:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Biundo, Council Member Winters, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Hall, and Council Member Tande.

Staff Present: City Manager, Bob Wingenroth, City Attorney, Robert Wingo, and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

A proclamation recognizing May 8-14, 2016 as Economic Development Week in the City of Surprise. Mayor Sharon Wolcott will present the proclamation to Surprise Economic Development Director Jeanine Jerkovic.

Mayor Wolcott read aloud the proclamation and thanked our Economic Development team for their hard work and efforts to bring in new businesses into our community. The proclamation was issued to Economic Development Director, Jeanine Jerkovic.

City Manager Report

Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update of the Bell and Grand Improvement Project.

Issue Oath of Office to new Surprise Youth Council Members

Update on Bell & Grand Improvement Project - Carl Zook; Brock Barnhardt from ADOT; Armando Lopez.

Council Member Winters - When all is done, Grand will be 3 lanes in each direction, correct?

Mr. Barnhardt - Yes correct.

Council Member Villanueva - Traffic is working a lot better than we expected, the worst traffic is on Greenway Road where I live.

Council Member Williams - I commend Brock Branhardt (ADOT) and City staff for the community outreach, very responsive.

Mayor Wolcott - Kudos to the contractors, they have made amazing progress.

Mr. Lopez - Progress is going well, traffic is changing so that means people are getting use to the closure and changes.

ED Director Jerkovic - Reported on the businesses in the construction area, and Shop Surprise, help us reach a thousand participants. Construction parties, various types of events, raffles, giveaways, etc.

Paul Bernardo, Youth Services Coordinator introduced the 7 new Surprise Youth Council members.

City Clerk Aguilar, administered the Oath of Office to the new members.

City Attorney Report

City Clerk Report

City Clerk Aguilar - election on May 17, 2016. Ballot box available in the City Clerk's Office beginning May 9, 2016.

Call to the Public

Ken Wright - CAP Water Resources and issues. Hand out given for the record. Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Consent Agenda

1 - Consideration and action pertaining to acceptance of a fire utility vehicle from the City of Avondale to be used in city operations; Resolution #2016-61 - APPROVED

2 - Consideration and action on the Regular City Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting of April 19, 2016 - APPROVED

3 - Consideration and action pertaining to approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Dysart Unified School District (DUSD) to provide a secondary fueling source for City fleet; Resolution # 2016-47 - APPROVED

Council Member Williams made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Villanueva seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda Item - Public Hearing

4 - Consideration and action pertaining to the adoption of new and revised user fees; Resolution # 2016-62 - APPROVED

Budget Manager, Jared Askelson gave a presentation on Resolution No. 2016-62.

Council Member Winters - Dial-A-Ride, questioned fee structure and reservation process.

Vice Mayor Biundo made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-62. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

5 - Discussion and action pertaining to an amendment of the Contribution Agreement between the City of Surprise and The Arizona Community Foundation [on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Surprise Steering Committee] by extending the charter deadline from June 1, 2017 to June 1, 2020 - TABLED UNTIL MAY 2, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

City Manager Wingenroth gave an overview and history of the Boys and Girls Club Steering Committee.

Mike Boyle, Chair of the Steering Committee was asked by the Mayor to answer some questions.

Mayor Wolcott - Do you have the 501C3 and could you please provide a copy of the letter to the Council?

Mayor Wolcott asked for the current balance of the funds from the 2 million dollars. Has there been any fund raising?

Yes some funds have come in and placed in a separate account.

Mr. Boyle commented that we have held back on the fund raising until we hear from National Boys and Girls Club on the moratorium. We just received clarification and intend to start fundraising.

Council Member Williams - asked for clarification on timelines. I support the initiative and intent of the efforts, but can we table this item with the fact that we have a years' time to have this discussion.

Council Member Hall- That date aligns with opening the Hollyhock Facility, it has to be open by 2020.

Margery Jones - Sierra Montana facility in our community. Our neighborhood is not conducive to our needs. We should have had a voice at the beginning of this discussion. Article in Surprise Today this morning.

John Jones - Also spoke on boys and girls club in Sierra Montana. We love our community, and don't want Council to think we have issues against young people. What if you took the 2 million dollars and put into after school programs. If you had to build a building, you could put it right here in the Center.

Carrie & Lyra (daughter) - read aloud a written statement. Research on the topic; this addition needs to make sense financially but this project is not a good fit for our community. The City has one of the best recreation programs in the state. The City already offers a vast array of similar programs already.

Mary Arend - The 2 million dollars could be spent much better with other programs such as library classes and programs. How about the skate park that was just open, what about some resources for the skatepark, subsidize existing programs and buildings.

Robert Nichols - We would be disadvantaged as residents if the children were dropped off in our community and left unattended.

Council Member Williams made the motion to table this item until May 2, 2017 Council Meeting. Council Member Tande seconded the motion. Four yes votes (Wolcott, Williams, Tande and Winters). Three no votes (Villanueva, Hall and Biundo). Motion carried to table.

6 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to the establishment of youth programming at Sierra Montana and Countryside recreation centers as satellite locations in Surprise - NO ACTION

CRS Director, Mark Coronado gave a powerpoint presentation regarding this item.

Council Member Williams - One of the points of pride that we have is the recreation department. You are the face of the City to most residents. One of the issues we have in Surprise is we don't have a sense of community pride because most are from somewhere else. I apologize to residents in Sierra Montana, it is my responsibility, I dropped the ball on this.

Council Member Villanueva - I am concerned, I feel that some of the residents here live in nice areas, we forget that there are other areas that our children are not being represented. We are not looking at Surprise as a whole. I wish we had a third place for all the other kids to go too.

Vice Mayor Biundo - To reaffirm and for further clarification, I certainly understand the concerns the residents are expressing here tonight.

Mr. Coronado - Never intended to bus kids to sights, we do bus only to special events, etc.

Council Member Hall - I am glad you brought up the bussing issue, we don't bus now and we don't have any plans to bus in the future. We are only looking at enhancing our programs at these facilities. The boys and girls club is like any other organization, very well organized. They serve everyone, they don't turn anyone away.

Samantha (Youth Council) - I feel as if the youth have not been directly asked about this issue. The Boys and Girls Club will only make us better.

Aerial - Agree with Samantha, we haven't had the direct contact to ask for our opinions. Applying this in schools would be a better more direct access. I agree with having a third location.

Council Member Tande - I represent District 6, and Countryside is in my district. We do have programs but we haven't fully utilized the buildings so there is room for services. Are there after school programs currently?

Council Member Tande - Are we going to offer before school services or after school?

Mr. Coronado - After school only at this time.

Mayor Wolcott - I wanted to say how much I appreciate the level of intention of this entire Council to

serve children. Truly the vision was to have these centers in our neighborhoods, being able to walk to that facility, the same concept as a neighborhood school. I feel that every child in this community deserves to have the opportunity for these programs. We want to try to find ways to quickly catch up.

Mayor Wolcott - Has this been vetted through the parks and recreation board?

Mr. Coronado - Yes this is part of the process.

Council Member Villanueva - I am the longest standing Councilmember that has been in the community since I was 6 years old and my husband Roy, served on Council for 34 years and always wanted to bring a Boys and Girls Club to Surprise. This would mean a lot to the whole community.

Council Member Williams - Clarification, are we bussing kids to these centers? No! Are we enhancing the programs? Yes we are.

Council Member Tande - Third site, is it possible with no additional dollars at the recreation center and would we be ready?

Tanner McCarthy, personally I don't think it should be, Sierra Montana has been a second home to me. I think we could help fund and find a place.

Jennifer Nichols - Member of the Sierra Montana board, we are opposed to bringing in outside teens into our community. I have been a teacher at Dysart for 9 years. High School teacher at Valley Vista, I think it is important to have a facility that is close to the teens from other areas.

Joseph Nichols - 7th grade student, would be best to have a recreation center on the east side of Surprise. It would not be fair to have them come all the way out to the west valley. A lot of kids don't have a place to go and play.

Kasey Frese - We moved here a year and a half ago from Georgia, similar to Surprise. Slowly it became an inner-city. I met Mrs. Villanueva last year at the Hollyhock Pool. You are passionate about the Boys and Girls Club as was your husband. I appreciate all of you listening to your residents. I think the Hollyhock Recreation Center would be a fabulous location for the Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Wolcott - I am very impressed with our residents, we all agree that we want to take care of our kids. Our CRS Department is constantly trying to maintain and improve on our services.

7 - Discussion and action adopting the tentative expenditure limitation budget for FY2017 in the amount of \$275,801,400 and authorizing publication of said tentative budget; Resolution # 2016-67 - APPROVED

Budget Manager, Jared Askelson conducted a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Vice Mayor Biundo made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-67. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

9 - Discussion and action pertaining to assessment of transaction privilege (sales) tax and property tax rates for the FY2017 budget or alternatives methods for

funding enhanced public safety services - APPROVED

City Manager Wingenroth gave an opening statement before turning over the Budget Manager, Jared Askelson.

Mayor Wolcott reminded Council that in previous discussions all Council agreed that we are focusing on Public Safety this year.

Several options were explained to council.

Council Member Winters - In discussion with residents, not one resident said they want a food tax. They all agree we need to enhance our first responders. I appreciate you giving us 2 more options. I personally like option "F". Will this option get what you need?

Vice Mayor Biundo - I like option "F", but it is important of placing this option in the budget. Option F is a no tax option.

Council Member Williams - My concern with Option F is the long term sustainability; I view it as a step backwards and I prefer Option D, E or F.

Council Member Villanueva - I want to have enough money to hire what we need to hire to protect the City. I was against the food tax before, I don't think that it is going to be a big amount. I am for a food tax, it is not going to be that much. I like Option "A".

Council Member Hall - The residents I am hearing from are saying you need to figure this out without adding more taxes. I am for Option "F".

Council Member Tande - All 7 of us want the same thing, public safety. Prefer Option "B".

Mayor Wolcott - Even though we were going through economic down times we were still growing. We need to find ways to take care of public safety. We are so dependent on sales tax, I am with CM Williams when he talks about sustainability. I have no issue with taking the Council contingency away.

Council Member Villanueva - Option "A", how much money is for food only?

Mr. Askelson - \$1.25.

Vice Mayor Biundo - We all agreed that the public safety package would protect our City. Option "F" still provides 22 positions, it doesn't change anything.

Council Member Williams - In terms of going out for a bond and Option "F". Keeping the property tax, low this option would be favorable. How does option D affect a bond?

Council Member Williams made the motion to approve Option F, with the following amendments: sweep council contingency, reduce planned salary savings by \$600,000.00, restore the Economic Development contingency back to 1 Million and remainder offset by increase in property taxes. Council Member Winters seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Biundo amended the motion that the additional \$600,000.00 not come from property tax but be generated by a 1% reduction in the overall increases of department operating expenses.

Mayor Wolcott stated her position.

Vice Mayor Biundo - gross interpretation regarding 1%.

Council Member Tande - that causes lots of problems.

Amendment vote: 2 yes votes (Biundo and Winters) and 5 no votes. Motion failed.

Vote on the underlying motion:

Council Member Williams repeated the motion - motion to approve Option F, with the following amendments: sweep the council contingency fund, maintain the Economic Development contingency fund, reduce the planned salary savings to \$500,000.00 and the rest remaining the same. 2nd: Council Member Winters.

Vote: Three no votes (Hall, Biundo and Tande). Four yes votes (Wolcott, Villanueva, Williams and Winters). Motion carried.

8 - Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of two development agreements to accept land along the Cactus Road alignment between Cotton Lane and 175th Avenue and along Cotton Lane north of Cactus Road; Resolution #2016-68

City Attorney Wingo commented that he scheduled an esession pertaining to this matter.

Council Member Williams moved to recess and enter into executive session at 10:01 PM. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Consideration and action to enter into executive session for discussion and consultation for legal advice from the City Attorney pertaining to Cactus Road right-of-way development agreements pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 38-431.03(A)(3).

Mayor Wolcott reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 10:12 PM.

City Attorney Wingo explained the resolution and development agreements.

8 - Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of two development agreements to accept land along the Cactus Road alignment between Cotton Lane and 175th Avenue and along Cotton Lane north of Cactus Road; Resolution #2016-68 - APPROVED

No public comments were made.

Council Member Williams made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-68. Council Member Tande seconded the motion. Seven yes votes. Motion carried.

Other Business

Vice Mayor Biundo - Bring forward an item for Arts Police Discussion. 2nd - Council Member Winters.

Council Member Hall - Bring forward discussion item for EDRA Initiative Status Report. 2nd - Council Member Villanueva.

Mayor/Council Reports

Mayor and Council attended and/or reported on the following:

Council Member Tande: great time at IRIS USA.

Council Member Hall: IRIS - class act, great tour; Canyon Ridge Elementary representing a statewide STEM Initiative.

Council Member Villanueva: Meetings on 3rd Wednesdays of the month and Council-to-Council meetings.

Council Member Winters: Praised ED Department, Eric Buss, Mike Hoover.

Council Member Williams: staff does all of the heavy lifting, we have a class organization. The same for the Dysart community.

Mayor Wolcott: We are all very proud of our ED Staff; IRIS is part of the family. Encourage resident to weigh-in/engage.

Adjournment

Council Member Villanueva made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of May 4, 2016 at 10:23 PM. Council Member Winters 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 Meeting of **Wednesday, May 4, 2016.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,