



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

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 04:02 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 04:02 p.m. Surprise City Hall Council Chamber 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374 , on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Remley, Council Member Winters, Council Member Hayden, Council Member Duffy, Council Member Tande, and Council Member Hall.

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 - Presentation and discussion on trends affecting the recycling industry, the processing of recycling locally, and how these trends impact Surprise residents - NO ACTION

Public Works Director, Mike Gent introduced the item and turned over the presentation to Julie Reyes with Waste Management on recycling.

Topics included:

Changes to China's Import Policies

Global Impacts

Trends

How do we educate the residents?

Mayor Wolcott inquired about stats.

Plastic bags are not good in the recycling and will cause the equipment to shut down, gets lodged in equipment and takes hours to fix. Most residents don't realize that they are not supposed to bag the recyclables.

Mr. Gent further explained that recycling has evolved from being very easy to more difficult and

challenging ,but definitely still worth it. Read off stats for the City of Surprise.

Clark Landrem, local public sectors solutions, discussed public education, supply and demand and other challenging we are facing.

Mayor Wolcott - If we are all on the same page to better educate the public, Bisbee tried and was criticized. I appreciate how difficult this has become, but we want our residents to.

2 - Discussion pertaining to the fiscal year 2019 budget - NO ACTION

Lindsey Duncan, Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director, Holly Osborn gave a powerpoint presentation on the Fiscal 2019 budget.

General Fund Reserve Policy
Operating Reserves
Budget Stabilization Reserve

Council Member Hall - By fiscal year 2022?

Other Uses of the FY2018 General Fund

Council Member Winters - Shared sales tax question.

Vice Mayor Remley - Question on State shared sales tax, and population numbers, which population numbers?

Ms. Duncan - MAG & US Census.

Council member Hall - Good job on this presentation, question on sales tax rate, food tax? Surprise, Phoenix and Mesa do not have a food tax. Do we have a comparison on property tax rates?

Vice Mayor Remley - Why do we have these options that we are being presented with? Council consideration, looking for direction to build into our budget.

Vice Mayor Remley - If we keep the rate the way it is, the property tax will keep up with overall inflation, if nothing else.

Council Member Winters - same rate would be good, don't have an appetite for increasing taxes.

Council Member Tande - Property tax on a home appraised amount. if we have future needs as we grow as a City, we are going to need for police, fire, City staff and we will need to keep up. In perspective, this is a very small portion of our City funding.

Council Member Hayden - I believe we should stay at the rate we are currently at, stay as is.

Mayor Wolcott - We are in unison to stay at the rate we are at. The only other piece that worries me is inflation. Watching the environment right now, it concerns me. Keeping the rate the same is wise, we are not making a decision right now, but let's start there and will make a decision in a few weeks. I think you got your guidance on this one.

Ms. Duncan - Stated a review of future steps to take before action being requested.

Vice Mayor Remley - The issues of reserves, some of the bond money will be expended into capital projects that are beginning now. What have the rating agencies comments been considering the amount of our reserves.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of March 6, 2018 at 5:29 PM. Council Member Tande 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 Work Session of **Tuesday, March 6, 2018.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk,