



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session Agenda
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 @ 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Call To The Public:

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Note: A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) - During this time members of the public may address City Council on any item not on the agenda. At the conclusion of the open call, City Council may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. No discussion or action shall take place on any item raised.

Approval of items on the Consent Agenda – all items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion and one roll call vote to the City Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

E. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing:

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| 1. | District Citywide | Presentation and discussion from members of the Surprise Youth Council (SYC) updating the City Council on their recent trip to Washington, D.C. & information about their teen issue campaign. | No Action
Paul
Bernardo,
Youth
Services
Adminstrator |
| 2. | District Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to activity from utility partners Arizona Public Service, Southwest Gas, and EPCOR. | None
Nicole
Lance,
Deputy City
Manager |

F. Executive Session:

For information Purposes; Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the City Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, but for only the following purposes:

- discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1));
- discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection (A.R.S. §38-401.03 (A)(2));
- discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3));
- discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (a)(4));
- discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(5)); or
- discussion, consultation or consideration for international and interstate negotiations or for negotiations by a city or town, or its designated representatives, with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city or town. A.R.S. §38-401.03 (A)(6)).
- discussing or consulting with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(7)).

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The council may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

G. Adjournment:

SHERRY ANN AGUILAR, CITY CLERK, MMC

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Council Meeting Date:	April 19, 2016	Contact Person:	Paul Bernardo, Youth Services Administrator
Submitting Department:		District:	Citywide
Staff Recommendations:	No Action		

Consent	Regular	Public Hearing	Report/Discussion
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Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion from members of the Surprise Youth Council (SYC) updating the City Council on their recent trip to Washington, D.C. & information about their teen issue campaign.

Motion:

Discussion only.

Background:

Eight members of the SYC attended a week long immersive civic education program in Washington, D.C. (March 13-18) with over 250 other students from across the U.S. The program is done in partnership with Close Up. Close up has a successful 45 year history leading thousands of students from across the nation each year by turning the nation's capital into a living classroom.

The SYC launched an awareness campaign for teens on April 4, 2016 to help spread the message that everyone belongs. It's called "Be Yourself. Find Your Crowd. Get Along." The SYC says that by promoting the idea of finding your crowd, they are encouraging students to break out of their comfort zones and expand their horizons when it comes to making friends. This item will include a presentation by members of the SYC about their trip and the campaign.

Objective Analysis:

The SYC engages students from the Surprise area in programs such as the civic education trip to D.C. and promotes awareness around issues affecting teens to schools in the Surprise area. The City Council Strategic Plan identifies the goal of providing a direct connection between the city and schools through teen advisory groups such as the SYC.

Policy Compliant:

This action is compliant with City and Council policy

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact associated with this item.

FTE Impact:

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

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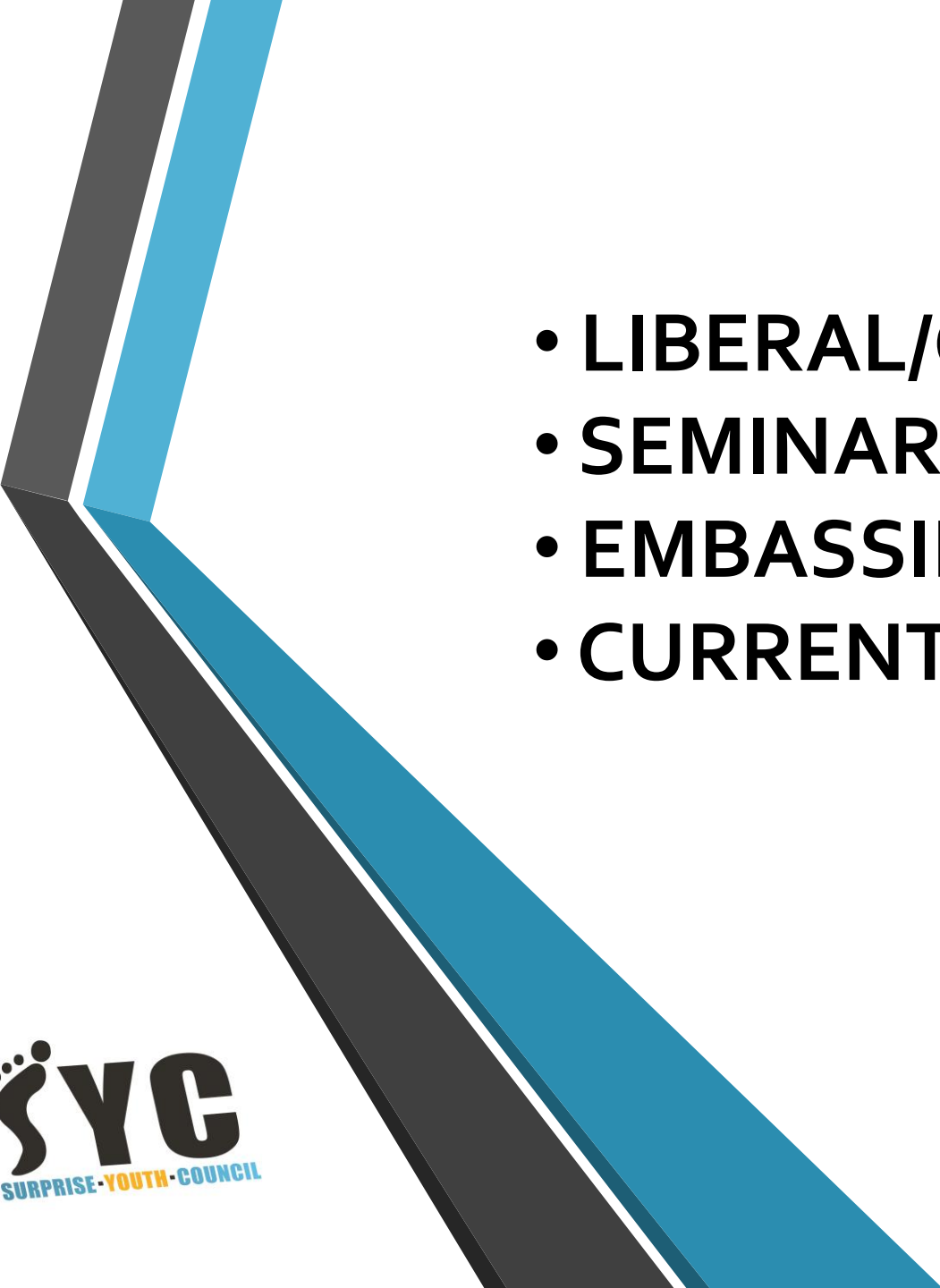


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- Congressman **RUBEN GALLEGO**
- Congressman **TRENT FRANKS**
- Policy Advisor to David Schweikert **KELLY ROBERSON**



CAPITOL HILL



THANK YOU!



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Council Meeting Date:	April 19, 2016	Contact Person:	Nicole Lance, Deputy City Manager
Submitting Department:	City Mgr	District:	Citywide
Staff Recommendations:	None		

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Agenda Wording:

Presentation and discussion pertaining to activity from utility partners Arizona Public Service, Southwest Gas, and EPCOR.

Motion:

Item is for presentation and discussion only.

Background:

At a previous regular City Council meeting, Councilmember Skip Hall requested that Deputy City Manager Nicole Lance provide an update on activities of the utility partners for the City of Surprise. This presentation will provide an overview of three general areas of information: upcoming construction activity, rate cases, and general community news including where citizens can go for ongoing information regarding utility operations in and around Surprise.

Objective Analysis:

This item is for information only.

Policy Compliant:

This presentation is consistent with Council policy and practice regarding communication with the public.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Budget Impact:

N/A

FTE Impact:

N/A

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Utility Partner Update

April 19, 2016



Utility Partner Update



- Construction
- Rates
- Community/Collaboration



EPCOR- Construction Update



Planned investment of more than \$500 million infrastructure investment for repair/replacement of aging infrastructure and to support new homes and businesses.

Pending construction projects:

- Bell Road and US 60/Grand Avenue overpass: relocation of water and sewer lines.
 - October 2016 - approximately \$155,000
- Bell Road Lift Station (Bell Road and El Mirage roads): Installation of new pumps to replace aging wastewater infrastructure and improve operational safety.
 - June 2016 - approximately \$245,000
- Coyote Lakes: replacement of approximately 3.5 miles of water main that was installed in 1988 and is prone to breaks, which can result in leaks, customer service interruptions and frequent, costly repairs.
 - 3 phase project moving south to north: includes service laterals that extend into cul-de-sacs in southern 2/3 of the community
 - 1st phase – April 2016, 2nd & 3rd phase- 2017 & 2018 - approximately \$3.1 million

