



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Chamber doors will open at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. City Manager Report

The City Manager may present a brief summary of current events, including recognition of community members, employees, and programs, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K). The City Council will not discuss or take action on any matter within the City Manager Report.

- E. City Clerk Report
- F. Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the consent agenda may be by one motion and a passing vote by the City Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember requests such. The requested item for discussion will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Citywide Presentation, discussion, and public comment, pertaining to a proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) to the Surprise Land Development Ordinance (LDO) to establish a new Battery (B) overlay zone related to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Case FS23-1041. Chris Sexton
Community
Development
- G. Executive Session

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03

A. On a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, a public body may hold an executive session but only for the following purposes:

- 1. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.
- 2. Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.
- 3. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.
- 4. Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of

negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

5. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body.

6. Discussion, consultation or consideration for international and interstate negotiations or for negotiations by a city or town, or its designated representatives, with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city or town.

7. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

8. Discussion or consideration of matters relating to school safety operations or school safety plans or programs.

9. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures or systems relating to, or having an impact on, the security or safety of buildings, facilities, operations, critical infrastructure information and information technology maintained by the public body. Records, documentation, notes, or other materials made by, or provided to, the representatives pursuant to this paragraph are confidential and exempt from public disclosure under this chapter and title 39, chapter 1.

H. Adjournment

KRISTI PASSARELLI, CITY CLERK

POSTED: Thursday, May 28th, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

SPECIAL NOTE: PERSONS WITH SPECIAL ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS, INCLUDING LARGE PRINT MATERIALS OR INTERPRETER, SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE @ 623.222.1200 OR CLERK@SURPRISEAZ.GOV, BY NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING TIME.



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Council Meeting Date: June 2, 2026
Submitting Department:
Staff Recommendations:

Contact Person:
District: Citywide

Consent: No Regular: No Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:
City Manager sub-text

Motion:

Background:

Objective Analysis:

Policy Compliant:

Financial Impact:

Budget Impact:

FTE Impact:

ATTACHMENTS:



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Council Meeting Date: June 2, 2026 Contact Person: Chris Sexton
Submitting Department: Community Development District: Citywide
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No Regular: Yes Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

Presentation, discussion, and public comment, pertaining to a proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) to the Surprise Land Development Ordinance (LDO) to establish a new Battery (B) overlay zone related to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Case FS23-1041.

Motion:

Presentation and discussion only. No motion.

Background:

On December 4, 2023, staff initiated a Zoning Text Amendment related to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). In support of this effort, staff reviewed BESS ordinances from multiple jurisdictions and engaged external stakeholders through two outreach meetings. The proposed text amendment is intended to establish a new overlay zone in addition to zoning criteria and development standards for BESS while safeguarding public health, safety, welfare, and overall quality of life in the LDO.

Objective Analysis:

The proposed Zoning Text Amendment will provide regulatory framework, including zoning criteria and development standards applicable to the installation and use of battery energy storage systems. The proposed regulations are intended to protect the health, wealth, safety, and quality of life for the general public and ensure compatible land uses in the area affected by battery energy storage systems.

Policy Compliant:

The proposed Zoning Text Amendment is consistent with, and will help implement, the Surprise General Plan 2040.

Financial Impact:

The budget impact associated with the adoption of this ordinance will be the cost to convert the ordinance to MuniCode online for inclusion with the other Surprise Municipal Codes. The actual cost for conversion will be determined once the final document length is known.

Budget Impact:

There is no anticipated budget impact related to this item.

FTE Impact:

This item does not have an impact to FTE as a result of this Zoning Text Amendment.

ATTACHMENTS:
