

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

Minutes

Members of the El Mirage City Council will attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

Please silence all electronic communication devices (including cell phones and pagers) before the meeting is called to order. Thank you.

Note: The Common Council of the City of El Mirage, by a duly passed motion, may vote in public session to adjourn to executive session on any agenda item in conformation with A.R.S. Section 38.431.03 including legal advice from the City Attorney.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

III. PRESENTATIONS

P1 Presentation to recognize contributors for the purchase of the Police Canine vest. (Police Department)

Police Chief Steve Campbell gave a brief history on the purchase of a bullet proof vest for Police Canine "DAX." Police dogs serve and are as vulnerable as Police Officers in the line of duty. Purchase of a custom-designed canine vest for Police Canine DAX was made possible by generous donations from Mayor Mook, Councilor Delgado, Beth Simek and representatives from the Surprise-El Mirage PTA and Jimmy and Julie Farley from Coco's Towing.

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.

Business owner Albert Hanna addressed Council on his concern for improved communication between the City and El Mirage business owners. He and several other businesses are forming a business group and requested a meeting with City representatives to discuss specific business needs. Mayor Mook advised that such a meeting would, indeed, be possible and asked Staff to make contact with Mr. Hanna.

Resident Amy Heusted thanked the Council for the phenomenal support and contributions of both the Council and community during the recent Relay for Life event held in El Mirage at Gateway Park. Planning meetings begin again in January 2014. She stated that her participation in this event has made her more appreciative of the “small town feel of this community” and that she has lived in El Mirage for 11 years and is “falling in love with my city.”

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 to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 15, 2013. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R.S. §41-151.19. (City Clerk)
3. Consideration and action to transfer budget authority in the amount of \$370,000 from line item 73-400-921 to line item 21-400-460 to fund the pavement management program. (Public Works/Finance)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by Council’s consideration and action to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control approval of an application for liquor license from Mr. Amara Narsa David for the Discount Store at 12102 W. Thunderbird Road, Suite A., El Mirage, AZ 85335. (Police Department)

Police Chief Steve Campbell gave a brief PowerPoint presentation and advised Council there was no comment from the Police Department relative to an approval recommendation for this liquor license renewal.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to recommend approval of a liquor license to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for the Discount Store noted in Agenda item A, seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by Council's consideration and action to recommend to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control approval of an application for liquor license from Mr. George Leonard Engle for the Corner Store at 13777 N. Dysart Road, El Mirage, AZ 85335 (Police Department).

Police Chief Steve Campbell gave a brief PowerPoint presentation and advised Council there was no comment from the Police Department relative to an approval recommendation for this liquor license renewal.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to recommend approval of a liquor license to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for the Corner Store noted in Agenda item B, seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Consideration and action to enter into a Congregate Meal Program Service Agreement with Kikstart, Inc. (Development and Community Services)

Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Sue McDermott presented this item to Council. Kikstart, Inc. owner, Dr. Jackson, addressed Council and advised his new company is a not-for-profit entity. He responded to Council questions stating he could begin his new program as soon as approved by Council, they would begin cooking at the Senior Center at approximately 10:45 AM and would serve approximately 20 meals per day to the seniors.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to enter into a Congregate Meal Program Service Agreement with Kikstart, Inc.; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Consideration and action to approve project agreements with MAG setting forth the terms and conditions for the design and land acquisition improvements to El Mirage Road from Cactus Road to Grand Avenue and Thunderbird Road from 127th Avenue to Grand Avenue. (Development and Community Services)

Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Sue McDermott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the background and areas of the noted project agreements with MAG.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the agreements with MAG as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Consideration and action on a request for Dakota Fabricating Inc., site plan approval in an Employment/Industry zoning district in the City of El Mirage, Arizona. (Development and Community Services)

Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Sue McDermott gave a presentation on the request for site plan approval by Dakota Fabricating, Inc. Owners of Dakota Fabricating, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. Holmberg were introduced and stated their excitement in relocating to El Mirage. A representative from their architectural firm, Architects & Planners International, Inc., was also present and complimented staff on their cooperation and assistance in their site plan request.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the site plan request as presented for Dakota Fabricating, Inc.; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Consideration and action to approve to give signature authority to the City Manager to enter into professional services contract with Tierra Right of Way to provide land acquisition services (Phase II & III) for the El Mirage Road project from 1500 feet south of the Peoria Avenue intersection to Cactus Road. (Development and Community Services)

Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Sue McDermott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the areas of Phase II & III for the El Mirage Road project that Tierra Right of Way would provide land acquisition services.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve giving signature authority to the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Tierra Right of Way as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Consideration and action to approve the proposed Gentry Park improvements. (Public Works)

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Larry Dobrosky presented the proposed Gentry Park improvements that were itemized and under the \$110,000 budgeted for the improvements. Council members were complimentary of the planned improvements; when asked for an approximate completion time frame Mr. Dobrosky stated he hoped all would be completed before the Spring Little League season begins in 2014. Mayor Mook commented that the improvements were fulfilling the residents' requests.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the proposed improvements to Gentry Park 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 asked DCM/PW Director Larry to speak on the three-year Pavement Maintenance Program. Larry presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the criteria for selecting streets to be repaired, method of evaluation, and progress of the current plan showing streets that have been completed and streets planned for repair.

Dr. Isom continued with an announcement that the City had received a grant award in the amount of \$32,789 from the Gila River Indian Community to develop a children's section in the City's Community Garden. The City's 3rd Annual Fall Festival will be held Friday, 11/15/13 from 4 PM – 10 PM and on Saturday, 11/16/13 from 12 noon to 10 PM; all residents were invited to this annual event for the entire family.

He also advised Council that the City of El Mirage was rated #3 in the State of Arizona for job growth in the on-line financial resource, Nerd Wallet, as well in an article in the

Phoenix Business Journal that considered growth in working population, cost of living and unemployment figures. He complimented Council for their focused direction and accomplishments to improve the quality of life in El Mirage and create a positive atmosphere for business development and job growth. As one example, he mentioned the value of the City's investment to produce two beautiful new facilities with recession dollars and concluded by stating the organization is financially stable.

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

Councilor Selby thanked Councilor Shapera for his donation of DVDs to the Friends of the Library. He reported that book sales at the Halloween event totaled \$226 which will help support the summer reading program. He also reported 200 children enjoyed their train ride provided by BNSF and thanked the Fire Department for providing assistance. Councilor Palladino thanked Dr. Isom and staff for the successful Halloween event recently held. Councilor Shapera reported attending the El Mirage Health Fair co-sponsored with the El Mirage Family Health Center and the Cactus Park community "Party in the Park," both of which were successful events. Councilor Delgado thanked the Council, Dr. Isom and staff for looking into the future and was proud to be ranked # 3 in growth and proud to be an El Mirage Resident. Vice Mayor Ramirez agreed with Councilor Delgado and added that positive changes requested by the community are being realized and that the quality of life in El Mirage is ever improving. Mayor Mook reported that she and Assistant Police Chief Terry McDonald attended numerous HOA community events over the weekend at Cactus Park, Thompson Ranch and Montecito talking to residents and answering their questions with overall positive responses from residents.

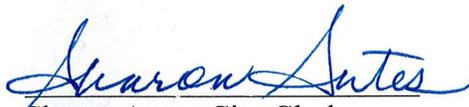
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:14 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 November 5, 2013 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk