



**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**16000 N. Civic Center Plaza**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 6:00 PM  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the Regular Council Meeting of January 6th, 2026 to order at 6:00 p.m., located at Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ. 85374.

1. Invocation

Ray Grimm, led in the 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

Boy Scout Troop Pack 400 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Led by Cub Scouts Troop

D. Proclamation and Community Acknowledgements

3. Community Champions — Shadow Ridge HS Theater | Overall Superior Award

Mayor Sartor nominated the Shadow Ridge Thespian Troupe as the Community Champions because they won an Overall Superior Rating from the Arizona Thespian Organization.

E. City Manager Report

4. Grant Presentation by Cox Group

Andrea Davis introduced Seth Dyson. Seth presented Daren Moffit from Cox Communications who came with a check for a grant for the Community Center.

Andrea Davis had Joann Estfan come up to present the Youth Council Members.

Desmond Robert, Willow Canyon High School

Jackson Freeman, Canyon Ridge School

F. City Clerk Report

5. Reports

City Clerk, Kristi Pasarelli, gave an update about the new photo booth that the City Clerk's Office offers for passport photos.

1. Consideration and action to approve the recommendation for appointment of Madelyn Volling to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for the four-year term expiration on June 30, 2029.

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

2. Consideration and action to approve the recommendation for appointment of Connie Loveland to the Board of Trustees, for the four-year term expiration on June 30, 2029.

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

- G. Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: To Approve

Initiated By: Patrick Duffy

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

3. Consideration and action to approve the December 16th, 2025 Special City Council Meeting, Executive Session, and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
4. Consideration and action pertaining to approval of an agreement with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, accepting funding for expenses related to reducing human trafficking, and approval of a Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$111,100 to project G31122 and amending the fiscal year 2026 Contract Awarding Authority List; Resolution #2026-03; RFLS #10395.
5. Consideration and action pertaining to entering into an agreement with the Tohono O'odham Nation to accept a grant award, approving a Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment moving budget in the amount of \$209,000, \$109,000 to project G34205, and \$100,000 to project G17010 and amending the fiscal year 2026 Contract Awarding Authority List; Resolution #2026-11
7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:
6. Consideration and action pertaining to a Rezone from Residential High (RH-15) with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Residential Medium Density (R-2) with a PUD overlay for property generally located at the southeast corner of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Beardsley Canal. Case FS25-0420.

Chris Sexton, came to present this item. She talked about the Vicinty Map, FS25-0420 Existing Zone, Proposed Zone, Background, General Plan 2040 Compliance, Conceptual Plan,

Conceptual Plot Plans, Development Standards, Outreach, Recommendation, and current stipulations.

Andrew Yancy came on behalf of the developer to talk about Sierra Sol Ranch. He talked about the Vicinity Map, Rezone Details, Site Plan & Open Space, Amenities, PUD Development Standards Table, and PUD Setback Measurement.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, asked how many square feet would these homes be? Andrew said that the product would be between 1700 and 2500 square feet. Vice-Mayor Hastings asked if Oakwood has been in the City before? Andrew said they have a development elsewhere. Vice-Mayor asked if they were detached? Andrew said they were.

Councilmember Melton, asked about the approximate number of units? Andrew said they were looking around 92 units.

Councilmember Judd, asked how garbage pickup would work with the size of the development? Andrew said that is one of the issues they will try to address. Councilmember Judd asked if it would take up the whole street? Andrew said that it wouldn't.

Councilmember Haney, asked about the community outreach and the concerns regarding this development? Andrew said that there was some confusion about down zoning and it was positive. Councilmember Haney talked about his appreciation for this type of project.

Mayor Sartor, asked about the timeline? Andrew said that the developer is ready to go and construction would go quickly. Mayor Sartor asked how someone would go to Phoenix from this location? Andrew talked about the projected course of traffic there. Mayor Sartor was glad this wouldn't impact 163rd.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about traffic increasing and the potential outcome of this project. He asked about the control City Council has? Andrew said that zoning is a set of permissions.

Councilmember Haney made clear that this was to down sizing the zone requirements.

Motion: To Approve  
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

8. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:
7. Consideration and action pertaining to the approval of a Resolution for the Intent to Annex for a portion of the project known as Vistas Montanas. Case# FS25-0291; Resolution 2026-02.

Chris Sexton, came to present this item. She talked about the Vicinity Map, Existing Boundaries, Annexation Locations, Proposed Boundary, and Annexation Steps.

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

H. Call To The Public

Alex Christ, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about the Big 12 Tournament, and international visitors.

Lisa Everett, a Surprise Resident, came to talk about BNSF.

I. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

J. City Council Reports

Councilmember Haney, talked about the start of the year and his upcoming community meeting.

Councilmember Greenberg, talked about the new councilmembers.

Councilmember Duffy, talked about his upcoming meet and greet.

Councilmember Melton, thanked PD for their work on a recent accident. He talked about looking forward to the new year.

Vice-Mayor Hastings, talked about the new council and his experience as Vice-Mayor. He talked about his upcoming community meeting.

Councilmember Judd, talked about his upcoming community meetings.

Mayor Sartor, talked about his first year as Mayor. He talked about life guard job openings.

K. Executive Session

9. Executive Session Items

10. Executive Disclaimer - Part 1

11. Executive Disclaimer - Part 2

12. 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

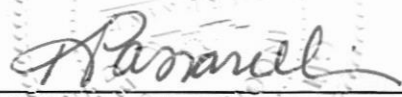
Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM



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Kevin D. Sartor, Mayor

**ATTEST:**


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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.**



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Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk