CITY OF SURPRISE

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

Tuesday, January 19, 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, January 19, 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 Attorney, Bob Wingenroth, City Attorney, Robert Wingo, and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Regular City Council Work Session Agenda:

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing:

1. **Presentation and discussion pertaining to the implementation of the Maricopa County Association of Governments (MAG) Compass Study, and update on the Grand Avenue High Capacity Transit Study and East West Corridors - NO ACTION**

City Planner Lucero commented that this is actually 3 presentations in 1.

Compass presenter Jason Pagnard, Burgess Niple Senior Project Manager.

Mayor Wolcott - Asked for clarification of the Compass Study. What is the timeline for the Corridor study? Mayor Wolcott commented that it is encouraging that this project is moving forward and not sitting on a shelf.

Council Member Hall - Who initiated this study? What is BRT?

Bus Rapid Transit.

Council Member Hall - I am impatient with connectivity in Maricopa County.

Mr. Wolfe from Valley Metro gave a powerpoint presentation.

Council Member Hall - Questioned the relevancy of the chart in the presentation. What does this have to do with Surprise? There is a growing need from our residents wanting connectivity to other areas of Maricopa County.

Council Member Tande - Valley Metro Extension, circulator in Surprise, how will this help feed into the City and connect to park and ride?

Mayor Wolcott - Reverse commute, need to consider the importance of this to be regional partners.

Council Member Tande - Aqua Fria crossing.

Council Member Villanueva - Would still like to have the bridge on Union Hills area, to divert traffic from Bell Road.

Mr. Lucero commented that the Williams/Deer Valley River Crossing is outside of our City limits, but helps out our City and take traffic off of Bell Road.

Vice Mayor Biundo - Is commuter rail a consensus ?

2. **Presentation and discussion regarding the White Tank Mountains Conservancy - NO ACTION**

Deputy City Manager, Nicole Lance provided the introductions for this item.

Ian Dowdy, Treasurer for the White Tank Mountains Conservancy, works as Program Director for the Sun Corridor Legacy Program for the Sonoran Institute.

Mayor Meck serves as the Vice Chair of the White Tank Mountains Conservancy.

Todd Hornback, Chair of the Board, works as Executive director of community life for DMB.

Les Meyers, Ex Officio for the board and is an "Experience Matters Encore Fellow" who is facilitating the Conservancy.

Mayor thanked Todd for the presentation and commended the fund raising efforts for this project.

Council Member Tande - you want to protect WTM from homes, how do you define the elevation.

Council Member Villanueva - Past Council talked about housing on the White Tanks and preservation, she thanked Council Member Hall for bringing this forward.

3. **Presentation and discussion regarding Bell Grand construction timelines, communication outreach tot he public and business engagement - NO ACTION**

ACM Frazier - commented that 3 presenters will be participating with this presentation.

Brock Barnhart, ADOT - Operational side of presentation. Dsign change made during bid process. Elevation bridge height reduced approximately 6 feet. Refer to powerpoint presentation.

Design Build selected - Coffman Specialists, INC.

Council Member Hall - Communication so super important, what is the communication tree? What kind of lead time will you need?

Ken Brunner, Project Manager - Intent is to keep lanes open in both directions on Grand.

Karl Zook - gave a powerpoint presentation.

ED Director Jerkovic - gave a powerpoint overview of business outreach called Bridge Buddy Program.

Council Member Winters - Question for Brock, concerned about businesses, especially access on Foxfire and 134th.

Council Member Tande - Detour signs, how will they be set up?

Council Member Tande - Happy we are engaging businesses near construction, are we going to have messaging about businesses in other areas to relay that they are open for business?

Council Member Villanueva - When will the maps be ready? Concerned about where would construction be done by the month of November. How much will be done by that time?

Mr. Barnhart - our intention is that the bridge is open before the holiday season.

Vice Mayor Biundo - Need consistent unified communication. Very helpful to break down a timeline for specific goals with completion dates.

Council Member Hall - Anticipation, Litchfield is going to be an issue, need to up the enforcement. Recommendation to Jeanine, a month is too long for communication. Recommend that you meet with them, onsite, not at City Hall. Asked that staff drive Bell Road at Litchfield and look at the detour signs, and what are they communicating. Business are open and you can get to them.

Karl Zook - Good question, we have a traffic management system and can see real time situations. Adjust signals, etc.

Mayor Wolcott - Commented that our residents who already shop in Sun City and Sun City West will continue to shop there and will still take RH Johnson Blvd., it's a public road. We need to discuss how to keep our residents shopping right here in Surprise.

Council Member Villanueva - Questioned map, traveling Litchfield to Greenway is going to be an issue. Will go straight on Greenway to Grand Avenue.

Ken Wright: referred to Flint, Michigan, the reports and the project.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Winters made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of January 19, 2016 at 6:17 PM. Council Member Tande 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, January 19, 2016.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,