



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

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 @ 06:00 PM

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, March 7, 2017**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Tande, Council Member Winters, Council Member Hayden, Council Member Williams, 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

City Manager Report

Mike Cassidy - Special guests - Sonoran Heights Elementary School Students that are involved in the Tinker Crew and Robotics Crew, after school programs. Introduced and acknowledged staff.

City Attorney Report

City Clerk Report

Call to the Public

Charles Childress - Ashton Ranch resident - suggestion or request concerning the use of our City tennis courts, that is not free to the public. Would like to see the City consider a plan to offer some of the courts free of charge during certain times of the day when they are not being used. Wouldn't cost the City anything to use during off-peak hours.

Ed Hanzel - Litchfield Manor - Thanked the City and the Kansas City Royals for the beautiful adaptive recreation program. Every child received a jersey with their names on the back, players stayed afterwards and autographed the shirts for everyone. One participant was in a wheelchair and she was able to participate in every single event.

Consent Agenda

1 - Consideration and action pertaining to an Intergovernmental Agreement between Arizona Department of Public Safety and the City of Surprise for law enforcement services at the University of Phoenix Stadium; Resolution # 2017-18 - APPROVED

2 - Consideration and action reallocating appropriations of \$76,000 within the SPD Towing Fund for the purchase of equipment and marketing materials to launch the Drive Wise Surprise campaign; Resolution # 2017-23 - APPROVED

3 - Consideration and action pertaining to conditional acceptance of maintenance of the streets and public utility improvements for the north half of Peoria Avenue, from Sarival Avenue to Reems Road; Resolution # 2017-31 - APPROVED

4 - Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County Flood Control District (MCFlood) for Union Hills Drive Drainage Improvement Project P61060; Resolution # 2017-19 - APPROVED

5 - Consideration and action pertaining on the Final Plat entitled "Cottages on Greenway" dated October 25, 2016, a property generally on the Southwest Corner of Greenway and Litchfield Roads within the Sierra Verde Planned Area Development (PAD) - APPROVED

6 - Consideration and action on the minutes of February 21, 2017 Regular City Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting - APPROVED

7 - Consideration and action on a Series 7 (location/person transfer) Liquor License application for Luv 2 Play AZ LLC, located at 15495 W. Bell Road, Suite 104 - APPROVED

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

8 - Consideration and action to appoint Dustin Gardy to fill the remainder of a vacancy on the Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission with a term expiration of June 30, 2019 and direct City Clerk Aguilar to administer the Oath of Office - APPROVED

Council Member Remley commented on the applicants that the committee is recommending tonight.

Council Member Remley made the motion to approve appointing Dustin Gardy to fill the vacancy on the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission, with a term expiration of June 30, 2019. Council Member Winters seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

9 - Consideration and action to appoint Robert Monahan to fill the remainder of a vacancy on the Disability Advisory Commission with a term expiration of June 30, 2017 and direct City Clerk Aguilar to administer the Oath of Office - APPROVED

Council Member Remley made the motion to approve appointing Robert Monahan to fill the vacancy on the Disability Advisory Commission, with a term expiration of June 30, 2017. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

10 - Consideration and action to reappoint Ken Wright to the Municipal Property Corporation Board with a term expiration of June 30, 2021 and direct City Clerk Aguilar to administer the Oath of Office - APPROVED

Council Member Remley made the motion to approve re-appointing Ken Wright to the Municipal Property Corporation Board, with a term expiration of June 30, 2021. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

City Clerk Aguilar administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Gardy, Mr. Wright and Mr. Monahan.

11 - Consideration and action pertaining to a Fiscal Year 2017 budget amendment by reallocating appropriations and an actual transfer of \$300,000 within the General Fund to the General Capital Projects Fund to facilitate the construction of fencing around 8-acre park; Resolution # 2017-29 - APPROVED

City Manager Wingenroth gave an overview of the item, then introduced Assistant CRS Director, Donna Miller to give a more detailed explanation.

Council Member Winters - This is long overdue, so far lucky that we have had no incidents. One thing I would not like to see is that gates locked, this way our residents can use them daily.

Council Member Williams - The cons for me is the aesthetics of the project, I am going to vote for this tonight, but expressed reservations. I understand the safety concerns but glad to hear that this area will remain open. There is merit to this, but would like to have a broader conversation with the Council to prioritize projects, we haven't had this after our November bond issue.

Vice Mayor Tande - Questioned the logistics of the project. Likes the type of material being proposed for this area.

Council Member Remley - This is the most expensive fence I have ever heard of, \$300,000. I concur with my colleagues that we need the safety precautions there with so many children playing sports. The fence is 8 feet tall, is there some reason it has to be 8 feet instead of 6 foot? Do we really need this, and will it make a difference in cost? Are the gates automatic? if not, then why electric costs?

Mr. Wingenroth - The reason we are at 8 feet is to match the ballpark fencing that is identical.

Council Member Winters - I am trying to get the Vietnam wall in Surprise for this year, I thought this might be a good place for this wall, can we keep this in mind?

Council Member Hall - Thank you to staff for the presentation, in my opinion, this is long over-due. I also think we need to revisit priorities again, but I believe we are waiting for the results of the survey to come in. This will give us additional resources for Council and staff discussions. Is the fence powder coated? Yes! I think we have had to pass on a few events because we didn't have an enclosed area big enough. I think this will be the solution and I thank my colleagues for considering this item.

Makelah Barrera - How often will the fields be open and will everyone have access?

Ms. Miller - It will be open more than closed, especially on the weekends.

Mayor Wolcott - I have resisted this project for a while because I have enjoyed seeing the wide open space since almost all facilities are fenced in, but I understand the safety issue and more opportunities for events. I would have opted for a 6 foot fence too, but I am in favor of the project and can see the value in this.

Public comments:

Mike Planeta - Near and dear to the hearts of the CRS Commission, my biggest issue is the safety issue. It is just a matter of time before something happens, we need to be proactive. There are events we can do that will benefit our City. I appreciate what everyone has to say about this, we are all on board.

Council Member Hall made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-29. Vice Mayor Tande seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

12 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to a proposed Text Amendment to Chapter 113 of the Surprise Municipal Code regarding signs - NO ACTION

City Planner, Robert Kuhfuss conducted a power point presentation regarding the City sign code - Chapter 113.

Mayor Wolcott - Concerned about sign clutter along busy roadways.

Council Member Remley - multiple purposes, advertising several at the same time.

Next steps - Starting tomorrow night at the library, we will hold 4 public outreach sessions on the proposed City sign code changes. After public outreach and Planning & Zoning Commission review, come back in June for work session and possible action in August 2017.

Vice Mayor Tande - 3D projection mapping, see possible use for big events.

Council Member Hall - Such a complex document, a lot of work was put into this and he thanked Robert for putting this together.

Council Member Remley - Echo Hall's comments, this is a very complex issue signs.

Mayor Wolcott - The sign business is a complicated business. Looking forward to the public input for this item.

Other Business

Council Member Williams: Capital projects discussion, prioritization for recreation projects that were part of the bond package presented to the voters in November 2016. Discuss possible partnerships.

Mayor/Council Report

Mayor/Council attended and/or commented on the following:

Council Member Hayden: Luke AFB, National Guard and Military platform.

Council Member Williams - Canyon Ridge had a tour of the facility; mock meeting.

Council Member Hall - 2nd Grade Class; judges on a bookmark competition; AFCU Ribbon Cutting and MV Ranch Party.

Council Member Remley - thanked Mike Gent for turning on lights in OTS; book reading; monthly meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Vice Mayor Tande - ED related meetings.

Mayor Wolcott - Shout out to Council; appreciate your effort in helping me out and taking the extra time to have a presence there.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of March 7, 2017 at 8:06 PM. Council Member Williams 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 Meeting of **Tuesday, March 7, 2017.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,