REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:12 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 Jack Palladino, Councilor Joe Ramirez, Councilor Lynn Selby.

III. PRESENTATION

- Presentation by the IMS Arizona Marathon for the event held in El Mirage on February 19, 2012. (Special Events)

  Debra Undhjem made a brief presentation regarding the IMS Arizona Marathon event held in February 2012. She also presented the city with a check for $1,000.

IV. 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 or respond to the matter, and (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

Carlos Hobson, Leader of Troop #950. He also requested information regarding the recharge credit in lieu fee due to not being on the city's sewer system. Robert Nilles explained the fee. Dr. Isom reported Staff will be in contact to discuss the situation of not being able to connect to the city sewer.

Tip Combs questioned the preparation of the City's minutes. City Clerk Saathoff explained the minutes compiled in draft form and placed on the agenda. The City Council has the option of approving the minutes as presented or making corrections prior to approval.

Mary Koestner congratulated David Shapera on his election win. She also stated she will continue to be vocal community watchdog.

Dan Reilly expressed his approval of the proposed Grand Ave and Thunderbird Rd intersection. He also expressed his appreciation for participation of the recent Veteran's Day celebration.

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 Thursday, November 8, 2012; Special Council Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012; and the Special Council Meeting held Wednesday, November 28, 2012. (City Clerk)

2. Consideration and action accepting an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of El Mirage and the City of Glendale regarding the use of El Mirage Police Officers as law enforcement during events at the University of Phoenix Stadium. (Police Department)

3. Consideration and action to approve the Annual Financial Report as an official record of the City of El Mirage. (Finance)

4. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R12-12-32 on compliance of City policies and procedures with changes in Arizona Revised Statutes pursuant to Senate Bill 1598. (Community & Development Services)

   Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve consent items 1 thru 4 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Consideration and action on Resolution R12-12-33 approving the final plat of Thompson Ranch Phase 4 and accepting the dedication of rights-of-way and easements as shown on the plat. (Development & Community Services)

   Sue McDermott, City Engineer presented a brief overview of the request.

   Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Resolution R12-12-33 approving the final plat of Thompson Ranch Phase 4 and accepting the dedication of rights-of-way and easements as shown on the plat as presented and subject the development agreement be approved; seconded by Councilor McPhetres. Motion Carries, unanimously.

B. Swearing In and Seating of El Mirage City Council. (City Clerk)

   City Clerk Saathoff administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilors and they took their seats at the Council table.

C. Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Vice Mayor as per El Mirage City Code, Chapter 32.041-Vice Mayor. (City Clerk)

Nominations received: Joe Ramirez. Hearing no additional nominations, the Mayor closed the nominations

Motion to name Joe Ramirez. Motion Carries, unanimously

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the City Manager's summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

City Manager Isom reported the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is conducting a public open house meeting to gather community feedback about proposed roadway design plans for future El Mirage Road improvements between Northern Avenue and Cactus Road. The project is in two phases. Phase I is from Northern Avenue to Peoria Avenue currently slated to begin in the Spring of 2014. Phase II is from Peoria Avenue to Cactus Road and is not yet scheduled. The Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dysart Community Center. Flyers are available here tonight with details.

Dr. Isom reported the Firefighters Support Foundation of Greenfield, Massachusetts selected the El Mirage Fire Department for a grant award totaling just over $11,300 to fund a live fire extinguisher training system. The system includes rechargeable fire extinguishers that utilize air and water vapor to extinguish realistic fires of varying difficulty, particularly those associated with confined spaces such as trash cans, electric motors, stove tops, and others.

The City Manager invited everyone to participate in El Mirage's newest traditional holiday special events. The Christmas Tree Lighting Festival at the El Mirage City Plaza on Friday, December 7, 2012, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and the Christmas Pancake Breakfast / Toy Drive at the El Mirage Fire Station on Sunday, December 9, 2012, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Dr. Isom introduced Preston Neill, the city's new Management Analyst.

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

The Mayor and City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Councilor Selby reported the Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale in conjunction will the pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 9th.

Councilor Ramirez expressed his appreciation for the additional Police presences and reported the traffic has slowed down.

Mayor Mook announced the December 5th is Councilor Jack Palladino's birthday

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting 6:48 p.m.

Lana Mook

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 December 4, 2012 and a quorum was present.

Richard Saathoff, City Clerk