



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Meeting
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the Regular Council Meeting of March 4th, 2025 to order at 6:19 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

1. Invocation

Invocation was led by Jesus Minjarez

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

West Point National Junior Honor Society 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, invited Lloyd Abrams to talk about site posting map, he demonstrating it. Councilmember Judd and Lloyd talked about the functionality of the Map. Councilmember Greenberg asked about coloring his district. Councilmember Haney, thanked staff for their efforts on this project. Mayor Sartor asked if it was live on the website? Lloyd said the map is.

Bob invited Chief Pina to talk about the Police Accreditation. He talked about being a member of CALEA. He said that the City received accredited at the gold standard. He also acknowledged Debra Stewart as the Accreditation Manager for the department.

Bob invited City Librarian Ashley Ware to talk about the 2025 essay contest winners. She had Danielle Edgerton come to announce the winners. Gavin and Michelle were the winners present.

Bob next asked Joann Estfan to introduce the Youth Council Members.

Kayla Vargas, Valley Vista Highschool.

Madaline Myes, Paradise Honors.

F. City Clerk Report

4. Reports

G. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: To Approve
Initiated By: Nick Haney
Seconded By: Earle Greenberg

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

Vote Result: Passed

1. Consideration and action to approve the February 18th, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes; February 18th, 2025 Executive Session minutes, and February 18th, 2025 Regular City Council Work Session Minutes
2. Consideration and action pertaining to the acceptance of a State Grants-in-Aid (SGIA) award from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, to support library services, approval of a Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$13,600, and amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Contract Awarding Authority List; Resolution #2025-27.
3. Consideration and action to correct a scrivener's error by ratifying the December 17, 2024, approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County to build a general administration building which will include a multi-generational community resource center. The Resolution number was mistakenly listed as Resolution #2024-194; the correct Resolution number is Resolution #2024-198.
6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:
4. Consideration and action to approve/deny Ordinance #2025-01 regarding the annexation of approximately 5.41 acres of county land, generally located south of the Central Arizona Project (CAP), east of the Buckeye city limits, north of the future Beardsley Road alignment and west of the future 251st Avenue alignment. Case# FS24-0623.

Planner, Chris Sexton, came to present this item. She talked about the Vicinity Map, Existing Boundaries, Proposed Annexations, Annexation Steps, Outreach Meetings, Preannexation Zoning, and Post Annexation Zoning.

Councilmember Haney, asked about the location.

Motion: To Approve
Initiated By: Nick Haney
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

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

5. Bell Road Update

Transportation Director Eric Boyles came to introduce this item. He also introduced Kiran Guntupalli, and Albert Garcia.

Kiran talked about the Bell Road Facts, Traffic Volume, Storage Capacity, and Past Improvements.

Albert talked about other past improvements.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked about the blinking yellow arrows, and how effective they are and why certain locations are different? He also asked what was the most common accidents seen on Bell Road? Kiran said their presentation would address those questions. He talked about the cost and real estate needed for improvements.

Albert talked about Location Hotspots, Mitigation Opportunities.

Eric talked about Budget Impacts, and Conclusions.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about being cautious to spend money and maximizing potential impact. Eric talked about Potential Dual Left Improvements. Vice-Mayor Hastings talked about trying to make the intersection at Litchfield and Bell safer. Mayor Sartor talked about existing spillover.

Councilmember Melton, said that he liked the flashing yellow and other smart improvements. He asked about improvements and about working with other jurisdictions? Albert said there was a past collaborations, and he talked about the challenges of working with other jurisdictions.

Councilmember Haney, talked about making all roadways safe for the City. He asked about the flashing yellow, and if it's worth the risk of continuing to keep it? Kiran talked about balancing operations as well as safety. He said most of the accidents are due to driver distraction. Councilmember Haney, asked if there has been any modeling to show traffic being taken off of bell road due to other projects? Eric said they have done that, and they have shown a allocation of traffic beyond Bell road. He also talked about balancing traffic.

Councilmember Judd, thanked staff for their work on this item. He said he likes trying to pull traffic off of Bell Road. He asked about pent up demand? Eric said that making more improvements it would increase use of Bell Road. Councilmember Judd asked about completing Norther Parkway and if it will help? Kiran said it would, but there is still a lot of development. Councilmember Judd asked about building roads before development? Eric said developers need to pay for it.

Councilmember Greenberg, said he appreciated the approach to balance. He thanked staff for their work.

Vice-Mayor Hastings asked about how to make the intersection at Bell Road and Litchfield safer? He asked about bringing it back as a focused item for future discussion. Eric said they could look into doing a study for this intersection.

Mayor Sartor thanked staff for their expertise.

H. Call To The Public

Alex Christ, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about affordable living spaces and his concerns.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

J. City Council Reports

Councilmember Haney thanked everyone who appeared at his community meeting.

Councilmember Greenberg thanked staff.

Councilmember Duffy thanked the Fire Department who gave them a tour. He also congratulated Paradise Honors Highschool on getting an A plus rating.

Councilmember Melton had nothing.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, thanked everyone for their discussion.

Councilmember Judd, thanked Chief Espie for their response to a recent community meeting.

Mayor Sartor, talked about recent events and Spring Training Events.

K. Executive Session

8. Executive Session Items

9. Executive Disclaimer - Part 1

10. Executive Disclaimer - Part 2

11. Executive Disclaimer - Part 3

L. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36PM



Kevin D. 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, March 4, 2025.**



Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk