



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Meeting of January 16th 2024 to order at 5:00 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, Ken Remley (telephonically) and Jack Hastings.

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 appointment authority of future police and fire chiefs.

City Attorney, Robert Wingo, came to talk about this item. He gave a background on the process of appointing officers. He talked about similar and contrary practices made by other cities within the valley. He provided a potential amendment to existing City Code that would incorporate City Council's involvement with the hiring of those positions.

Councilmember Hastings, talked about his experience and background as to why he wanted this brought for discussion. He clarified his position regarding the process and wanted to have the code reflect practice.

Vice-Mayor Judd, said that he likes the current system. He expressed his belief that the City Manager would be wise enough to notify council of big changes like that.

Councilmember Duffy, talked about his previous experience and said that he likes the current process as well and didn't want to micro manager the City Manager.

Councilmember Cline, gave her input and agreed with the sentiment so far. She said she could see the purpose of bringing this item forward but didn't think it was necessary.

Councilmember Haney, gave his experience and input. He said he agreed that council should be involved in some way. He asked what would happen if they were ever dissatisfied with the City Manager. Robert said there were limits to what council could do, but expressed that any City Manager would be vetted to be savvy enough to include Council. Councilmember Haney asked if this could be revisited if needed? Robert said they could.

Councilmember Hastings, reiterated his concerns. He talked about how great the current City Manager is.

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: Patrick Duffy

Seconded By: Aly Cline

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 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, January 16, 2024.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Passarelli", written in a cursive style.

Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk