



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

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 @ 04:30 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 04:30 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, August 16, 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

Call to the Public

Denise Garcia - Surprise Towne Center, presented an update on how the impact of the Bell/Grand project has affected our businesses. April through October, as a design build project. The construction and closure of Bell Road would cause 22%, temporary loss of 1,100 jobs. The real impacts have been significant retail sales by the tenants, big box sales have decreased 25 - 45%. Businesses are saying they don't know if we can continue. It feels like these tenants are missing what is going on in the economy these days, not seeing it here at all. The number of transactions are down, they are the drivers of the traffic to the center. We are trying to keep together through this construction but it has had a huge impact. We wanted to update the Council tonight. Working on a new sign package for visibility.

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to the 2016 College Baseball and Spring Training season - NO ACTION

CRS Director, Mark Coronado gave an overview and update regarding the 2016 Spring Training College Baseball Clinic. A powerpoint presentation was presented.

Regional television across the country, showed televised games for 2016.

Chart of Spring Training Revenue

Attendance stats are the highest ever to date.

Mr. Coronado - I would like to thank all departments in the City, this is a city wide endeavor, a lot of work behind the scenes.

Council Member Williams - You guys did an outstanding job, well-oiled machine for your department. NLB Network is a National station and great publicity for Surprise. There is not another facility like Surprise stadium. Great work.

Mayor Wolcott - Thanked everyone.

Council Member Villanueva - Congrats to you Mark, I know you have a great staff working behind you.

2 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to Ordinances # 2016-25 and #2016-26, formally creating an Audit Committee and Internal Audit Program, respectively - NO ACTION

City Manager Wingenroth and Internal Auditor, Carol Holley. Ms. Holley gave a powerpoint presentation for the City Audit Program and presented two ordinances that will be critical to the auditing process.

3 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update of the Bell and Grand Intersection Improvement Project and business outreach efforts - NO ACTION

ACM, Mike Frazier started off the presentation with highlights of speakers.

Brock Bernhardt, ADOT - Gave a construction and traffic update, we are at Phase 3B.

Karl Zook - Gave an overview of traffic issues and update for the Public Works Department.

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan - Gave a local sales tax estimate for Bell and Grand Intersection impact. The overall estimated impact would be roughly \$1,000,000. When we look at this for our overall sales tax period, it is down about 18% for the year. 2.6 million below our estimate.

Council Member Tande - How long do you think we will have sales tax receipts, in a month or two?

Ms. Duncan - Yes correct.

Council Member Hall - Good job responding and adjusting, looks like we can stay within budget with the impacts.

Mayor Wolcott - I really appreciate our team's efforts to respond immediately to our businesses needs.

Economic Development Director, Jeanine Jerkovic - Community Outreach Update - Marketing strategies reviewed. Shop Surprise Digital Campaign Update.

Council Member Winters - Great job on this project, this is the biggest thing that has hit the west valley, not hearing very many complaints.

Council Member Hall - So proud of your coordination and efforts to the Bell/Grand Project, at the same

time I am very sensitive to the small businesses, and I appreciate this.

Council Member Tande - I appreciate all these shop local campaigns and creative efforts you are using for our residents and businesses.

Mayor Wolcott - Clearly what you all have done has been very creative, it is amazing the collaborative efforts for this project. Thank you so much for driving this business to the shopping centers.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Tande made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of August 16, 2016 at 5:25 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, August 16, 2016.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,