



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

Tuesday, June 21, 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, June 21, 2016**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Biundo, Council Member Winters, 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

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Presentation and discussion regarding the potential adoption of a Public Art Program Ordinance which would dedicate 1 1/3% of the total cost of applicable City capital projects to fund public art.

City Manager Wingenroth conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding this item.

Mr. Wingenroth gave a history of the public art funding. Resolution 2002-160, 1% set-a-side funding establishment.

Remaining funds were swept in all set aside account by Resolution 2009-29.

He discussed methods for dedicating 1 1/3% to public art, special account for the public art program.

Council Member Hall - I would really like to hear from the speakers.

Council Member Winters - Glad to see we are discussing this. What is the amount in the fund right now? \$32,000.

Public Comments:

Tony Schnell - My concerns are the percentage for art projects when I have heard you are looking at making a 1% cut from all budgets. I am from Anchorage Alaska, they took on a similar program.

Other businesses felt they were being slighted, then taxes went up.

Susan deJong - I am so happy after a few years to have this come back, I think it is time that we did this, Surprise is stepping up to the arts in the City. It is time we do things. The 1.3% is excellent, there are issues we need to look at, but as of now all of the explanations are excellent and I support this.

Margaret Lieu - I applaud you for bringing this up for discussion, this has been a long time coming, discussed since I have been on the board since 2009. Sustainability, if you take this into serious consideration, please think about the economic impact of the arts, the economic study for the arts is coming up again, it shows that it improves quality of life.

Jean Dibner - Art is a wonderful way to showcase the City, it's a young city, but need to look at planning of how we will roll this out. We will reap economic benefit with art projects throughout the City. I am very excited about this discussion, it will jumpstart our program.

Mike Woodard - Before I went on Council approximately 6 years ago, the Council took away the funding for Arts and it was devastating. Many art groups still have been able to produce projects throughout the community through donation. Art does have a place in the City and could be beneficial. We are a growing City that has a great opportunity for us. WHAM is endorsing this proposal.

Mayor Wolcott asked for Council comments and discussion.

Council Member Hall - I want to address the first speakers concerns.

Mr. Wingenroth commented that this would not impact operating funds. This would be a set-aside fund.

Council Member Hall - This fund will be a set up to get the art here. Sustainability piece, I think art makes a statement for our City, economic development, shows maturity and quality of life for our residents.

Vice Mayor Biundo - Public art policies for the City; develop siting plan; appropriate places for public art; provide a funding source. This may address some concerns that the first speaker had.

Council Member Villanueva - Will this be an ongoing funding every year? I support the program but would like to see it throughout the City.

Mr. Wingenroth said yes, this would be looked at every year during the budget process.

Council Member Tande - Would you anticipate maintenance out of this funding? Private developers consider funding?

Mr. Wingenroth - We could work this out in the ordinance, or could look at a department to maintain.

Mayor Wolcott - Private sector, the arts are part of our very soul, but the first speaker brought up some valid questions. Maybe we can place in policy, asking for matching funds with private developers. This would make the project viable.

Mayor Wolcott - There is a trade off to accommodate the arts, the other thing is the soft cost of

preparation costs need to be considered to make sure we don't spend over the one-third.

Mr. Wingenroth commented that these guidelines can be set in code, I don't see that we would need additional staff for this project. We have a good relationship with the Arts Commission.

Mayor Wolcott - The Gateway Project - could this be funded by this particular fund? I want to make sure this is really clear of what the Council is funding. If you expand it beyond visual, it could grow out of control quickly.

Vice Mayor Biundo - The underlying assumption has always been visual arts as art in public places. I agree this should be made very specific.

There is nothing that precludes at this point, the City engage with the developers. I don't want to forget to thank our City Attorney for guiding us through this process, it is a complicated process. May have some complexities.

Council Member Tande - I view this as a policy decision, we have done this in the past. I am looking at this as budgeting a project, there are many components to consider.

Council Member Villanueva - I remember we were talking about the Gateways, the amount was not brought up at that time, and how are they going to be paid for?

Mr. Wingenroth - We are trying to work this project into Capital Improvement Funding. It would be valuable to have a conversation with the Arts Commission.

Council Member Hall - Suggesting that we look into working with developers, and the safety aspect needs to be built into the policy. I envisioned the gateway project as part of our CIP.

Mayor Wolcott - I agree we should limit to visual arts, that is important.

Tony Schnell - Bond coming up for the new fire stations, 5 buildings, 5 different colors, we can't sell our houses out there. As a taxpayer, I pay the same as Waddell, they have many amenities. I am baffled that 2 weeks ago, you were scrambling to fund public safety. This is my issue.

2 - Presentation and discussion of the current state of the Colorado River System and CAP and the impacts on Arizona and Surprise - NO ACTION

Water Resources Director, Terry Lowe gave an overview of the Colorado River System and CAP and the impacts on Arizona and Surprise.

CAP and the Economy

RECAP - Colorado River Water Supply (Lake Mead)

Mayor Wolcott - It is just a matter of time before the cost is going up.

Council Member Villanueva - I heard a rumor that China had bought some land along the Colorado River in order to store some of the water, is this true?

Mr. Lowe - China has bought some land along the Colorado River for ag-land.

Mr. Lowe discussed chart for Lake Mead end of the month elevations. Arizona has planned for this day, Arizona Banking Authority. Reviewed Arizona's plan and impacts to Surprise.

Mayor Wolcott - Private sector water suppliers, is their mark-up significant?

Consolation/education - We have to get better about this, maybe start in the schools?

Mr. Lowe - we are going to schools now, conservation comes down to how much residents want to spend for water.

Council Member Hall - Long term storage credits - wet water?

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of June 21, 2016 at 5:54 PM. Council Member Villanueva seconded the motion. Six 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, June 21, 2016.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,