



**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
100 North Civic Center Plaza  
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 @ 06:00 PM

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Meeting** to order at 06:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Tande, Council Member Winters, Council Member Hayden, Council Member Duffy, Council Member Remley, and Council Member Hall.

**Staff Present:** City Manager, Bob Wingenroth, City Attorney, Robert Wingo, and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements**

**A proclamation acknowledging Mental Health Awareness Week will be presented to Dr. Newman of Destiny Springs Behavioral Health Hospital.**

Mayor Wolcott read aloud the proclamation and presented to Dr. Newman of Destiny Springs to accept proclamation.

**City Manager Report**

**Arizona Coalition for Military Families (ACMF) will be presenting the City of Surprise the Veteran Supportive City and Veteran Supportive Employer designation.**

- 1 - Seth Dyson introduced Mark Schott (HR), Tom Abbott, Terry Young and Deb Perry, Human Services and Community Vitality Dept., Kelly Beck from Military families, presented plaques to the City staff.
- 2 - Mike Cassidy introduced members of the Surprise Youth Council. Love our Schools day event.
- 3 - Recognize loss of special co-worker, Fire Dept., Chief "Bruno" Brunacini of Phoenix. Great mentor, leadership, authentic with people, doing the simple things right.

**City Attorney Report**

## City Clerk Report

### Update on upcoming Bond Election

### Call to the Public

Ken Wright - Bond election update, spoke in support of the bond. Street Repair Program; resurfaced our own streets. Impressed by our current program.

Linda Cabrera - Surprise Community Garden, invited Council to the Fall Harvest Festival @ Benevilla.

### Consent Agenda

**1 - Consideration and action to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Tohono O'odham Nation to accept grant funding for the Stabilization of Families Project and to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 budget by reallocating appropriations of \$60,000 within the Grants Fund; Resolution # 2017-109 - APPROVED**

Council Member Remley - Asked where were the locations where the volunteers will be located?

3 locations, Surprise Community Center, Surprise Resource Center@ AZTechcelerator and 3rd, New Leafs River Boat Bingo.

Council Member Remley made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-109. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

**2 - Consideration and action on the "Salvation Army" Final Plat dated July 10, 2017, a property located North of Bell Road between North Avenue of the Arts and North 115th Avenue, within the Canyon Ridge West Planned Area Development at 17420 North Avenue of the Arts - APPROVED**

**3 - Consideration and action on an amendment to the fiscal year 2017 and 2018 budgets by reallocating appropriations of \$673,500 from the General Capital Contingency from within the General Capital Fund as follows: \$35,000 to the General Capital Fund, \$60,000 to the Land Improvement Demolition Fund, and \$578,500 to the OTS Land Acquisition fund to facilitate the purchase of the real property within the Original Townsite; Resolution #2017-122 - APPROVED**

Mayor Wolcott asked that this item be removed from consent to discuss. City Manager Wingenroth gave an overview of this item.

Council Member Remley made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-122. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

**4 - Consideration and action on the minutes of October 3, 2017 Regular City Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting - APPROVED**

**5 - Consideration and action on a request by Michael Joseph Basha for Acquisition of Control for an existing liquor license for Basha's #137 located at 15367 W. Waddell Road, Surprise, AZ 85379 (Current License #09070239) - APPROVED**

Vice Mayor Tande made the motion to approve the consent excluding items 1 and 3, which were voted on separately. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

### **Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing**

#### **6 - Consideration and action on the Revised Business License and Finance Fees; Resolution # 2017-107 - APPROVED**

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan reported on this item.

Council Member Remley questioned the other benchmark cities.

Vice Mayor Tande - Postings and outreach on facebook, twitter, etc., and no business responses.

Council Member Duffy - This is a big increase, how did you come up with the numbers and increasing by a large amount?

Ms. Duncan gave an overall explanation on the proposed increases.

Council Member Remley - Apologized for raising questions but I am concerned about the message we are sending to our community and businesses. I own a business here too, I pay my fees, but I find it difficult to believe that it takes an employee an hour and a half to file the fee. Talked with a business owner that expressed concerns that the process to get a business license is difficult here in the City.

Mayor Wolcott - When it comes to compare stories, we have made significant strides to stream line our processes, we are not perfect, but just about every business owner in other cities will say the same thing. We as a City are very business oriented.

Council Member Duffy - I am not a business owner, I do like that everything is consolidated, I do like this part of the process. It does look like there is a bit of an incentive. I agree with Mayor Wolcott that no matter which City, you will have the same complaints about dealing with their Cities.

Council Member Hall - 80% seems like a big jump but shame on us for not reviewing the fees for 20 years. I think we have done a very good job in research, I think we are competitive with the findings. These fees compared to the time in terms to the business person, time is essential. The fees are a factor, but time is much more important.

Council Member Winters made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-107. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Six yes votes, one no vote (Remley), motion carried.

#### **7 - Consideration and action regarding a Map of Dedication for Rancho Mercado Parkway, located generally north of the Happy Valley Road alignment between the Bullard Road and Litchfield Road alignments - APPROVED**

Community Development Director, Eric Fitzer gave an overview of this item and a combined presentation for the next 2 items for Rancho Mercado.

Council Member Winters - This is amazing how long this has been going on, July 2016. Happy Valley Road going West to 163rd, is this going to take about a year and a half?

Mr. Fitzer - There are some 2018/2019 dates.

The applicant, Fil Luna spoke on timelines and submissions to the State Land Department.

Council Member Hall - What about Bullard and the connection to the 303.

Mr. Luna - Nixed back in 2003, ADOT didn't want to make the connection to the 303.

Council Member Winters made the motion to approve the Map of Dedication for Rancho Mercado Parkway. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

**8 - Consideration and action regarding a Map of Dedication for Happy Valley Road Phase 2, located generally along the Happy Valley Road alignment between the Beardsley Canal and the west line of Rancho Mercado Parcel A12 - APPROVED**

Council Member Winters made the motion to approve the Map of Dedication for Happy Valley Road, Phase 2. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

**9 - Consideration and action regarding a Map of Dedication for Happy Valley Road Phase 3, located generally along the Happy Valley Road alignment between the city limits and the Beardsley Canal - APPROVED**

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the Map of Dedication for Happy Valley Road, Phase 3. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

**Other Business**

**Mayor/Council Report**

Mayor and Council reported on the meetings and/or event that they attended.

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

Council Member Remley made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of October 17, 2017 at 7:32 PM. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven 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 Meeting of **Tuesday, October 17, 2017.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,