



CITY OF SURPRISE
City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hall called the Regular Council Work Session of September 17, 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, Patrick Duffy, Ken Remley and Jack Hastings.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

E. City Manager Report

City Manager, Bob Wigenroth presented Shelby Fenwik to introduce Youth Council.

Annaleisa Dixon, Shadowridge Highschool
Braedan Aftanski, Paradise Honors

1. City Manager sub-text

F. City Clerk Report

G. 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 the FY2024 Financial Status Report through June 2024.

Chief Financial Officer, Andrea Davis, came to present this item. She talked about Source Category Examples, and FY24 General Fund sources.

Councilmember Remley, asked about the estimates and if they were put down conservatively? And the difference between the actual this year to last year? Andrea said they trended close to 1%. Councilmember Remley talked about substantial growth and the cost of living and retail sales tax. He asked what was going on exactly? Andrea said there's a difference between estimates to actuals. Councilmember Remley talked about the actual cost of expenses and inflation rates. Andre said they city is seeing more revenue but stressed the estimates versus reality.

Councilmember Hastings, asked about factoring in receiving more money in revenue and if it would have impacted the earlier decision for the tax increase? Andrea the decisions would have been the same and the excess is only one time. He asked if there was a healthy percentage for reoccurring expenses? Andrea talked about the funds being charged differently. She said the city is always getting permit revenue, but it is one time. Councilmember Hastings asked when the

estimates were made? Andrea said it was in January.

Councilmember Cline, asked about the decreases haven't occurred yet? Andrea said that was correct, and the reductions haven't happened yet.

Councilmember Remley, talked about putting together the budget and the estimate needing to be made. He talked about the impact the estimates have and how impressive it was to be within 1%.

Andrea continued to talk about: General Fund Uses, Personnel Savings, Supplies, Services, Capital, and Transfers Out.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to business license discounts for veteran-owned businesses.

Andrea Davis, returned to talk about this item. She talked about the Purpose of Licensing, and Business License Fees.

Councilmember Remley, said they needed to add DD14 to verify Veteran Status.

Vice-Mayor Haney, talked about how the item was brought forth. He talked about the state already waiving the fee? Andrea said they do. Vice-Mayor said he would like to do that and asked what kind of ongoing fee could be applied? He asked for everyone else's feedback.

Councilmember Judd, said he is not a huge fan of business license fees. He would prefer it be applied to everyone not just veterans and asked about a grant process for veterans?

Councilmember Hastings, said he would like to see lowered for veterans. He talked about First-Responders and offering it to them as well? He asked about the financial impact on the city?

Councilmember Cline, said she would like the fee reduced for everyone. She would like to track women and minority owned businesses as well. She talked about vendor outreach to those types of businesses.

Andrea said that business license are applied to all businesses regardless of size and putting a limiter on it what would the measurement be? She wanted to make council mindful of the considerations. Councilmember Cline talked about existing standards, and exploring options. She talked about figuring out the revenue generated now.

Councilmember Remley, asked about who gets a business license? Andrea said it was anybody. Councilmember Remley talked about minors and having them exempt from needing a business license. He further talked about the popularity of the city for Veterans to retire in. He would prefer having veterans filing a license but not paying for one.

Councilmember Duffy, said he would prefer to see the cuts given to everyone. Andrea talked about keeping track of businesses.

Councilmember Judd, asked if the City could waive the fee based on the size of the company? Andrea said it goes back to how do you prove it? He talked about doing something small fees instead. Andrea said it would have to be an amount to justify the fee. He talked about waiving initial fees then charging ongoing. He asked what would they use for the criteria? Andrea said they could gather more information for a decision in the future. Councilmember Judd asked about creating a grant for the fees.

Mayor Hall, suggested tabling the item for now. Vice-Mayor Haney talked about his original intent, and that he appreciated the dialogue.

City Attorney, Wingo, said it would be best to bring the item back.

Councilmember Remley, talked about ideas to research.

3. Presentation and discussion regarding additional transportation emergency access points for District 1.

Transportation Director, Eric Boyles; and Armando Lopez, CIP manager came to present this item. They talked about District 1 Access Points, History of the item, What's Next, Traffic Signals, and Road Widening, Access Points Overview and the Challenges there, Parameters.

Armando talked about the Access Points, Limitations, and Alternate Route Ideas. He went on about two ideas in the North namely Dove Valley Road, and 167th Ave. The next area he wanted to talk about was Patt Tillman, and Jomax Road Alternatives. Eric talked about anything having to connect to the 60 wouldn't help. Armando talked about another alternative at Lone Mountain Road. He also talked about Deer Valley Road idea. He said the final option would be a Jomax Road connection.

Eric talked about the next steps. He talked about MAG doing a study about these locations. He also talked about development coming in. He also talked about continuing to evaluate and see which option is most viable.

Mayor Hall asked about the Deer Valley and 219th and if it was already looked at? Eric said it was recently approved.

Councilmember Cline, asked how long the MAG study is expected to be? Eric said they had their first meeting and hoped within the next 6-8 months. She asked if there is an opportunity for Community residents to give input? Eric said they do on their website. She asked about including the survey on her newsletter? and how much of the area isn't within Surprise.

Mayor Hall, asked about El Mirage Road? Eric said it was moving along but it is not within the City's control.

Vice-Mayor Haney, thanked staff for their efforts. He talked about community input and how important it is. He asked about access to North Copper Canyon? Eric said that it would provide additional access. Eric said that developers are bringing the connections with them. Vice-Mayor Haney asked how Public Safety assets are coming through for emergencies? Chief Espie, talked about the previous event that had happened. He talked about repositioning assets as needed. He talked about battalion chiefs having autonomy to move on their own. Vice-Mayor Haney asked about mutual aid agreements? Chief Espie talked about the details for that. Vice-Mayor Haney talked about long term solutions versus short term solutions that can be implemented to give emergency relief.

Councilmember Remley, talked about developers coming into the City and if the City could annex on its' own? and how if its important enough to take action to save human life.

Mayor Hall suggested doing the maps to show the beneficiary as well.

4. Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the City's water resources.

Water Director, Michael Boule, and Water Resource Manager, Amy Peterson came to present this item. Amy talked about the Colorado River Update, Regional Water Policy Update, including legislative updates. Amy talked about designation of assured water, Mayor Hall asked if HOA's were included? Amy said it would and that they would be responsible for replenishing their water use.

Amy went on to talk about Regional Water Policy Update. Mayor Hall asked if Multi-Family don't have to bring assured water supply? Michael said it was correct. Amy talked about the Annual Storage & Recovery Strategies. Mayor Hall asked if the recharge figures were projected or real?

Amy said they were real. She went on to talk about the Water Resources Roundtable Update, Water Conservation Update, Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper. Michael talked about the Resiliency Planning, and Municipal Code Changes.

5. Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks and Recreation Director, Holly Osborn, came to present this item. She talked about Placer AI, Youth Sports Growth, Data for the Future, and New Opportunities. She explained Placer AI, Top 5 Parks and Rec Facilities, Facts, Daily/Monthly Visits, Summary of Trends, Youth Sports Trends, New Field Impact on Sports, Flag Football Sports Trends, Opportunity for New Park, and Prioritized CIP List - Parks.

Councilmember Duffy, talked about the opportunity for the new park.

Councilmember Remley, asked who owned the land? Holly said the school district owns it and wanted to possibly partner with them.

Councilmember Hastings, said he thought it was a good idea to look into the land.

Vice-Mayor Haney, said he like the technology being used and the proposals.

Councilmember Judd, asked about asset replacement and how a new park would impact them? Holly said they would do improvements when they can when they have funding. Councilmember Judd talked about programmable parks and asked what gives more bang for the buck? Whether its ditching old parks or building new ones? Holly said they were passive parks that don't have sports leagues. She said the new park would give more for the investment.

Mayor Hall talked about avoiding old mistakes and taking care of existing parks. He said he would prefer to do both. Holly said they would look into it. Mayor Hall asked when the fields park was open? Holly said it was open after 4 and on the weekends.

H. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

I. City Council Reports

J. Executive Session

1. Executive Session Items
2. Executive Disclaimer - Part 1
3. Executive Disclaimer - Part 2
4. Executive Disclaimer - Part 3

K. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

Initiated By: Aly Cline

Seconded By: Jack Hastings

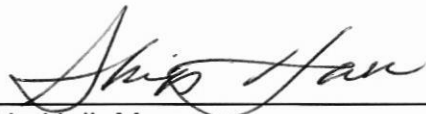
Yes: Aly Cline, Jack Hastings, Ken Remley, Patrick Duffy, Skip Hall, Chris Judd, Nick Haney

No: None

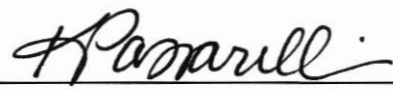
Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

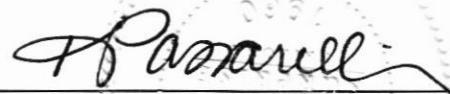

Skip Hall, Mayor

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, September 17, 2024.**


Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk

