



**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Regular City Council Work Session**  
**16000 N. Civic Center Plaza**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 4:30 PM  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the Regular Council Meeting of April 15th, 2025 to order at 4:30 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sartor, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

E. City Manager Report

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 FY2026 Budget

City Manager, Bob Wigenroth, introduced Budget Manager Sandy Simmons, and Chief Financial Officer Andrea Davis, came to present this item. She talked about the FY\$26 Budget Requests Specifically for: Public Safety, Public Works & Streets, Community Development, Community Services, General Government, and Water Resource Management, and upcoming budget calendar.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked about the number of officers added last year versus this year? Andrea talked about the challenges faced last year due to financial challenges, but stated that this was more than last year. Vice-Mayor Hastings said he liked the idea of the number being increased.

Mayor Sartor, asked if this was the update for the increase for each department? Andrea said this was per department and that they would talk about the tentative budget adoption and summary in future meetings.

Councilmember Haney asked about if the staffing was set to increase the motor divisions for the police department, and what is it that they deal with? Vice-Mayor Hastings how many officers the department currently had? Deputy Police Chief Charles Morin, said that the the City has 187

officers. Vice-Mayor Hastings asked for clarification of how many were being added? Chief Morin said they would be adding 15 then talked about the trend going from around 150 to 187 over the last three years.

Mayor Sartor asked about the projected retirements? Chief Morin said it would be around 10.

Councilmember Haney asked if another motor unit is being added? Chief Morin said they are expanding the traffic enforcement unit. Councilmember Haney asked what the motor officers do? Charles said they traffic enforcement, collisions, and do traffic investigations. Councilmember Haney talked about the citizen's concerns about traffic and how this will help.

Councilmember Melton asked if there were any plans for animal control officers? Charles said these are just for traffic and patrol, and would be motorcycle cops.

Sandy Simmons talked about transportation, and public works.

Councilmember Melton asked about the opening for Code Enforcement and if there was enough staff for code review. Lloyd said that there was enough staff.

Sandy further talked about Economic Development.

Andrea talked about Human Services and Community Vitality, Library, Parks & Recreation.

Mayor Sartor asked about the 250th Independence Day, and what budget it would impact? Holley said it would be for next year's budget, but they could come back for a 50/50 deposit.

Councilmember Duffy, asked about the Special Olympics? Holley said it was one time funding for them to have an event at the pool. She said they hoped to have all the fall events in Surprise.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked about developments down the road and the development of City Center? Holley said right now, funding wise they are limited, but wanted to expand eventually.

Andrea proceeded to talk about Sports & Tourism.

Kevin Sartor asked if the Library would be completely separate from Arts? Andrea said it would. He then asked about the coordinators for the Vista? Andrea said that was part of the first year ask.

Sandy talked about General Government Departments: City Attorney, City Clerk, City Manager.

Kevin Sartor asked about the Emergency Manager and if there was an FTE position considered to support? Andrea said it is currently not funded.

Sandy continued to talk about Finance, Human Resources, Information & Technology, Marketing & Communications.

Mayor Sartor, asked what the proposed FTE would do for marketing? Virginia said it would be a PIO and would be in charge of all the writing and to help manage all the projects in their department. Mayor Sartor asked about Social Media? Virginia said they split social media across their department.

Vice-Mayor Hastings asked about a social media manager position? Virginia said they had intended that a while ago, but the issue is the number of departments they serve. She talked about the balance of graphic design and social media. Vice-Mayor Hastings talked about social media.

Councilmember Haney asked about the need for the FTE for Communication and how this will

impact the department? Virginia said it would allow them to assess where all the responsibilities lie within the department. Andrea talked about how they have to balance positions within all the departments within the City.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, said he was glad to include this position. Virginia talked about the PIO position and how it aligns with government transparency, and the skills they would offer.

Andrea talked about Water Resource Management: Stormwater, Wastewater, Water.

Councilmember Melton, asked about the new operators being proposed and if they're dedicated for Circle City? Michael Boule, said that once the City takes over and that they would have to check on the location at least twice a day.

Andrea talked about the Upcoming Council Budget Calendar.

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: Nick Haney

Seconded By: Jack Hastings

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12 PM



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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, April 15, 2025.**



Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk