



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. Call To Order

Mayor Sartor called the City Council Work Session of February 17th, 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 Council members Chris Judd, Patrick Duffy, Johnny Melton, Jack Hastings and Nick Haney. Vice Mayor Earle Greenberg was excused.

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. Presentation and discussion pertaining to Surprise Police Department Programs

Finance Director, Sandy Simmons, Chief Evan Beecher, and Sergeant Rick Hernandez, came to present this item. She talked about the FY 2026 General Fund Expense Budget. Evan talked about the Patrol Operations Divisions. Rick talked about the Criminal Investigations Division. Evan talked about the Tactical Support Division. Rick talked about Agency Support Division. Evan talked about Community Feedback Directs Enforcement. Rick talked about the Surprise PD Toy Drive.

Mayor Sartor thanked the Police Department for everything they do and asked the Chief what they need to do their job better? Chief Beecher said that staff is a significant concern and being proactive for the future.

Councilmember Melton, asked about the number of calls and if it was typical for the city of our size? Chief Beecher said that the City is very safe and that it's a hard number to calculate. Councilmember Melton asked how many FTE's are dedicated to crime scenes? Chief Beecher said there is a few positions they are hiring for and would have 4 normally.

Councilmember Haney, talked about the effort done on 163rd Avenue. He thanked the Police Department for what they do and the relationship they have made with the community.

Councilmember Hastings, talked about the SROs that the City uses with the local schools. He asked about a potential range and asking for what the City really needs. Chief Beecher talked about how they are very strategic in planning for appropriate growth for the City. Councilmember Hastings thanked the Police Department for their work.

Mayor Sartor asked about the public safety master plan? Chief Beecher said it would come out in a few months. Mayor Sartor asked if it would be a good roadmap for planning? Chief Beecher said it would.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to Public Works Programs

Sandy Simmons along with Public Works Director Kristen Tytler came to present this item. She talked about the FY26 General Fund Expense Budget. Kristen talked about Engineering, Fleet, Supporting Citywide Operations, Fleet Organization, Facilities, Facilities Organization, Fleets Assets Across Functions, Solid Waste, Curbside Pickup, and Other Services.

Mayor Sartor thanked staff for their work. He asked how Public Works integrates with Public Safety's Master Plan? Kristen talked about and part time hours that convert to full time eventually. Mayor Sartor asked if there would be a need for additional facilities in the future? Kristen said that there likely would be in the future.

Councilmember Melton, talked about the number of buildings the City uses and the use of energy efficiently. He asked if there were any tools they needed? Kristen said they were pretty good but were always looking ahead for new technology.

Councilmember Duffy, thanked staff for offering tours.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the FY2026 Financial Status Report through December 2025.

Finance Director, Sandy Simmons, presented this item. She talked about the Category Sample Sources, FY26 General Fund Sources, and General Fund Uses.

E. 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 5:19 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, February 17, 2026**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Passarelli", written in black ink.

Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk