



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Meeting
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the Regular Council Meeting of January 21st, 2025 to order at 6:05 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

1. Invocation

Duet Ruiz did the invocation.

B. Roll Call

In attendance with Mayor Sartor were Vice Mayor Nick Haney, Council members Chris Judd, Earle Greenberg, Patrick Duffy, Johnny Melton and Jack Hastings.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Freedom traditional academy president, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

E. City Manager Report

2. City Manager sub-text

3. Reports

City Manager Bob Wigenroth introduced; Glenn Stark from the VFW Post to award their 2025 Police and Fire Awards. Jon Vasquez, was given the award for the Fire Department. Carlton Williams accepted the award for Cop of the year.

Bob Wigenroth presented Joann Estfan. Joann introduced the Youth Council Members.

Ian Huskisson, Paradise Honors

Braedan Aftanski, Paradise Honors

F. City Clerk Report

4. Reports

1. Consideration and action pertaining to selection of a Vice Mayor in accordance with City Code Sec. 2-41 and directing the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office.

City Clerk, Passarelli, introduced the item. Councilmember Duffy nominated Councilmember Hastings. Councilmember Hastings was elected as the new Vice-Mayor.

Vice-Mayor Hastings thanked everyone for their support.

2. Consideration and action to Appoint Sean Mattson as Chair for the Public Safety Retirement Commission Board - Police & Fire (PSPRS).

Mayor Sartor, talked about Sean Mattson.

Motion: To Appoint

Initiated By: Earle Greenberg
Seconded By: Jack Hastings

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

G. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: To Approve

Initiated By: Nick Haney

Seconded By: Jack Hastings

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

3. Consideration and action to approve the January 7, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; and January 14th, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
4. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy, accepting funding to support an LED light replacement project, approval of a Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$178,200, and amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Contract Awarding Authority List; Resolution #2025-16.
5. Consideration and action pertaining to authorizing acceptance of a grant award from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), approval of a Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$110,800 for expenses related to reducing human trafficking, and amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Contract Awarding Authority list by creating #25121; Resolution #2025-08.
6. Consideration and action pertaining to authorizing acceptance of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), approval of a Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$125,000 for recruitment and retention expenses and amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Contract Awarding Authority List by creating #25122; Resolution #2025-13.
7. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Waddell Road Intelligent Transportation System enhancements. Resolution 2025-15.
8. Consideration and action pertaining to acceptance of the City's Arizona Lottery Fund (ALF) allotment for FY2025 in the amount of \$364,134; Resolution #2025-17.

9. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the Impact Grant Agreement with Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation, accepting funding for the Surprise Community & Resource Center, approval of a Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$450,000, approval of a Fiscal Year 2025 Contract Awarding Authority List amendment, and approval of the addition of one full-time equivalent position; Resolution #2025-06.
6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:
7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:
10. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the 2025 Legislative Agenda.

Intergovernmental Director, Jodi Tas, came to present this item. She talked about the Legislative Composition, 2024 Legislative Session Recap, Purpose of the Legislative Agenda, Surprise's Quality of Life, Preserve Local Funding, Supporting Local Decision-Making Authority, Transportation, Land Use Planning, Public Safety, Economic Development, Water and Sustainability, Protecting the Mission of Luke Air Force Base.

Councilmember Melton, talked about the experience with the Legislature. He thanked Jodi for her efforts to maintain our relationship with them. He asked if she had conversations with them about the City's interest in water rights? Jodi said she has and that the situation is constantly evolving.

Councilmember Haney, talked about the pace at the capital. He talked about Jodi's relationships with the capital and the importance of it. He talked about the past and evolving nature of the growth within the City, and efforts put forth to benefit the City.

Councilmember Greenberg, ~~asked about TIFs and what they are?~~ asked Jodi to explain what TIFs were? *(Changes made at request of Councilmember Greenberg at the 2/4/25 Regular City Council Meeting) Jodi talked about Tax Increment Financing, she said it would provide an incentive for businesses to be here. Jodi talked about previous local resolutions that were similar and gave a brief history.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about the efforts Jodi has to do down at the Capital.

Councilmember Duffy, thanked Jodi for her efforts. He talked about the Zoning battles previously had and if it will return? Jodi said she expects they will.

Mayor Sartor, thanked Jodi for her tremendous efforts as well.

Motion: To Approve
Initiated By: Nick Haney
Seconded By: Jack Hastings

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg
No: None
Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

11. Presentation and discussion pertaining to FY2024 and FY2025 City Auditor Department reports.

City Auditor, Carol Holley, came to present this report. She talked about the Travel Reimbursement Audit Report, and Compliance Assistance Program Audit Report.

Councilmember Melton, asked what tax intercept means? Carol said the defendant will make a payment plan arrangements, and the steps the court can take to cover the fees.

Mayor Sartor thanked the Auditor for her efforts.

12. Consideration and action pertaining to the authorization of the assignment of the Circle City Water Company, LLC Central Arizona Project Municipal and Industrial Water Entitlement to the City of Surprise thereby terminating the Circle City Water Company, LLC Central Arizona Project Water Service Subcontract, Resolution 2025-12.

Michael Boule, came to present this item. He talked about Circle City Water Company Overview, He gave a timeline, Financial Impact, Operational Preparedness, Next Steps, and CAP Subcontract Items.

Councilmember Judd, thanked staff for their efforts. He asked about the number of residents and the rates not changing since the 80's? as well as older equipment in use. He asked what the cost will be to bring things up to date? Michael said the city is budgeted about \$900,000 dollars, and the responsibilities he wanted to partake. Councilmember Judd asked about how steep the rates would be? Michael said it would be about a 42% increase, but they wanted to slowly increase the rate over time. Councilmember Judd talked about the importance of having reliable, clean water. Mayor Sartor asked about when the rates discussion would take place? Michael said it would be around June.

Councilmember Melton, thanked staff for their tremendous work on this project.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about taking over the water but not necessarily the residents.

Mayor Sartor, asked what the acquisitions means for the water portfolio? Michael said this would represents a 40% increase to Colorado river water and a 20% increase across the entire portfolio. Mayor Sartor talked about the process so far? Michael said they started to negotiate around 2014. Kevin asked about the cost in today's money? Michael said it would be roughly around \$50 million.

Motion: To Approve
Initiated By: Chris Judd
Seconded By: Johnny Melton

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

13. Consideration and action pertaining to the authorization of Amendment No. 1 to Subcontract No. 07-XX-30-W0505 among the United States, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District and the City of Surprise, Resolution 2025-11.

Motion: To Approve
Initiated By: Chris Judd
Seconded By: Patrick Duffy

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

14. Consideration and action to approve an Addendum to the Real Estate Purchase Contract with Deer Valley & 185th Avenue II, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Company, for approximately 27 acres of property located near 185th Avenue & Deer Valley Road.

Fire Chief Espie, came to present this item. He talked about the Land Acquisition, Public Safety Land Purchase, Overall Site, and Fire Station 310.

Councilmember Haney, talked about the bond helping make this possible. He asked how the additional station will impact the entire city? Chief Espie, talked about the resources being more evenly dispersed. Councilmember Haney, asked what kind of apparatus will be housed in the station? Chief Espie said he said there would be a second ladder truck for the City, and resources would shuffle around as needed. Councilmember Haney asked about the hiring process? Chief Espie talked about the timeline for a new hire. Councilmember Haney, asked about alleviating employee pressure and how long paramedic school takes? Chief Espie says it takes about a year, and talked about the process.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked about the impact of the Bond citywide. He wanted to know how response times shift after the new station opens? Chief Espie said they would keep track.

Mayor Sartor, talked about the benefits of this item.

Motion: To Approve

Initiated By: Nick Haney

Seconded By: Chris Judd

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

H. Call To The Public

James Ellis, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about the new casino, and city's relationship with them.

Paula Anderson, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about the City rules for public speaking.

John Goodenow, came to talk about the first amendment.

Michelle, came to talk about the constitution.

Grande Johnson, came to talk about the Police Chief.

Alex Christ, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about the inauguration.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked about a Bell Road update, and potential left turn lanes. Councilmember Duffy, wanted the traffic update to be City wide, and school traffic.

J. City Council Reports

Councilmember Haney, had nothing to report.

Councilmember Greenberg, had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duffy, talked about his next meet and greet at the stadium.

Councilmember Melton had nothing to report.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, thanked everyone for their support. He also thanked Chief Pina for his outstanding work.

Councilmember Judd, had nothing to report.

Mayor Sartor, talked about his experience so far in the last three weeks.

K. Executive Session

Motion: To Enter Executive Session

Initiated By: Chris Judd

Seconded By: Earle Greenberg

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: Kevin Sartor

Vote Result: Passed

Council entered executive session at 7:47 PM

8. Executive Session Items

15. Consideration and action to recess into executive session for discussion and consultation with the City's attorneys to consider its position and receive legal advice pertaining to current litigation pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03 and 04.

9. Executive Disclaimer - Part 1

10. Executive Disclaimer - Part 2

11. Executive Disclaimer - Part 3

L. Adjournment

Meeting reconvened at 8:27

Motion: To Adjourn

Initiated By: Nick Haney

Seconded By: Chris Judd

Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28



Kevin Sartor, Mayor

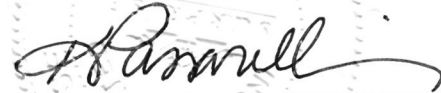
ATTEST:



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 21, 2025.**



Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk