

**WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. WORK SESSION

All items listed under the Work Session will be only discussed, there will be no action (or vote) taken. The council may provide direction to City Staff on how to proceed.

- Presentation of Budget framework and fee changes. (Finance)

Finance Director Robert Nilles presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Budget Framework and Proposed Fee Changes in preparation for Council Budget workshops to be held in April. The presentation focused on the budgeting process, notice of intent for possible fee changes, a levy limit worksheet and next steps in the process.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, Acting City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Work Session held March 5, 2013 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, Acting City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:08 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 Joe Ramirez, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Jim McPhetres, Councilor Jack Palladino, Councilor Lynn Selby, Councilor David Shapera.

III. PRESENTATIONS

P1. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Thompson Ranch Elementary School Principal and Dysart High School alumni Dr. Veronica Vasquez-Robles.

Dr. Vasquez-Robles was unable to attend this Council meeting and a presentation will be made to her when she is able to attend.

P2. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to the Surprise Regional Chamber's Spirit of the Community 2012 El Mirage Citizen of the Year award and El Mirage resident Monica Dorcey.

Resident Monica Dorcey expressed her appreciation for this recognition and acknowledged support from partners in the community in their various projects. She was presented with a plaque by Mayor Mook.

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.

- Resident Amy Heusted requested clarification of her comments made at the previous Council meeting as reflected in the minutes. She also thanked the Police Department for their Domestic Violence Public Service Announcements that are currently being aired.

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, February 19, 2013 and February 26, 2013. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action regarding destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as determined by the State of Arizona and/or the City of El Mirage.
3. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R13-03-09 authorizing submittal of a grant application to the governor's Office of Highway Safety for officer overtime, mobile equipment, educational materials, and officer safety gear to reinforce the Police Department's traffic safety initiatives.
4. Consideration and action to appoint new public members to the Judicial Selection Advisory and Review Board for a three-year term beginning March 8, 2013 through March 7, 2016.
5. Consideration and action to approve continuing the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of El Mirage and Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management.
6. Consideration and action to approve purchase of three new marked police vehicles.

Councilor Shapera moved to remove consideration and action approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from the Consent Agent; seconded by Councilor McPhetres. Motion carries unanimously.

Councilor Shapera moved to approve consent items 1 through 6 as amended; seconded by Vice Mayor Ramirez. Motion carries unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1A. Consideration and action approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Councilor Delgado moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 19, 2013; seconded by Vice Mayor Ramirez. Motion carries 5/0. (Two abstentions - Councilors Shapera and Selby were absent from this meeting)

- A. Public Hearing on Resolution R13-03-08 to amend the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for the Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by incorporating park facility improvements as a priority component and plan focus.

Staff (Grants Coordinator Pat Gregan) explained the Consolidated Plan amendment process, purpose for requested amendment to the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for the Urban County

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and answered a number of general audience questions on the parks.

- B. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R13-03-08 to amend the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for the Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by incorporating park facility improvements as a priority component and plan focus.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R13-03-08 to amend the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for the Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by incorporating park facility improvements as a priority component and plan focus; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carries unanimously.

- C. Consideration and action to approve a Continuation and Amendment of Existing Agreement with Parks & Sons for curbside residential sanitation collection and the addition of a curbside bulk trash program and authorize the City Manager to transfer up to \$25K from Council Contingency (10-690-920) to pay for the cost of this year's first curbside bulk trash event.

Staff (Public Works Director Larry Dobrosky) presented the proposed Parks & Sons agreement extension provisions including the addition of a curbside bulk trash program and request for funds to pay for the initial curbside bulk trash event in this fiscal year.

Shawn Parks from Parks & Son explained the plan for curbside bulk trash pickup and fielded a number of questions from Council members.

Councilor Shapera moved to approve a Continuation and Amendment of Existing Agreement with Parks & Sons for curbside residential sanitation collection and the addition of a curbside bulk trash program and authorize the City Manager to transfer up to \$25K from Council Contingency (10-690-920) to pay for the cost of this year's first curbside bulk trash event; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carries unanimously.

- D. Discussion regarding placement of refuse and recycling containers.

Dr. Isom presented this item for discussion regarding placement of trash receptacles; on the sidewalk to the curb or in the street. Current code states that placement of receptacles are to be on the sidewalk to the curb.

Resident Steve Gillium made a presentation and case for moving the trash receptacles to the street as they pose an obstruction to pedestrians.

Council members each made comments on this item with questions posed relative to public safety, state statute requirements, impact from change of a two-day per week to one-day per week pickup, HOA requirements/monitoring and recommendation from Parks & Sons.

Shawn Parks from Parks & Sons provided experience with both on-street and off-street pickup stating less damage to receptacles and potential for accidents results from off-street placement.

Dr. Isom cautioned the potential for unintended consequences such as an increase in fees from changing the current code to street placement. Council directed more study be given to this item.

- E. Consideration and action to adopt a notice of intent to increase or change certain fees not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice pursuant to A.R.S. § 9-499.15.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to adopt the notice of intent to increase or change certain fees, including the 2013 Levy Limit Worksheet, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 9-499.15; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carries 6/1; Councilor McPhetres cast a Nay vote.

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.

Dr. Isom reported on a MDCOT announcement for a permanent road closure and reroute of traffic of a section of Northern Avenue between Litchfield and Dysart Road with the first section of the newly constructed Northern Parkway to open by March 15, 2013; the El Mirage Eggstravaganza will be held Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 9 am – noon at Gentry Park; and, Council Budget Workshops to review the FY 2013/14 Budget will be held April 15 and 16, 2013 at Pueblo Resort.

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

Councilor McPhetres reported on his participation in the Quarterly WestMarc Water/Energy meetings and the high priority concerns for water conservation.

Mayor Mook, Vice Mayor Ramirez and Councilors Delgado reported on their tour of the new F-35 jets at Luke Air Force Base.

Vice Mayor Ramirez advised that the White Tanks Little League will hold their season opening game at Gentry Park starting at 9 am on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

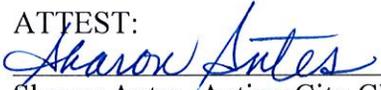
Mayor Mook recognized three newly appointed residents to the Judicial Selection and Review Board under the Consent Agenda. Monica Dorcey and Marianne Anderson were present at this meeting and introduced; Art Mendival was unable to attend this meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

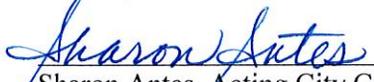


Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon Antes, Acting City Clerk

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