



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

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the Regular Council Meeting of December 16th, 2025 to order at 6:00 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

1. Invocation

Rabbi Shlomo led in the Invocation.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Vally Vista High School Choir led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

They also did a choir performance.

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

Mayor Sartor recognized Arizona Rangers for their help with the local Hannaka celebration.

E. City Manager Report

2. City Manager sub-text

1. Employee Dependent Scholarship Awards

City Manager, Andrea Davis, came to introduce Joesette Fausto. Joesette presented the winners of the Employee Dependent Scholarship Awards: Emma Hudson, Claire Avalos, and Finn Bush.

3. Reports

City Manager, Andrea Davis, presented Shelby Fenwick. Shelby introduced the Youth Council Members.

Alice Bogman, Willow Canyon High School

Kaydance Sartor, Shadow Ridge High School

F. City Clerk Report

City Clerk, Kristi Passarelli, reported about the City's 65th Anniversary.

4. Reports

2. City of Surprise 65th Birthday

G. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: To Approve

Initiated By: Patrick Duffy

Seconded By: Earle Greenberg

Yes: 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 December 2nd, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget by moving budget authority in order to close out Fiscal Year 2025; Resolution #2025-137.
5. Consideration and action to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 budget moving budget authority within grant and capital projects to/from contingency or between projects and amending the FY2026 Contract Awarding Authority List; Resolution #2025-138.
6. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of a Fiscal Agent Grant Agreement and acceptance of a grant from the Ak-Chin Indian Community for the benefit of A Mighty Change of Heart and approval of a Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment by moving budget in the amount of \$20,000; Resolution 2025-97.
7. Consideration and action pertaining to the renewal and acceptance of the agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for overtime expenses and approval of a fiscal year 2026 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$44,400; Resolution 2025-135; RFLS 10361.

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

8. Consideration and action pertaining to a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) on Application No. 365730, requested by Maria Danielle Burgess, for Circle K Store #9626 located at 16256 W Jomax Rd, Surprise, AZ 85387 for a new Series 09 Liquor License.

Motion: To Approve

Initiated By: Nick Haney

Seconded By: Patrick Duffy

Yes: 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:

9. Presentation and discussion regarding the City Court's Department Strategic Plan.

Judge Dominguez, and Court Administrator Elaina Cano, came to present this item. They talked about the Mission Statement of the Court, Court Overview, Strategic Priority Alignment, Strategic Goals, Key Projects & Initiatives, and Challenges & Opportunities.

Mayor Sartor, asked about efficiency and what standard they were trying to achieve? Elaina said

that they are trying to take away tedious tasks for staff by using technology and AI. Judge Dominguez, talked about reducing person hours for a task.

10. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the 2026 Legislative Agenda.

Government Relations Director, Jodi Tas, came to present this item. She talked about the Federal Delegation, Legislative Composition, 2025 Legislative Session Recap, SB1308, HB2539, SB1332, SB1082, Purpose of the Legislative Agenda, 2026 Legislative Agenda, Surprise's Quality of Life, Preserving Local Funding, Supporting Local Decision-Making Authority, Transportation, Land Use Planning, Public Safety, Economic Development, Water & Sustainability, and Luke Air Force Base.

Councilmember Haney, asked about any legislation for first responders health and Surprise's role in anything moving forward. He thanked Jodi for her work, he asked how residents can get more involved? Jodi said it would be really impactful for them to reach out to the state legislature. Councilmember Haney asked who controls the 303 and Grand Avenue? Jodi said it was the state that has control over those. He talked about the zoning process and balancing infrastructure, he asked about legislation that could impact the City's impact on future developments and what impact funding would have? Jodi talked about the potential forecast of the state budget, and where the money comes from. Councilmember Haney talked about growth in the City and the steps that the City has taken to grow smartly. He asked if there was potential legislation that could limit city control on future growth. Jodi said there likely would be. Councilmember Haney thanked her for her work. Jodi thanked council for all their work with the state.

Mayor Sartor, asked about San Tan Valley incorporating and the impact that would have on Surprise? Jodi said it is one more town to split resources with. Mayor Sartor, thanked Jodi for her leadership locally. He asked where people could get the contact information for their state and federal legislators. Jodi said on the Government Relations page is all the contact information for each office. He asked if they should call or email? Jodi said both.

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

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

Vote Result: Passed

11. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of the Surprise 120 Development Agreement; Resolution #2025-136

Assistant City Manger, Lloyd Abrams, came to present this item. He talked about the Vicinity Map, Owner Obligation, and Traffic Signals.

Kimberly Virostek, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about this item and express her concerns about this area.

Councilmember Haney asked if Lloyd could talk about some of the things Kimberly talked about. Lloyd talked about developing access for the area and future development agreements. Councilmember Haney, asked about Deer Valley shifting south and if there was something holding them to it? Lloyd said there is. Councilmember Haney talked about keeping the community in the loop. Lloyd said they would continue to do so.

Mayor Sartor, asked about the rural urban interface overlay and if there is some protection as far as distance? Lloyd said that they are starting the protection for it.

Motion: To Approve
Initiated By: Nick Haney
Seconded By: Patrick Duffy

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

Vote Result: Passed

12. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the FY2026 Financial Status Report through September 2025.

Finance Director, Sandy Simmons, came to present this item. She talked about Source Category Examples, FY26 General Fund Sources, FY26 General Fund Uses, and Uses Category Examples.

Councilmember Judd, asked about the trajectory, and what would happen if things took a turn downward, and how prepared the City is? Sandy said that they anticipate for such cases and to prepare for scaling back if need be. Councilmember Judd, said that if the numbers were disappointed, what would happen? Sandy said they would get together and talk about what to do with actual numbers.

- H. Call To The Public

April Butler, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about Project Baccara.

Hillary Webber, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about Project Baccara.

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

Lisa Everett, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about the Surprise Party.

- I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

- J. City Council Reports

Councilmember Greenberg thanked staff for coming to his district meeting to talk about water, and the age of the City.

Councilmember Haney, talked about his upcoming community meeting, and thanked staff for their work on the holiday event.

Councilmember Duffy, thanked Parks and Rec for their work on the Surprise Party.

Councilmember Melton, wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Councilmember Judd, talked about the previous year and the composition of the Council. He thanked Parks and Rec for their work on the event.

Mayor Sartor, thanked staff for all their work on the holiday event. He congratulated Lloyd on his promotion as Assistant City Manager. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

- 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: Youth Councilmember Alice Bogman

Seconded By: Youth Councilmember Kaydance Sartor

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 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, December 16, 2025.**



Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk