

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 A presentation to Council by representatives of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) regarding the latest monitoring results associated with the presence of hazardous substances at the former El Mirage Landfill.

Staff member Pat Gregan gave Council a brief background on the reason for this report and introduced ADEQ representatives Randy Mattos and Jacqueline Palermo. She also informed Council that Mr. Mattos and Ms. Palermo met with the West Valley Neighborhood Coalition earlier in the day to provide them with an update and to keep them informed.

ADEQ representative Randy Mattos introduced Ms. Palermo who has been assigned to conduct and monitor the final closure activities for the El Mirage Industrial Landfill located near 115th Avenue. Ms. Palermo gave Council a brief background of the project and summarized the EM-MW3 Groundwater Sampling report handed to each Councilor.

Ms. Palermo also answered numerous Council questions relative to health concerns and future use of the area; she advised Council the monitoring so far has indicated no health concerns have been identified and the focus of their task is to comply with the existing consent order and deadline compliance.

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.

No yellow cards were received.

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, July 2, 2013, the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2013 and the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 11, 2013. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of an unmarked police truck utilizing GOHS grant funding. (Police)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to remove Consent Item 1 and place on the Regular Agenda and to approve Consent Agenda Item 2 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, July 2, 2013, the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2013 and the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 11, 2013. (City Clerk)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the minutes as presented with the correction that the July 11, 2013 meeting was a Thursday rather than a Tuesday and to include the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 20, 2013; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to prepare construction drawings for the Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements project. (Development and Community Services)

DCM/City Engineer Sue McDermott gave a brief PowerPoint presentation relative to both items A. and B. relative to the Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements project.

Questions from Council were answered that included the reason for the design contract which is to include preparation of construction plans that are ADA compliant and include updated controls, a crosswalk at Olive Avenue and El Mirage Road will be included in the County improvements to El Mirage Road, and the light at Peoria Avenue and Dysart Road will be under a separate contract. She also answered that the traffic lights were to be LED and that El Mirage Road and Peoria Avenue street light improvements would also be included with the El Mirage Road project.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R13-08-24 for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the state of Arizona acting through the Department of Transportation (ADOT) for design and construction of Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements using federal (CMAQ) funds. (Development and Community Services)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R13-08-24 to enter into an IGA with ADOT 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 reported that the next CAP appointments will be conducted on Monday, September 30th, a free seminar on purchasing a home in El Mirage will be held Saturday, September 21st, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 21st and 22nd. Cancer survivors are encouraged to participate in the Survivor Walk Lap, complimentary dinner for cancer survivors and Luminary Lighting Ceremony by contacting committee members. New Engineering employee Bryce Christo was introduced to Council through DCM/City Engineer Sue McDermott. Dr. Isom also asked DCM/Public Works Director Larry Dobrosky to speak on the status of the City's pavement management program. Larry introduced Operations Superintendent Robert Senita who gave a short PowerPoint presentation explaining the background and current status of the program.

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

Councilor Delgado reported that CDBG would be meeting later this month or in October and the Maricopa County Human Services Department is under major reorganization.

Vice Mayor Ramirez reported that the City of El Mirage is being recognized and doing very well compared to other cities which was evidenced during the recent Annual Conference of the League of Cities and Towns held in Oro Valley, AZ.

Councilor McPhetres stated he will be attending upcoming WestMarc Water & Energy committee meetings.

Mayor Mook complimented staff on the overall street maintenance program and the difference it was making to the appearance of various communities in the city.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 6:52 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 September 3, 2013 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk