



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

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 @ 05:02 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 05:02 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, February 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

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to the capital related revenue and an overview of the fiscal year 2017 capital budget process - NO ACTION

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan turned over the presentation to Budget Manager, Jared Askelson who gave an overview of a powerpoint presentation. A presentation regarding 2017 capital budget process.

Vice Mayor Williams - GO Bond, one of the factors is servicing the debt and with a CFD it pays for itself, correct?

Mr. Askelson - Both CFD and GO Bond operated similarly, that tax can only be used for servicing that debt.

Vice Mayor Williams - Can you do something across the board with a CFD citywide?

Mr. Askelson - To establish the CFD, we would have to have permission from all of the property owners, making it difficult.

Mayor Wolcott - Here we are trying to plan ahead, going to the capital defending our position and

staying static, please don't hurt us, but stay static. When it comes to prioritizing, personally when you prioritize from available funding, it's basically chasing the federal and grant dollars. We are mindful of the taxpayers dollar. I prefer we look at seeking funding for our actual needs of our citizens, most logical way to tackle this.

Council Member Villanueva - At what time are we allowed to see what projects that we have coming forward? When will be the time to discuss?

Ms. Duncan - We would like to hear your suggestions now so that we can prepare for the budget process.

Council Member Biundo - Mayor raised an interesting point for prioritization. How do we create that full schedule, so we can come to some sense of prioritization.

Council Member Tande - Are you prepared to share with us the capacity at this time and is this a sustainable number?

Mr. Askelson - No not a sustainable number right now. Right now, I can't tell you what is available, but this is the start of where we can get into our conversations of priorities.

Council Member Tande - My sense is we have saved up for several years and will see projects being done. Even if we make these decisions this budget year, we will be 2 to 3 years down the road. This might be an opportunity to look at raising taxes, or look at options. Otherwise we will be pushing this off for several years. Would like to see a multi-year plan and review every year.

Council Member Hall - Study group, I don't know if Nicole is plugged into this. We need City people in this group.

Mayor Wolcott - We have expressed this to the League, there will be 2 different prisms to discuss these issues with City staff as well.

Council Member Hall - We have heard from our residents and we need to keep this at the forefront, they want a safe city, activities, parks and recreation, love our services. This is part of our quality of life in the City. We need to keep our residents in mind and what they want. Possible secondary property tax. I receive so many positive compliments from our residents on our City staff and services, especially public safety.

Mayor Wolcott - Good point Councilmember Hall, it is about our basic services that residents like the most. We all hear the importance of public safety from our residents, we stand out and we want to maintain this especially as we grow. Need to adequately fund these basic services.

Council Member Tande - Discussed upcoming road projects and the possibility for funding for future projects. If we don't take some kind of policy action, then some things are not going to get done for several years.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of February 16, 2016 at 5:35 PM. Council Member Tande 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, February 16, 2016.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,