

**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, MARCH 18, 2014**

**Minutes**

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence

**III. PROCLAMATION**

P1 Proclamation declaring April 1, 2014 as Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service

Vice Mayor Ramirez summarized the Proclamation stating, the nation's Mayors are increasingly turning to national service as a cost effective strategy to address city challenges. By unleashing the power of citizens, volunteer programs like Americorps and Senior Corps have had a positive and lasting impact in making cities a better place to live. To spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who served, Mayors across the country are recognizing April 1, 2014 as Mayors' Day of Recognition for National Service.

Mayor Mook proclaimed – "NOW, THEREFORE, the City of El Mirage proclaims April 1, 2014, as Mayors' Day of Recognition for National Service, and encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to our community."

P2 Proclamation declaring April 2014 as Fair Housing Month in El Mirage, Arizona

Vice Mayor Ramirez summarized the Proclamation stating, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and its amendments provide protections from housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, disabilities, sexual orientation and other classes of protected populations. April 2014 marks the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark legislation. The proclamation recognizes the significance of the legislation and reaffirms the City's commitment to uphold fair housing laws, as well as ensure equal treatment for all those in search of real property in El Mirage.

Mayor Mook proclaimed – “NOW, THEREFORE, the City of El Mirage proclaims April 2014 as Fair Housing Month and encourages all agencies, institutions, and individuals – public and private – to abide by the letter and the spirit of Fair Housing Legislation.”

#### IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Raymond Grimm from the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee, spoke about partnering with the City to promote their respective pro-business agenda; he encouraged all businesses no yet members of the Chamber to join and see the benefits of chamber membership.

#### V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, March 4, 2014. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R14-03-09 to process the Primary Election of August 26, 2014 for Council Seat Positions and Offering the Question of Permanent Base Adjustment to the Voters of the City of El Mirage. (City Clerk)

Mayor Mook pointed out there is a typo regarding the date of the Primary Election. It reads August 24, 2014 in the agenda instead of August 26, 2014 and asked for Attorney Robert Hall’s opinion. Mr. Hall stated the Calls of Election have been previously approved and established with the August 26, 2014 date and this is clearly a typographical error that simply needs correction.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to amend Consent Item 2 to correct the date to August 26, 2014; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7 /0).**

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 1 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Consent Item 2; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

#### VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to give signature authority to the City Manager to amend the existing professional services contract with Dibble Engineering to provide post design, utility coordination, and construction administration services for the El Mirage Road, Peoria to Cactus Project. (Development and Community Services)

City Engineer Jorge Gastelum explained the request is part of the on-going El Mirage Road project and introduced Kevin Roberts from Dibble Engineering. Mr. Roberts gave a presentation outlining the tasks necessary during this phase of the project. The original design company was Premier Engineering contracted by the Arizona Department of

Transportation. Dibble's responsibilities will be related to potential minor adjustments to the original design during construction and to general oversight to ensure that the project proceeds according to the design of the project.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve authorization for the City Manager to amend the existing professional services contract with Dibble Engineering as presented; seconded by Councilor Roy Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- B. Consideration and action to approve a purchase of phone equipment from NEC Corporation of America in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 utilizing the cooperative clause option in Tempe Contract IT11-048-01 in accordance with City Code §30.31 and an additional \$8,000 in implementation assistance, if needed. (Information Technology Services)

Information Technology Director Tom Bacome made a presentation requesting to replace phone equipment in the 14-year-old system which would consolidate all phones in the City. There was one cost option presented to include the Fire Department and a second cost option that did not include the Fire Department. Mayor Mook asked which option staff recommended and was advised staff recommended the option that included the Fire Department because the all-inclusive option would put the entire City under one system and be more cost effective in the long run. Councilor Palladino stated he felt the Fire Department should be included. Councilor McPhetres asked if there would be more than one ISP throughout the City. Mr. Bacome explained this upgrade will not affect any networking. Councilor Delgado asked if 'City Hall' means everyone except the Police and Fire departments and he was informed that is correct. Mayor Mook asked how long the update would take and was informed the implementation should be complete by mid-June. Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if the project was turn-key and if there will be down time and was advised that every effort would be made to make the transition as transparent as possible with no down time anticipated.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the purchase of phone equipment from NEC Corporation of America in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 with an additional \$8,000 for implementation assistance if needed; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

## VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Dr. Isom reported that the White Tanks Little League will be conducting their 2014 opening ceremonies at Gentry Park on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He also commended the sub-committee for assisting in getting the new irrigation lines at Gentry Park installed in time for this event.

Dr. Isom further reported on the recent CDBG Awards stating that following City staff presentations and negotiations by Councilmen Delgado and Palladino on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Community Development Advisory Committee (or CDAC) recommended full funding for the City's two CDBG projects submitted for CDAC consideration. They include a \$61,000 award for 360 linear feet of new sidewalk on Main Street between Valentine Street and Myer Lane and a \$150,000 award for more than 1,500 linear feet of sidewalk on Santa Fe Lane between Fifth Avenue and El Mirage Rd.

He advised Council that Police Victim Assistance Coordinator Iva Rody will present Council with current activities, goals and recent additions to the Victim Assistance Unit at the Police Department. Ms. Rody gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding domestic violence showing particulars about the program, reasons for the importance of the program and future plans for the program.

Police Chief Steve Campbell presented two new Victim Advocate employees who recently joined the El Mirage Police Department, full-time employee Jennifer Segovia and part-time employee Frances Keuhler.

Ms. Segovia has a high level of experience with four years' experience on the Phoenix Crisis Responder Program and Victim's Assistance at the Glendale Police Department. She has a BA in Criminal Justice and a Master's in Communications and Social Work.

Frances Keuhler comes from a law enforcement family and worked with the Phoenix PD. Frances has a BA in Social Work and Psychology. She will work to be sure all rights are protected through both the El Mirage Police Department and the Prosecutor's Office. She helps victims by making referrals for food, housing, legal assistance, crisis response, support and keeps the victims informed and walks them through the process.

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

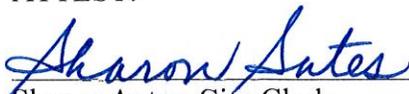
Councilor McPhetres thanked staff and Dr. Isom for attending the Grande Mirage HOA Annual meeting stating the information presented was very informative regarding the El Mirage construction project.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.

  
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Mayor Lana Mook

ATTEST:

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage and Regular Council Meeting held March 18, 2014 and a quorum was present.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk