

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 p.m. The Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor David Shapera, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Jim McPhetres, Councilor Joe Ramirez, Councilor Lynn Selby.

Excused: Councilor Jack Palladino.

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole. At the conclusion of the Call to the Public, individual City Council Members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken (2) direct staff to review a matter, and (3) direct that a matter be put on a future agenda.

Ronald Alonzo stated that he has seen improvements in the City. He expressed his concerns regarding the open door policy of the Police Department Administration and the City Clerk's Office. He stated that he is satisfied with the service that he has received. Chief Campbell stated that the Department has discussed the situation with Mr. Alonzo.

Hugh Flisyn reported that he did not approve the Valero gas station.

Mary Koestner reported that the irrigation system at Sundial III has been checked and there are no leaks. Mrs. Koestner stated that her disagreement with the actions of the Council isn't personal just that she has different ideas. Many people worked together to bring the Valero station to El Mirage.

Tim Combs expressed his concerns regarding Redflex. The renewal of the contract with Redflex has been renewed without Council approval. Dr. Isom reported that he has spoken with Mr. Combs. Dr. Isom also reported that Council was informed that the contract was being renewed.

Dee reported that the Windy City Dogs Café has finally opened at Gateway Park. She invited everyone to the Grand Opening on Saturday, October 13th.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclamation from Mayor and City Council of the City of El Mirage proclaiming the month of October 2012, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Police Department)

The Mayor proclaimed the month of October 2012 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of El Mirage.

- Proclamation naming the week of October 7-14, 2012, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of El Mirage. (Fire Department)

The Mayor proclaimed the week of October 7-14, 2012 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of El Mirage.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted on with one motion. If discussion is desired regarding any Consent Agenda Item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

1. Consideration and action approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 4, 2012; Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 18, 2012; Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 11, 2012; and the Work Session held Tuesday, September 4, 2012. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action accepting an agreement between the El Mirage Police Department and West Valley agencies to establish participation in the Child Abduction Response Team. (Police Department)

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve consent items 1 and 2 as presented; seconded by Councilor McPhetres. Motion Carries, unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action developing of a New Wayfinding Sign Program. (Public Works)

Jim Farley of Coco's Towing expressed his appreciation of the new program.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to develop a Wayfinding Sign Program as presented using the image on the left; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The City Manager reminded the Council of the soft opening for Windy City Dogs at Gateway Park on Wednesday and the ribbon cutting on Saturday, October 13th.

Dr. Isom asked Police Chief Campbell to make a brief presentation regarding the plans for the new police facility. Chief Campbell presented a brief slide show of conceptual plans for the facility to be constructed at Gateway Park. He reported construction should begin in January 2013 with a projected completion date in November 2013.

VIII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Vice Mayor Shapera reported the Fourth Friday event was well attended.

Councilor Ramirez reported the he is working to bring the American Cancer Society's Relay of Life to the City for the first time. He will be looking for volunteers and presenting more information in the coming weeks.

Mayor Mook stated that she has changed her opinion of the call to the public portion of the agenda; she now believes that it is an opportunity to inform and educate the residents of El Mirage.

The Mayor presented a brief history and fact sheet regarding the Northern Parkway Project and the potential for economic growth within the City.

Mayor Mook asked Larry Dobroski, Public Works Director to address the water bills for the HOA at Sundial III, as brought before the Council at the last Council Meeting. Mr. Dobroski reported that the greatest majority of the increase in the bills is due to very large increases in usage.

The Mayor asked Finance Director Robert Nilles to explain the effect of the City's bond issues on the property tax bills for the property. Mr. Nilles presented three (3) different property tax bills for three (3) different properties in the City. He also compared the properties as if they were located in the neighboring communities.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting 7:24 p.m.



Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richard Saathoff, City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Regular Council Meeting held October 2, 2012 and a quorum was present.


Richard Saathoff, City Clerk