EPCOR- Construction Update



- Bell Road Lift Station connection with NW Valley Water Reclamation Facility: completion of construction on the replacement of 3.25 miles of 18-inch force main originally installed in the 1970s. Installation improves reliability and allows old line to be kept on reserve for emergency use.
 - End of 2016 - approximately \$7.5 million
- Water Plant 8 to Zanjero Trails: Installation of 3.4 miles of new 12-to-16-inch water main to support new development and ensure adequate water pressure and fire flow.
 - 2017+ pending developer activity – approximately \$2.8 million
- White Tanks Water Treatment Plant: In response to continued growth, preliminary plans to expand the capacity of the White Tanks Water Treatment Plant are in development.
 - Date TBD, based on demand and growth; design could begin as early as late 2016 - approximately \$10.75 million

EPCOR- Rate Update



AZ Corporation Commission Rate Case

- Wastewater service: approximately 1,500 connections
 - Most customers live in the Coyote Lakes community and are part of EPCOR's Sun City wastewater district
- AZ Corporation Commission(ACC): ordered EPCOR to file a new wastewater rate case by April 29, 2016
 - Required to provide 2015 data/costs to examine 3 rate design scenarios:
 - Consolidating all five wastewater districts into one large district
 - Keeping the districts as they are today
 - Separating the districts according to treatment facility
 - Once application has been accepted, EPCOR will hold community open houses. It is not anticipated to have a decision from the ACC before early 2017.
- *Current position: Create one large rate district to mitigate the impact that infrastructure replacements and increasing operating costs will have on customers.*

March 31, 2016: Agreement with Surprise

- ACC Staff issued its report and draft decision recommending approval of agreement between the City of Surprise and EPCOR
- Previous agreement between American Water and the City of Surprise included billing services, which are no longer provided by EPCOR
- New agreement was required to reflect the change in ownership from American Water to EPCOR

Additional construction on Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230 kilovolt transmission line

- Project is outside the City of Surprise limits
 - Possible increased traffic due to construction activities for those who live along the route
- Connects the Sun Valley Substation near Sun Valley Parkway in Buckeye to the Morgan Substation located near SR74 in Peoria
- Completes an extra high voltage line that loops around the valley, improving overall reliability
- In fall 2016, APS will begin to build roads needed to access parts of the line with an in-service date of spring 2018
- No power outages or service disruptions are planned

AZ Corporation Commission Rate Case

- January 29, 2016: filed a 120-day Notice of Intent to File a Rate Case with the ACC
- June 2016: APS plans to file a general rate case which will identify specifics
- Decision from ACC expected 2017
- Public input will be a cornerstone of the process
- Last rate case was approximately 5 years ago
- For updates, please visit <http://www.azenergyfuture.com/rate-review/>

APS- Community Update



Surprise Customer Office:

- Due to decline of customer transactions at business offices, Surprise Service Office was closed April 4, 2016
- Many additional payment options: U.S. Postal Service, pay-by-phone, aps.com, third-party locations and automatic payment programs
- 1Q 2016: added new walk-in, over-the-counter locations at retailers such as Walmart, CVS Pharmacy and Albertson's
 - These payment options allow customers to pay multiple bills, including APS, at a one-stop location. Most of these options also provide the choice of completing transactions in English or Spanish.
- Exploring collaboration with City of Surprise to be able to receive payments at City Hall

Southwest Gas- Construction Update



- As part of the “Early Construction” phase of the ADOT US 60 (Grand Ave) and Bell Road Interchange project, Southwest Gas is in the process of relocating facilities to accommodate the pending construction.
- No other projects within Surprise limits planned at this time.

Southwest Gas- Rates Update



- March 21, 2016: filed a Notice of Intent with ACC for upcoming Arizona General Rate Case (GRC)
- May 2, 2016: SW Gas intends to file rate case application using 2015 data
- Has been more than five years since SW Gas filed a general rate case; current rates for Southwest Gas became effective January 1, 2012
- Basis of current rates utilizes operating expenses and capital investments made by the Company prior to June 30, 2010
- Information on the filing is available by visiting edocket.azcc.gov and entering the docket number G-01551A-16-0107 in the search field
- Information on the rate case will also be available by visiting www.swgas.com
- ACC will establish the procedural schedule, including public comment options

Southwest Gas- Community Update



Southwest Gas Energy Share Program in partnership with Salvation Army

- Community Event April 13 at Salvation Army Glendale Corps serving Surprise, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, and El Mirage
- Utility Assistance day to aid customers with natural gas bills
- The Energy Share program is an emergency fund which provides direct utility assistance to qualified customers with unexpected financial difficulties. The program is funded through the generous contributions of Southwest Gas customers and employees.

Questions or Comments?

