



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Work Session of May 7, 2024 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 Nick Haney, Council members Chris Judd, Alyson Cline, Ken Remley and Jack Hastings. Councilmember Patrick Duffy was excused.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

E. City Manager Report

1. City Manager sub-text

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 regarding an update on the City's water resources.

Water Resource Management Director, Michael Boule, came to present this item. He talked about various Regional Milestones.

Councilmember Judd, asked about the use of ground water previously stored? Michael said the city has demonstrated to the state about previous usage. Councilmember Judd asked if any water banked the City would use? Michael said no.

Vineetha Kartha, from the CAP came to talk about the Colorado River Water Supply Report. She talked about the Upper Colorado River Basin, including snowpacks and correlating river and lake water levels, Current Near-Term and Long-Term Processes, Lower Basin Alternative Reduction Determination, Reduction Sharing among Basin States and Mexico.

Councilmember Remley, said he saw the Colorado the other week and it seemed very high, and why did it seem that way? Vineetha, said that there was some high snowpack. She said it was going into storage now. Councilmember Remley, said that simply because he sees it doesn't

mean its an actual surplus? Vineetha said it was going to meet demands in the lower basin.

Councilmember Cline, asked about why California wasn't paying a percentage? Vineetha said that California doesn't take reductions because its a negotiated outcome.

Vineetha continued to talked about Proposed Alternatives Implemented in 2007, Lower Basin Alternative, and Outstanding Issues.

Mayor Hall asked what were the Upper Basin States? Vineetha confirmed it was Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, & Utah

She then talked about the next steps for the state.

Councilmember Judd, asked about the proposal and if it was going past 2026 or a stop gap? Vineetha said it was. He then asked if the plan was to use the same peremitters? Vineetha talked about previously established guidelines, and how the drought conditions will try to keep everything within the means of the river. Councilmember Judd asked where we were now? Vineetha said they were within 42%. Councilmember Judd, asked why the upper basin states weren't involved? Vineetha said they have looked at the reduction framework, and that there is no concession on reductions. Councilmember Judd, asked if we do get into the state where we're splitting if we are taking 1.2 million acre feet from them and the other 2.7 million acre feet frin the lower basin states. Vineetha, said that is correct and anything over 1.5 would have to be shared among the lower basin states. He then asked about the entire deficient being capped? Vineetha said that the entire reduction was capped at 3.9. Councilmember Judd asked how much water was coming out of the Colorado River on average per year. Vineetha said the average inflow to lake Powell has been 9.6 million acre feet and she talked about the previous history. Councilmember Judd said that even if it goes through that the river is still not producing that much. Vineetha said that the lower basin states and Mexico can only use 7.5. Councilmember Judd asked if Lake Powell was being used by the upper basin states? Vineetha said it was only a storage and that it was vindictive of their left over.

Michael talked about the water use within the City. Mayor Hall asked if it was used for dust control? Michael said it was. He then talked about the water demand versus the designated water supply, Water Consumption in 2023, Annual Ground Water Monitoring: Beacon Wlls, Water Conservation in the City of Surprise, and Looking Ahead.

Councilmember Cline, asked how much did the smart water meters save the City? Michael said last year was 7.8 million gallons. She then asked about EPCOR not implementing the smart meters, She asked about any plans to coordinate with them? Michael said they had just implemented their last rate study and now would be a time to approach them.

Vice-Mayor Haney, asked if the people who had a leak did they know, or if it was financial reasons why they weren't fixed? Michael said their folks would come to help repair. Haney asked if it was a specific demographic? Michael said it was spread out.

Michael talked about the Resiliency Planning.

Mayor Hall asked if the Bartlett damn project was increasing capacity? Michael said it was. Mayor Hall then asked about the sedimentation? Michael said that it was going to be removed.

Vineetha talked about working with the City and the CAP's partnernership with Surprise. She also talked about why we were sharing and reducing water usage.

- 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: Nick Haney

Seconded By: Chris Judd

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 4:51 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, May 7, 2024.**


Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk