CITY OF SURPRISE

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 @ 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 21, 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 Deputy City Clerk, Linda Stevens.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing

1 – Discussion pertaining to the fiscal year 2018 budget - NO ACTION

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan and Assistant Finance Director, Jared Askelson reported on FY18 budget and amendments.

Council Member Remley - before we have the reserves specifically to (cap) are we changing the philosophy?

Ms. Duncan - referred to the general reserves slide, in one lump sum.

Vice Mayor Tande - GFOA - what are their recommendations?

Ms. Duncan - no specific policy and how they should be used

Vice Mayor Tande - GFOA recommended overall balance

Ms. Duncan - based on culture and risk adversity

Council Member Remley - forward looking - one element have an emergency has ability to respond

quickly

City Manager Wingenroth - to Vice Mayor's question regarding GFOA, it puts us in a better position with the rating agency. He recognized Ms. Duncan as President of AZ Chapter of GFOA.

Council Member Hall - fund balance of 11% that's of 114 million comes out to 12 to 12.6?

Mr. Askelson - expected to be ending fund balance or our beginning fund balance

Council Member Hall: FY17 we thought it would be more?

Mr. Askelson - less in 2016.

Council Member Hall - is that good or bad performance? Did we spend more than we budgeted?

Ms. Duncan - referred to 2016 estimate, we spent less.

Council Member Hall - I got lost on the pie chart slide.

Mr. Askelson - explained one-time uses.

Ms. Duncan - we have been spending down available fund balance over the past several years on one-time uses.

Council Member Remley - we spent more than expected but ended up with more than we estimated we were going to end up with. How does that work?

Mr. Askelson - we ended up spending less, 9 million less.

Council Member Hall - I'm confusing FY16 with FY17.

Vice Mayor Tande - in FY16 spending appropriations we don't have to come back to Council?

Mr. Askelson - yes, we do come back to Council.

Ms. Duncan - asked for feedback from Council.

Mayor Wolcott - what are our special focus areas we want to target this year, let's discuss priorities.

Vice Mayor Tande - referred to the chart, primary property tax, sales tax and additional population.

Council Member Remley - very similar to Vice Mayor Tande thoughts are prop taxes are the item that is most sensitive to the residents of Surprise - realtor how high the tax is. question .7317 what was the levy last year.

Mr. Askelson - holding the levy amount bringing down that rate. 2nd choice is keeping the rate as it is today.

Council Member Remley - 268,000 dollars more,

Council Members Hall and Williams - maintain the current levy rate.

Vice Mayor Tande - additional feedback from the residents. say we need our streets fixed, public safety, etc

Vice Mayor Tande - I am leaning towards leaving the rate the same

Mayor Wolcott - I am in agreement with bulk of Council of leaving it the same is appropriate at this time.

Ms. Duncan reviewed the calendar.

2 – Discussion pertaining to adoption of a plan for the City of Surprise Art in Public Places at City Hall - NO ACTION

Edith Baltierrez; Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission Chair, Susan DeJong and John Cane of Architecton gave an overview of Art in Public Places.

Mayor Wolcott - no better place to get a good sense when he was designing this building. I like the lighting, the identification, framing concept and adding more color. The blue wall is crying for something, please integrate something on the blue wall. Thank you and the commission you are ready to move forward.

Council Member Hall - did an excellent job in the plan - how did you come up with the priorities?

Ms. DeJong - some was high and some was low cost, a lot is lower cost.

Council Member Hall - we need something to bring the color from outside in.

Ms. Baltierrez - were not set in stone on the color.

Council Member Hall - our input is important, remove the defib and paint it a nice violet. He referred to a written policy.

Ms. DeJong - our plan is coming in two weeks that's included the plan.

Council Member Hall- likes the lighting, defined template, the oracle somewhere on the 2nd floor and move totem to the public safety building.

Ms. Baltierrez - moved on first floor, customer service area.

Council Member Hall - commented on the bench.

Mr. Cane - flexible seating area, can replace it with a built in bench with the oracle in the center.

Council Member Hall - the atrium lighting cost.

Mr. Cane - we're getting costs, it will block out 50% of sun reduce the amount of direct light and protect from ultraviolet.

Council Member Hall - signage, I didn't understand the signage.

Mr. Cane - the signs don't have contrast.

Council Member Winters - procedure manual - good job with the totem, the Commission has come a long way.

Council Member Williams - commented that he loves what's being presented, put art on all our city property, I look forward to that discussion.

Ms. Baltierrez - we are working on that coming in future plan.

Vice Mayor Tande - I appreciate the thought you put into it, the lights, shadows and textures, etc. I like all recommendations.

Council Member Remley - driving around the city it's like I found a gem station 301, the library etc. Hopefully we can get more of those, it was a great presentation.

Mayor Wolcott - I hope you got some feedback, adding color and texture can be an energizer.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of February 21, 2017 at 5:29 PM. Council Member Williams 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 Work Session of **Tuesday, February 21, 2017.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,