



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Meeting
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the Regular Council Meeting of September 2nd, 2025 to order at 6:00 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

1. Invocation

Garth Wagonmen led in an invocation.

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

Freedom Traditional NJHS led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

Mayor Sartor declared that it was library card sign up month. Librarian, Tonya Stuempfl, came to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Sartor acknowledged the Epic Business Networking group and awarded them the Community Champion Award.

E. City Manager Report

2. City Manager sub-text

3. Reports

City Manager, Bob Wigenroth, introduced Parks & Recreation Director, Holly Osborn, to talk about the Swim Lesson Update. Holly introduced Casey Peterson and Paris Johnson. Paris talked about the Importance of Water Safety, Challenges, 5 Key Changes, 2025 results, Wait list Overview, and 2026 Goals.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about the progress that the City has made in swim lessons.

Councilmember Haney, talked about the importance of teaching children to swim and how it can prevent catastrophe.

Holly introduced Shelby Fenwick, she presented the Youth Council Members.

Maddie Mize, Paradise Honors High School

Mila Whit, Shadow Ridge High School

F. City Clerk Report

4. Reports

1. City Clerk Report and brief update on the 2025 Laws that take effect on September 26, 2025.

City Clerk, Kristi Passarelli, and City Attorney, Jeff Murray; came to present this item. They talked about changes to Election law changes. They talked about the 2025 New Laws, City Clerk's Focus, Other Applicable New Laws, HB2666 regarding bots, HB2667 regarding campaign finance, SB1581 regarding reporting dates, SB1153 regarding Write In Candidates, SB1040 for Recall Elections, HB2231 and Open Meeting Law, HB2119 for Business Licenses, SB1378 for HOAs and Political Flags, and other Upcoming Topics.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about the laws coming into effect, and the campaign finance report process.

Councilmember Greenberg, asked about the two tiered tax rates and what they were? Jeff said he would need to research more. Councilmember Greenberg asked if the state has issued guidance for determining bots? Kristi said they were waiting for further guidance from the state. Councilmember Greenberg asked if there was any limits on the size of flag? Jeff said it was broad and it would not supersede HOA standards.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about the process to pass laws.

Mayor Sartor, thanked staff for the update.

G. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

2. Consideration and action to approve the August 5th, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, and August 12th, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Consideration and action to approve the Council Meeting Dates set for calendar year 2026.
4. Consideration and Action on accepting a Special Warranty Deed for dedication of Right of Way from Paul Gillaspay on Jomax Road at 157th Avenue.
5. Consideration and Action on accepting a Special Warranty Deed for dedication of Right of Way from TD Residential 10, LLC on Jomax Road near 158th Avenue.
6. Consideration and Action on accepting a Special Warranty Deed for dedication of Right of Way from Carl and Lisa Schaab on Jomax Road near 157th Avenue.
7. Consideration and Action on accepting a Special Warranty Deed for dedication of Right of Way from Carl and Lisa Schaab on Jomax Road near 157th Avenue.

8. Consideration and action pertaining to acceptance of endowment funding from the Maricopa County Community College District Foundation and approval of a Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment in the amount of \$19,500 for supportive grants for military service members, veterans, and their families; Resolution #2025-105.

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

9. Consideration and action pertaining to a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) on Application No. 353487, requested by Fakhree Mkiha Chalabee, for Cindy's Mini Market #2 for Series 10 Liquor License. Cindy's Mini Market #2 is located at 15444 Greasewood St, Surprise, AZ 85378.

Motion: To Approve
Initiated By: Johnny Melton
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

10. Consideration and action pertaining to a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) on Application No. 352173, requested by Maria Danielle Burgess, for Circle K #9596 for Series 10 Liquor License. Circle K #9596 is located at 16180 W Jomax Rd, Surprise, AZ 85387.

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:

11. Discussion pertaining to the potential division of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission into two commissions with one focusing on veterans and the other on disabilities and human services.

Seth Dyson, came to present this item. He talked about the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission (VDHS) Background, Current & Past Initiatives, the current VDHS Commission, potentially splitting the commission, Commission Input. Seth introduced VDHS Chairman Michael Tree. Michael said that they support the idea but were concerned about the timing.

Mayor Sartor, talked about the new position for Veteran Coordinator.

Councilmember Judd asked when the terms start? Seth said that they terms all alternate and there is no official start. Councilmember Judd asked if this was discussion so far? Seth said this

was meant to get direction from council to see how they want to proceed. Councilmember Judd asked if this had 11 members originally? Seth said it did at one point but it is currently down to 7. Councilmember Judd asked when Vet Fest was? Michael said it was April. Councilmember Judd asked when a good time would be to divide the commission? Michael said May 1st would be good. Councilmember Judd said he liked the idea if it was timed out well.

Councilmember Haney, said he doesn't see any reason to not divide up the commission but didn't want to create additional challenges.

Michael talked about the meeting frequency and what would best serve council.

Councilmember Haney, asked if it was being proposed to alternate meetings between commissions monthly? Michael said they were.

Councilmember Greenberg, asked who wanted to be on the new commission from the current? Michael said all of them and that they would need new people. Councilmember Greenberg asked how many positions they would have to fill? Michael said they were still talking about it and it would need to be 7 new people.

Councilmember Duffy, said he was in favor to splitting it and was fine waiting until after Vet Fest.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, said he would like to see the commission to recommend how often they would meet. He said he would like to see a group focus more on disability.

Michael talked about the next steps and how they would have to reapply for positions. He also talked about including active duty service members on the commission as well.

Councilmember Melton, talked about the reason why they were talking about splitting the commissions.

Mayor Sartor, said he agreed with everything said.

Councilmember Haney, said that this was meant to add more opportunities and how the City relies on commissions.

H. Call To The Public

Kayson Snyder, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about traffic at West Acoma and Litchfield Rd.

Quintus Schulzke, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about community engagement and a recent editorial.

Nathan Madden, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about City Business License.

Ruth Feliciano, a Surprise Resident, left a question about an Independent Environmental Impact Study.

Misty Morris, a Wadell Resident, came to talk about the potential Data Center, Project Baccara.

Destiny Hurst, a Surprise Resident, left comments about Project Baccara.

James Ellis, a Surprise Resident, left comments about the First Amendment.

Cheryl Packham, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about Economic Development.

Eric Fowler, a Chandler Resident, came to talk about Business Licenses.

Angel Gomez, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about Project Baccara.

Rebekah Massie, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about her previous experiences.

Alex Christ, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about AI Centers.

Theresa Christensen, a West Valley Resident, came to talk about Childcare.

Kevin James, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about We Ride.

Hollie Tolmachoff, a West Valley Resident, came to talk about Project Baccara.

J. City Council Reports

Councilmember Judd, talked about being at the Project Baccara Meeting, and his experience at the League of Cities.

Councilmember Melton, said he was resuming his community meetings.

Councilmember Duffy, talked about his upcoming meet and greet.

Councilmember Greenberg, talked about his upcoming district meeting.

Councilmember Haney, talked about meeting with local real estate agents, and his previous community meeting. He thanked staff for all their help recently.

Vice-Mayor Hastings talked about Project Baccara .

Mayor Sartor, talked about his experience at the League of Cities.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

Vice-Mayor Hastings asked for an action item to cut the initial fee for business licenses, or other options. Councilmember Haney seconded.

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: Johnny Melton

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 8:13 PM



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, September 2, 2025**.



Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk