



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

Tuesday, February 2, 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, February 2, 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

Regular Agenda Item - Public Hearing

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 - Presentation and discussion by Rusty Mitchell, Director of Community Initiatives for Luke Air Force base, pertaining to an update on activities at the base - NO ACTION

Deputy City Manager, Nicole Lance introduced Rusty Mitchell, Director of Community Initiatives for Luke Air Force base, pertaining to an update on activities at the base.

Mr. Mitchell recalls his first Council Meeting at the old City Hall on Bell Road, and where our relationship has evolved to now.

Mr. Mitchell conducted a powerpoint presentation regarding the 56th Fighter Wing Leadership.

Mayor Wolcott - a resident brought this to my attention, is there a flight training school west of Sun City Grand, is it compatible with the lines that are drawn?

Mr. Mitchell will check and get back to Council on this.

Council Member Williams left the meeting at approximately 4:30 PM.

2 - Presentation and discussion regarding Bell and Grand communication and outreach during construction in support of local businesses - NO ACTION

Economic Development Director, Jeanine Jerkovic gave a powerpoint presentation and overview of the Bell and Grand communication and outreach during construction in support of local businesses.

Ms. Jerkovic broke down into detail, the Bridge Buddy Program.

Mayor Wolcott - Thank you for this presentation, I do have an idea, I think we have an opportunity to gain customers with event planning. What if we had a concert band in the parking lot at the Surprise Center to attract customers to the mall. This would engage the restaurants and retailers.

Council Member Tande - This is a very good effort, I don't want our businesses to suffer. One thing I have noticed is it's easier to get there right now. The key is regular communication efforts with the businesses.

Council Member Villanueva - Are the maps you showed us road maps and are they new?

Yes they are new and will be available on our website and copies are on the table.

Communications Director, Diane Arthur explained the handouts, maps, detour maps, etc.

Council Member Winters - Nice presentation, question is Bell will be shut down on April 1st, will there be detour signs, but when will the signs be put up?

Mr. Zook commented that most likely put up message boards at least 10 days in advance. We will get you specific answers ahead of time.

Council Member Hall - It's in the details every day, Grand was restricted to one lane, left lane turn, the traffic backed up to Parkview. I suggest we have a person looking at this on site to see if it matches what we are telling our residents. There was work being done on Bell Road, but not clear of what was going on since there were no workers. Received a call that they waited 8 traffic lights just to turn onto Grand. Is there a phone app that could be used, such as Bell/Grand app?

Mr. Zook - yes all of these issues are being discussed with staff, it will be critical to get this information out as soon as possible to everyone.

Council Member Hall - No one is going to be more sensitive to all of this work more than us, we are the most concerned about our businesses.

Vice Mayor Biundo - We are seeing the phrase repeatedly "Full closure of Bell Road". That's not to be taken actually literally. There will be particular access points to get into shopping areas.

Ms. Arthur commented that this issue is being discussed with ADOT and the Contractor, these are the details currently being discussed and once the timelines are pin pointed, then these types of materials can be created.

Mayor Wolcott - I think we have all heard the hard closure of Bell Road, people are interpreting it that all of Bell will be blocked. We need to get the correct info out there as soon as possible.

Council Member Hall - If you are in the car and you come to the detour point, will we have options if

whether or not the businesses are open?

3 - Presentation and Discussion pertaining to a proposed amendment to Chapter 113 of the Surprise Municipal Code regarding Political Signs - NO ACTION

City Planner, Robert Kuhfuss gave a powerpoint presentation overview to a proposed amendment to Chapter 113 of the Surprise Municipal Code regarding Political Signs.

Council Member Winters - Community Outreach event held, how many attended? 1 person.

Council Member Tande - Clarification, the text amendment takes out any mention of political signs, but the City still has the State Statute, correct?

Mayor Wolcott - Are we going to spell out the State Statute, not just a citation or number?

City Attorney Wingo asked for clarification on what to add to the code?

Mayor Wolcott - If we are going with state statute in which I am fine with, shouldn't we define the statute so that everyone is clear?

Council Member Tande - What I found helpful is having the information in the Candidate's packets but to also include on the Clerk's Website.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Regular City Council Work Session of February 2, 2016 at 5:44 PM.

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 2, 2016.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,