

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 p.m.

III. PRESENTATION

P1. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Veronica Vasquez-Robles, Principal of Thompson Ranch Elementary School for her dedicated service to El Mirage students and parents.

Staff member Pat Gregan introduced Dr. Veronica Vasquez-Robles to the Mayor and Council noting she grew up in El Mirage and has returned to be Principal of Thompson Ranch Elementary School in El Mirage. Mayor Mook praised Dr. Vasquez-Robles for her accomplishments and thanked her for her contributions toward improving El Mirage and providing an example of furthering education to the children of El Mirage.

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 comments from the public.

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, June 18, 2013 and the Special Council Meeting held Thursday, June 20, 2013. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve a new Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire Protection and other Emergency Services pursuant to El Mirage City Code §34.31. (Fire)
3. Consideration and action to adopt Resolution R13-07-21 accepting a Public Utility Easement (PUE) from the Arizona Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist Church located at 12400 W. Desert Cove Road, El Mirage, Arizona. (Development and community Services)

Mayor Mook moved to remove Consent Item 1 from the consent agenda and vote on this item on the Regular agenda; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 2 and 3 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A1. Consideration and action approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 18, 2013 and the Special Council Meeting held Thursday, June 20, 2013. (City Clerk)

Mayor Mook requested the minutes of the June 18, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes be amended as follows:

On page 3, in the last sentence of paragraph 2 delete “acted at the direction of Council to hire” and replace with “hired” so the sentence reads “Because of the immediate need, the City Manager hired three clerks temporarily...”

Mayor Mook moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2013 Regular Council meeting, as amended, and the minutes from the June 20, 2013 Special Council Meeting, as presented, which were removed from the Consent Agenda Item 1 and voted on as regular Agenda Item A1; seconded by Councilor McPhetres. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Consideration and action to purchase two replacement patrol vehicles under State Contract pursuant to El Mirage City Code §30.21. (Police)

Councilor McPhetres asked Chief Campbell if there were more than two replacement vehicles budgeted to which he replied that two were being requested now and two would be requested at a later date.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the purchase of two replacement patrol vehicles under State Contract pursuant to El Mirage City Code §30.31; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Public Hearing to discuss proposed Ordinance O13-07-10 amending the Zoning Code of the City of El Mirage, §154.130 Temporary Signs. (Development and Community Services)

Sue McDermott presented a PowerPoint presentation to show examples of signs in compliance as compared to those that are not compliant and the proposed changes to the City Code as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The intent of the code change is to enhance the attractive and safety of City signs and to provide specific direction to Code Enforcement.

Councilor Selby asked whether signs could be applied to fencing or chain link fences with these changes, such as Gateway Park. Dr. Isom replied that generally the answer would be no but the City has the flexibility to allow a sign that might be temporary such as for a City sponsored event. Questions were raised regarding commercial banners on private fences but there was general consensus that the intent of the code was to provide limitations. Councilor Shapera asked Planning & Zoning Commissioner Frank Carnal to speak about the Planning & Zoning discussion that brought forth the proposed code changes. In general, Commissioner Carnal stated the Commission's intent was to clean up the City and control the number, appearance and frequency of temporary banners and encourage permanent/professional signage when appropriate.

There were no comments from the public.

C. Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance O13-07-10 amending the Zoning Code of the City of El Mirage, §154.130 Temporary Signs. (Development and Community Services)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to adopt Ordinance O13-07-10 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried 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 Dr. Isom introduced Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ab Jackson to tell the Council about an upcoming event. He thanked the Mayor for her comments and prayers regarding the lost firefighters in the most recent Yarnell fire. Mr. Jackson advised that the Chamber's 600 members are from the cities of Surprise, El Mirage, Sun City, Sun City West and Youngtown. He invited the Mayor and Council to the Chamber Monthly Networking Breakfast to be held July 9th at 7:00 am. Guest speakers at the breakfast will be the Honorable Debbie Lesko to provide a summary on the 2013 Legislative Session and Senior VP of Health Care Living and Membership Carrie O'Brien from the YMCA to help the Chamber kick off fund raising efforts for the Northwest Valley Family YMCA. The Chamber Challenge for members will be raise the goal of \$50,000.00 toward this regional facility in El Mirage. He also informed Council to mark their calendars for the upcoming Chamber Newsmaker Luncheon to be held October 4, 2013 featuring guest speaker, Honorable Mayor Lana Mook.

Dr. Isom reported changes in the Housing programs previously handled by individual cities. Maricopa County has consolidated and centralized all 10 programs which will now be administered through the County. Two major changes to the program include 1) qualifying individuals do not have to be first-time homebuyers, and 2) unincorporated areas of Maricopa County are now included as eligible locations where home buyer and housing rehab assistance may be provided. More details will be provided in the upcoming August El Mirage newsletter.

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

Councilor Selby publicly thanked Councilor Delgado and Dr. Isom for facilitating the return of the CAP program to El Mirage from which some of the El Mirage seniors are benefitting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Regular Council Meeting held July 2, 2013 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk