



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Work Session of December 5, 2023 to order at 4:00 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

B. Roll Call

In attendance with Mayor Hall were Vice-Mayor Chris Judd, Councilmembers Nick Haney, Alyson Cline, Patrick Duffy, and Jack Hastings. Councilmember Ken Remley was excused.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

E. City Manager Report

F. City Clerk Report

G. Call To The Public

H. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

2. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to a Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) update.

Jodi Tas came to talk about this item, she introduced Dr. Scott Spurgeon, the Superintendent from West-MEC. Scott talked about the mission of West-MEC. He talked about the member districts and the hours of operation. He further elaborated about the communities West-MEC serves. He talked about the campus locations and available programs. He talked about Adult Education programs that they offer, as well as Project SEARCH, Partner Programs, and Satellite Programs. He talked about the companies that tend to hire their students. Scott also listed some of their achievements, and awards. He further elaborated about future expansion hopes.

Mayor Hall asked if they were training phlebotomist? Scott said they do train them.

Scott then talked about Career Literacy and the impact it has on a student's career. He further talked about a career pathway.

Councilmember Cline, talked about being on the education subcommittee. She asked about the lack of awareness of scholarships offered by employers, and asked if it would be included in future information provided to students? Scott talked about their work based experience offered. He talked about the challenges of getting workers matched with students, and possible

apprenticeships. Councilmember Cline, talked about apprenticeships and the struggle of business time used for such programs. She suggested working together to help better inform students about jobs that are available and job shadowing. Scott talked about the differences in work force between now and pre-Covid. Councilmember Cline asked if they worked with the Sundown program? Scott talked about a similar program they use called TOPS.

CJ Williams from West-MEC came to talk further about Partnership Principles. He also talked about the AZ Workforce Ecosystem, and the Transportation Grant.

Holly Medina from West-MEC, talked about the Adult Education program.

Mayor Hall asked what a hop skip drive is? CJ said it was a ride-share option for students.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to an Emergency Management update.

Tracy Montgomery came to introduce Kimberly Campbell, Emergency Manager, who gave an update about Emergency Management. She talked about the City's Emergency Plans. She talked about the Continuity of Operations. She talked about the Emergency Operations Center. She elaborated on the increased capabilities of team members. She talked about Special Events and Sports Venue Planning, and Event Planning. She talked about exercise that they do for the City.

Mayor Hall talked about how great it was to include Emergency Management within the City and asked what kind of partnership we have with Ottawa? Kim said that the City works with them a lot and could improve the relationship with them. Tracy talked about a previous event with OUAZ and the planned after-action report. Mayor Hall talked about the trains that go through Surprise and asked what would happen if the train derailed at Grand and Greenway? Kim said they don't know what's in the rail cars as they pass, but that we have a great relationship with hazmat and BNSF. Tracy talked about having a Rail incident in the emergency plans.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the status of Dale Lane.

Kristen Tytler, and Eric Boyles came to present this item. Eric gave an overview of the area and update. He talked about area access and maintenance. He broke it down into three sections: 163rd Ave, 163rd to 171st Ave, and 171st ave to the City Limits.

Vice-Mayor asked for clarification on right of way available. Councilmember Haney asked about improvements that we can do? Eric said that there are challenges for access roads the City doesn't have access to. Kristen said it's been almost 20 years of getting the access that the City has now.

Eric talked about 171st to City Limits section and the challenges present in that area.

Mayor Hall asked if the developer are supposed to retain the water on site? Kristen talked about new development going in, Tierra Rico, and the impact it has. She talked about the water flows and requirements by the developers to capture their water. She said they would also be building portions of incoming roadways.

Kristen talked about new developments potentially going in, Vistas Montanas, and Sierra Norte. She talked about Dale Lane Drainage, Drainage Crossings, and a CIP project. She gave an overview of the Capital Improvement Project.

Councilmember Haney, asked what would happen if the City just tried to pave the road? Kristen said they had tried to do it in the past and that the effort didn't go very far. Kristen said they don't own the road so they can't do anything. Councilmember Haney asked who had the liability? Kristen said the property owner does. Haney asked what is the City's intention if they develop it? Kristen said that most residents there enjoy dark skies. She said they would make it a rural road standard with no streetlights and sidewalks. Eric said that is what they were going to make with the new developments. Councilmember Haney asked the amount of right of way? Kristen said it

would only take what it needs. Councilmember Haney asked what happens in a monsoon? Eric said they typically have people on standby in the area, evaluating the roadway to make sure emergency access is maintained. Councilmember Haney said that this is a large challenge for the City with a long history and thanked staff for their efforts. He talked about building trust with the residents and the City. He asked about the number of right of way needed? Kristen said it's approximately 9.

Councilmember Duffy, asked about why the citizens don't want the right of way? Kristen said they didn't want to give up the rural feel and the lack of City involvement. Councilmember Duffy asked where it floods? Kristen explained the history of flooding. Councilmember Haney talked about how the community is divided about what they want.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

J. City Council Reports

K. Executive Session

1. Executive Disclaimer - Part 1

L. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

Initiated By: Aly Cline

Seconded By: Patrick Duffy

Yes: Aly Cline, Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Skip Hall, Chris Judd, Nick Haney

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 PM

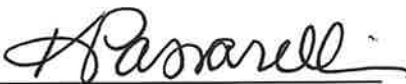

Skip Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Kristi Passarelli, 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, December 5, 2023.**



Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk