



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

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 @ 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, September 20, 2016**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Council Member Winters, Council Member Williams, Council Member Villanueva, Council Member Hall, Council Member Tande, and District 2 - Vacant.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Richard Houser - Would like to start a Surprise Cycling Club. I need assistance getting the club started in Surprise. Looking for membership and establishing the club. Need advocates and members, need to file for a 501C3 status. Event - Surprise Family Bike Day!

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update on Fighter Country Partnership - NO ACTION

DCM Lance introduced Mr. Ron Sites.

Mr. Sites, Fighter Country Partnership handed out a summary of accomplishments, calendar of events, etc. He also conducted a powerpoint presentation. Deployed family programs and Luke AFB Open House are two events just to name a few.

Mr. Sites thanked each Councilmember and gave a token of appreciation for their support.

Mayor Wolcott thanked Ron for his effort and all of the hard work he has done for the effort.

2 - Presentation and discussion on amendments to the City Code pertaining to the

Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment and Construction Review - NO ACTION

Community Development Director, Eric Fitzer gave an overview of Ordinance 2016-27. A powerpoint presentation was reviewed with Council. The purpose of this ordinance will be to combine the Board of Adjustment and Construction Review Board and place under the responsibility of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Council Member Winters - This would make a change to the board and commission handbook, correct?

Mr. Fitzer - Yes that is correct.

Mayor Wolcott - Clearly we are trying to solve the problem with filling vacancies, the perfect place would be the Planning & Zoning Commission. Comparable to the Council acting as the Marley Park CFD Board.

Council Member Tande - You had mentioned that we can delegate authority to the planning & zoning to select Construction Review Board?

Mr. Fitzer - Yes that is correct.

3 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to proposed amendments to adopted building and fire codes; Ordinance # 2016-28 - NO ACTION

Manager, Chris Boyd gave an overview and powerpoint presentation for Ordinance No. 2016-28. Mr. Boyd explained the outreach efforts for the fire and building code amendments.

Council Member Tande - Mid-cycle review process?

Mr. Boyd - This is what we recently went through reviewing the current code.

Council Member Tande - Do we have a way to evaluate risk without adopting the new codes currently?

Mr. Boyd - I don't see much of a risk for skipping one cycle, we did this in 2009, we had our ISO rating as one factor. With our mid-term adjustments we should be okay.

Council Member Hall- How does this affect our self-certification process?

Mr. Boyd - Not at all. If I could get everyone to go through self-certification process I would encourage this.

4 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to school parking - NO ACTION

Community Development Director, Eric Fitzer gave a powerpoint presentation and overview regarding school parking.

Current issues for elementary and high school sites including on street parking, parking in private driveways; etc.

Council Member Tande - This isn't just a Surprise issue, it is valley wide. Most of our schools have issues with drop off and pick up. In District 6, Marley Park Elementary School, very impressed on how they handled this, tremendously efficient process in place. Concerned about bike lane and bike parking areas as well. I want to focus on safety, but also want to keep the quality of life in mind for our residents.

Council Member Williams - We had an issue with Greer Ranch and Eric talked about this issue. When you look at this globally, you have several groups of people affected, safety is paramount. I love the walking school bus idea, we need to involve our community members for this idea, it won't cost any money. I would like to look at the residential parking permit a little more. There is an ongoing issue with Sara Ann Ranch.

Council Member Villanueva - When you say you are going to need a permit, how are you going to monitor this?

Mr. Fitzer - A staff member will monitor this program, the permit will be affixed to the car. Parking enforcement will be through the Police Department.

Council Member Villanueva - At West Point it's a problem when cars line up on Greenway Road, but it doesn't take too long to unload and pick up the kids.

Council Member Hall - This is a huge conundrum, I have a lot of respect for Council Member Williams and his education background but I think the problem emanates from the schools and we need to involve them to help solve this issue. We need to take a look at certain schools where there is a problem, and if it requires no parking on the street, let's do that. I am totally against parking permits, and staff trying to enforce this, no way! Tempe and Phoenix are densely populated cities, we don't have this, we are spread out. I love the walking school bus, I have witnessed it 6 or 7 times and it takes pressure off of the cars. The PTA can get involved and rotate with parents. There is a thing called tandem parking.

Council Member Winters - I hope it does not come to parking permits, it is a bad precedent to set for our residents. This \$5.00 fee that Tempe is asking their residents to pay, is it for a year?

Mr. Fitzer - Yes per year.

Council Member Tande - This is not a one size fits all situation, I have different issues in District 6. This is a tough issue but I really feel like a certain number of residents want to see some solutions, and they want us to come up with solutions.

Council Member Williams - I agree, I think what we are seeing here is very sight specific and varies throughout the City. Some areas the geography is different, some of the schools are off an arterial roadway. Where you get into issues is High School where the students are driving and this is what we are seeing at Sara Ann Ranch right now. We are a partner coming in and looking at solutions.

Council Member Hall - I would like to see us look at sight specific and deal with that issue.

Council Member Villanueva - Remind Eric that Surprise Elementary school is in El Mirage, but it still crosses Greenway Road and it is dangerous.

Mayor Wolcott - I agree it is not a one size fits all, we do have to be sensitive to the neighborhoods

and reaching out to the schools is a good start.

Public Comments:

Jean Bilhardt - Sarah Ann Ranch - Councilmember Hall wish you would come out to our neighborhood to see what is happening. Paradise Lane has very limited access, we are having the overflow for younger drivers who don't have permission to park in the parking lots. I noticed that Paradise had a football extravaganza, they had tons of cars parking there, there have been 8 to 10 cars parking there since the event. This might be something to look into, why don't they open it up.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Six yes votes, 1 vacancy - District 2.

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, September 20, 2016.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,