CITY OF SURPRISE

City Council Work Session Minutes
)00 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 @ 04:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 04:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, March 15, 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 with the President & CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), Chris Camacho, providing an update on their new organizational 3-year strategic plan - NO ACTION

Economic Development Director, Jeanine Jerkovic introduced Chris Camacho, President and CEO of GPEC to give an update on the 3 year strategic plan. A powerpoint presentation was reviewed.

Council Member Tande - The number one priority is creating jobs and GPEC is a strategic strength for this.

2 – Presentation and discussion pertaining to review of capital projects - NO ACTION

Budget Manager, Jared Askelson gave a powerpoint presentation regarding Capital Projects.

Council Member Winters - Questioned public works facilities being maxed out.

Council Member Hall - Spreadsheet on source funds, where will the money be coming from? The lights on Bell Road need maintenance, the poles and banners look tired in the far west section of Bell Road. Before we get into a big capital plan, we need to figure out a way to take care of what we have.

Mr. Askelson - 14 bay vehicle maintenance yard, fleet maintenance, fuel station, etc.

Council Member Hall - Is it our intention to abandon the existing one, or still use it? The south plant is not the center of our City. This is too high level for me; we need more information before I can make a decision.

Mr. Askelson further explained what the budget process will be and that this is preliminary discussions.

Council Member Villanueva - Are the 8 buses for the City or Maricopa County?

Mr. Askelson - actually 9 buses and it would depend on the decisions that the Council will make for a circuit route to the hospital, regional.

Council Member Tande - I like the idea of a circulator until we get our fair share of transit in Surprise. He questioned several projects that are necessary citywide for landscaping. I do like this as a concept to look at putting this before our citizens for a vote.

Council Member Biundo - I appreciate the work put into this. Some priorities are going to emerge from the priorities. It was so important to keep this broad view in place; otherwise you lose the symmetry and total branding.

City Manager Wingenroth - I want to give a lot of credit to Ms. Duncan and Mr. Askelson and the Finance team. When I came to Surprise we were concentrating on paying the light bills and mortgages, now we need to identify what our assets are and future projects. We still have a ways to go, but important is the coordination of all our departments.

Mayor Wolcott - It is very clear that there are a lot of outstanding projects and needs. MAG regional transit concerns, federal funding that may be available but not used. We need to have a very strategic plan in place and may drive some of the priority decision making with additional funding available. This task can be somewhat daunting.

Council Member Villanueva - Entry ways into our City are not on the list.

3 – Presentation and discussion pertaining to City Transportation projects - NO ACTION

Suneel Garg, City Engineer conducted a powerpoint presentation for transportation projects - NO ACTION

Karl Zook - Greenway Road Project, complete by June 2016.

Council Member Winters - Fantastic job on sidewalk project on Bell Road.

Council Member Villanueva - I have heard comments from residents in Coyote Lakes that they are very happy for the sidewalk project, they can connect with the rest of the City.

Mayor Wolcott - Not only is it great for connectivity, but it makes it look great.

4 – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the fiscal year 2016 Capital Improvement Projects - NO ACTION

Michael Boule gave a powerpoint presentation for FY 2016 Capital Projects.

Council Member Winters - questioned electrical panel capacity.

Council Member Hall - Lights still all work at the Stadium?

Mr. Boule - Absolutely!

Council Member Tande - Remaining capital balance, that has all been appropriated, correct?

Ms. Duncan - there is ability to prioritize, is my understanding.

Council Member Biundo - It would be interesting to see what's in the queue for the 19 million dollars.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of March 15, 2016 at 5:30 PM. Council Member Villanueva seconded the motion. Six yes votes. Motion carried.

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Sharon R. Wolcott, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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, March 15, 2016.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,