



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the Regular City Council Work Session of January 6th, 2026 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, Earle Greenberg, Patrick Duffy, Johnny Melton and Nick Haney.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sartor led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

2. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Fighter Country Partnership Update

Director of Government Relations, Jodi Tas, came to present this item. She introduced Ron Sites from Fighter Contry Partnership. Ron talked about where the FCF Support Goes, Different Programs, Luke Forward Campaign, and How it Continues.

Mayor Sartor, talked about the relationship the City has with the military.

2. Presentation and discussion regarding proposed updates to the municipal code, Chapter 58 — Utilities.

Water Director, Michael Boule, and Amy Peterson came to present this item. Amy talked about the Article VIII High Water User Regulations.

Councilmember Melton, asked if these regulations were in anticipation? Amy said that is correct, Michael said that any information shared wouldn't be retroactive.

Amy talked about the Division 1 Generally, Existing and Commercial Customer water usage, Division 2 Requirements of High Water Users, Sustainable Water Services Agreement.

Mayor Sartor, asked if the multiple water providers would be consistent with the City? Amy said that currently it would only apply to services the City provides directly, and that this would not apply to other entities like Epcor.

She talked about the Example of a Microbrewery, Example of Bottling Plant, Example of Data Center,

Councilmember Greenberg asked about future planning with pipes and who would pay to develop the pipes should a project would require it? Michael said that the water department is embedded in the development review process and would have the applicant pay for such development.

Councilmember Greenberg, asked if the water department would be apart of the review process? Michael said it is.

Councilmember Judd, asked how much discretion City Council would have? and if council could reject it? Michael said that it would be similar to a development project that comes before Council, and that staff would create a comprehensive recommendation that they could present Council. Councilmember Judd, talked about property rights with Zoning and if the user brought their own water, could the City say no? Michael said that if they brought their own water it wouldn't be an issue? Councilmember Judd asked if there was a way for council to stop it if they wanted to? Amy said that this would not be the way to stop such developments. Councilmember Judd asked how Gallons per Day was calculated? Amy said that it was an annual average. Councilmember Judd asked about 840 acre feet and if it covered 15 years? Michael said it was.

Amy went on to talk about Penalties, and Examples of Penalties.

Michael talked about the Strategic Priorities Alignment.

3. Flashing Yellow Arrow Safety Campaign

Transportation Director, Eric Boyles, came to present this item. He asked Councilmember Greenberg to talk about this item. Councilmember Greenberg gave some background of this item. Eric talked about the Background, Flashing Yellow Arrows, and Recent Studies.

Councilmember Judd asked what Eric meant by "noncompliance" when doing the study? Eric said it wasn't strictly legal.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked about the history of implementing the flashing yellow. He talked about the traffic build up at Bell and Litchfield. He asked about how a second lane was added at Reems and Bell? Eric said there was a project that went out to convert it to dual lefts. Vice-Mayor Hastings expressed his concern about people being able to turn left when it's flashing yellow? Eric talked about how it currently works, and they would be doubling the time for left turns. Councilmember Hastings, talked about the traffic at Bell and Litchfield and how he would like to expedite any projects for this.

Mayor Sartor asked when this would be going live? Eric said that it was going to out on the 12th and the notices would be given to the public.

Eric went on to talk about Bell & Litchfield Rd.

Mayor Sartor asked when construction would happen? Eric said it would go on by 2030 if not sooner depending on projects.

Councilmember Melton, asked if this addressing just the left lanes? Eric said it was just the left. Councilmember Melton asked about capacity for the right turn lanes? Eric said they could look into it.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked when at a left turn lane what driver's could do there? Chief Beecher said the operator of a vehicle can enter the intersection for a turn so long as there's a yellow light and complete the turn. Chief Beecher talked about his department's relationship with the Transportation Department.

Councilmember Haney, talked about combating bad driving behavior and keeping people safe. He talked about the history of this intersection and hoped that the City could pursuit any grant to develop this intersection. Eric talked about making the intersection safer. Councilmember Haney asked about the estimated timeframe for construction would be for an additional lane? Eric said that it wouldn't be too intrusive, and would do their best to do it quickly. Councilmember Haney asked if they would see the PSA today? Eric said they would.

Councilmember Judd, talked about the reputation of the intersection of Bell and Litchfield? Eric said that the numbers reflect the accident and no the number of fatalities. Councilmember Judd asked what incapacitated means? Eric said it is when they are not able to get out on their own. Councilmember Judd asked how this compares to other intersections within the City? Eric said that when it compares to the most crash prone intersection, this was the highest rated. Councilmember Judd asked how this compare with bad accidents? Chief Beecher, said that 163rd & Grand takes the lead, but this intersection is always second or third. Councilmember Judd, said that these numbers for accidents look low. Chief Beecher said he would be happy to pull stats to share later.

Eric went on to talk about the Flashing Yellow Arrow PSA Campaign, he asked Councilmember Greenberg to show the sign.

Councilmember Greenberg shared the sign.

Mayor Sartor asked how far back these signs would be? Eric said they would be position near the turn bay.

Eric talked about Sign locations, Sign Education, and shared the promotional video.

Councilmember Melton talked about the Video.

Councilmember Duffy, asked to see the accidents reports to compare all the intersections. Chief Beecher, talked about failure to yield on intersection usually leads to bigger accidents, and he would be generating a report. Councilmember Duffy talked about the caliber of accidents happening.

Councilmember Greenberg talked about his personal experience with left turns and thanked staff for their work on this.

Councilmember Hastings, thanked Councilmember Greenberg and staff for their work on this. He talked about the changes being done and how they have an impact at other intersections.

Mayor Sartor, thanked Councilmember Greenberg and staff.

E. Executive Session

1. Executive Session Items
2. Executive Disclaimer - Part 1
3. Executive Disclaimer - Part 2
4. Executive Disclaimer - Part 3

F. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

Initiated By: Nick Haney

Seconded By: Earle Greenberg

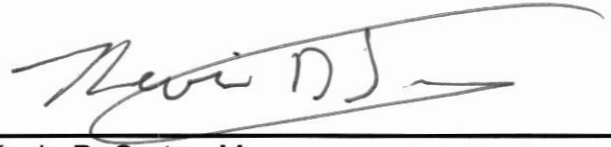
Yes: Jack Hastings, Patrick Duffy, Chris Judd, Nick Haney, Kevin Sartor, Johnny Melton, Earle Greenberg

No: None

Abstain: None

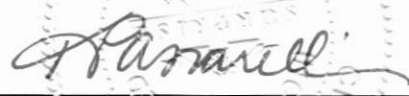
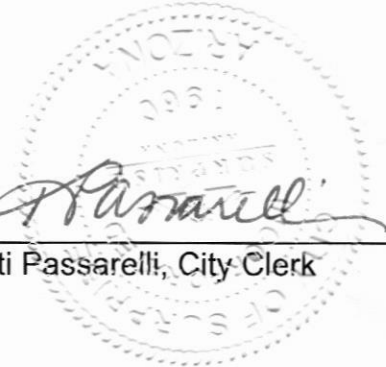
Vote Result: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:34 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, January 6, 2026.**



Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk