



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

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 @ 05:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 05:00 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Tande, Council Member Winters, Council Member Hayden, Council Member Remley, Council Member Hall, and District 3 - Vacant.

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 - Discussion pertaining to a City of Surprise Transit Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan - NO ACTION

Community Development Director, Eric Fitzer gave a powerpoint presentation on this item. Discussed the scope of this project, the tasks, tentative schedule and asking for Council direction.

Mayor Wolcott thanked Mr. Fitzer for providing previous work that was already done and asked for the Compass Study as well. Prop 500 worker bees, we would be ready if this ever comes about, is this the goal? Grand Avenue is a classic example of being prepared for POD. Need to make sure this study encompasses examining. It takes a long time to pass an initiative.

Council Member Winters - I am excited about this coming forward, we are actually talking about transit in Surprise.

Vice Mayor Tande - Circulator might be sooner than later. Huge benefit if tied into Economic Development. The timing is right to bring this forward.

Council Member Hall - I have some thoughts about the scope of work, would like to see what is going on nationwide, look at other growth areas as well. Driverless vehicle in Chandler, electric. Big buses are usually only 20% full, and a waste of resources. Would this fit into Uber long range plan? I

think this is worth studying. Could be partially funded with commercial/advertising wraps on the vehicles. Dysart and Grand, City land, how would this play into the future of transit. Would this land come in to play?

Council Member Remley - Really glad we are doing this, the needs are growing by the day, Surprise is unique with a new university. This couldn't have come at a better time. Please make sure this is a focus during the review.

Mayor Wolcott - We talked about a circulator in the OTS, this needs to be looked at for WESTMEC at Grand Avenue. I think that starting local is the way to start this.

Council Member Hayden - This is really exciting, the subject of transportation is always prevalent.

2 - Presentation and discussion pertaining to the update of the Business License Fees - NO ACTION

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan gave a powerpoint presentation regarding this item.

Topics included:

- Business License Purposes
- Keeping track of businesses for tax purposes
- Simplify fee structure
- Evaluate accuracy and reasonableness of fee
- Reduction of categories
- Proposing for all new business licenses start at \$168.
- Renewals - \$84.
- Special Event License
- Compared to benchmark cities
- Next steps

Council Member Hall - I can't believe we have not reviewed this since 1995. With this new proposal we would be at 75% recovery?

Correct.

Vice Mayor Tande - Are the food trucks charged a fee? What is our policy on this?

Ms. Duncan - They are licensed, unless they have a special provision defined by our City code.

Vice Mayor Tande - Can you tell me more about the cost recovery? Is there any benefit to the business owners.

Ms. Duncan - Records requests for businesses, searching for different types of businesses in our community.

Council Member Remley - Existing license fees for various types of businesses. If you adopt renewal fees as stated, some businesses would see a decrease for renewals.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of August 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Vice Mayor Tande seconded the motion. Six yes votes, one vacant (District 3), 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, August 15, 2017.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,