

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013**

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 Joe Ramirez, Councilor Jim McPhetres, Councilor Jack Palladino, Councilor Lynn Selby, Councilor David Shapera.

Absent: Councilor Roy Delgado (excused)

III. PRESENTATIONS

- P1.** Presentation to Council of an "Award of Excellence" from Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) in recognition of outstanding achievement and continued excellence in Risk Management and Control of Losses.

DCM/PW Director Larry Dobrosky spoke about the award and introduced the City's Regulatory Coordinator Jamie McCullough who is the point-of-contact for safety programs. The award was achieved by the City for reducing and eliminating risk for property and casualty loss throughout the City. The recognized efforts of a safety training program and excellent results on the Safety Surveys resulted in a 47% reduction of loss in 2011 and a 22% reduced loss in 2012. They presented the Council with the 2012 Silver Award for Excellence from AMRRP.

- P2.** Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Police Volunteer Johnny Huerta.

Chief Campbell introduced Johnny Huerta and expressed appreciation for his volunteer service at the El Mirage Police Department and his valuable role as a liaison with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Chief Campbell also complimented Mr. Huerta on his well-known tenor voice and thanked him for the many times he has responded to City requests to sing at numerous events, most recently at the new Police Station groundbreaking ceremony.

Mayor Mook asked Mr. Huerta if he would like to say a few words or maybe, sing a few words. He is well known for his outstanding tenor voice and expressed his thanks for the honor in both words and song. He complimented the City Council for the many improvements at the Police Department over the years and then sang an expression of love and appreciation a cappella.

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.

There were no cards for Call to the Public.

City Manager Dr. Isom requested at this time to make an announcement. Mr. Tim Holmberg, Vice President of the newest El Mirage business, Dakota Fabricating, and his wife Martha were present and introduced to Council. Previously located on the SE corner of El Mirage Road and Northern Avenue, Dakota Fabricating will open their new headquarters on Butler Drive just north of Northern Avenue in August 2013. They are an international company known for developing custom conveyors, feeders, crushers and other heavy equipment and who currently employs 60 employees with plans to hire up to 250 employees. They were welcomed to the community by the City Council. Dr. Isom recognized DCM/City Engineer Sue McDermott for assisting in the process to bring Dakota Fabricating to 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 Council Work Session held Tuesday, March 5, 2013, the minutes of the Regular council Meeting held Tuesday, February 5, 2013, and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, March 12, 2013. (City Clerk)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve consent item 1 as amended to show the minutes of the Regular Meeting should read March 5 rather than February 5; seconded by Councilor Selby. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Public Hearing on Ordinance O13-03-06 amending City Code §154.098(J)(2) and adding §154.098(J)(5) regarding pool barriers. (Development and Community Services)

DCM/CE Sue McDermott gave a PowerPoint presentation on pool barrier requirements for both State and City Codes.

Resident Mary Koestner expressed concern regarding enforcement challenges.

- B. Consideration and action on Ordinance O13-03-06 amending City Code §154.098(J)(2) and adding §154.098(J)(5) regarding pool barriers. (Development and Community Services)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to reject Ordinance O13-03-06 amending City Code as noted in Item B and continue with the current City Code which mirrors State Law; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

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 a revised opening set for mid-summer 2013; the El Mirage Eggstravaganza will be held Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 9 am – Noon at Gentry Park; Council Budget Workshops to review the FY 2013/14 Budget will be held April 15 and 16, 2013 at the Pueblo Resort, and subsequent meetings with resident Steve Gillium resulted in agreement to maintain the current placement of trash containers per City Code. Dr. Isom will bring forward proposed Ordinance changes at a future date on the Sanitation language of the current code.

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

Councilor McPhetres thanked staff for the Silver Safety Award and Mr. Huerta for his volunteer services.

Vice Mayor Ramirez invited all to attend the White Tanks Little League season opening event to be held Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Gentry Park beginning at 9 am.

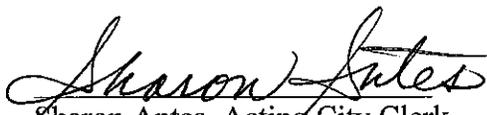
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.



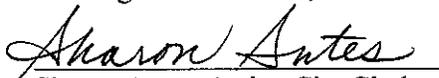
Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, Acting City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Regular Council Meeting held March 19, 2013 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, Acting City Clerk