

**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, SEPTEMBER 2, 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. 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/or (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

Resident Gwendolyn Cooks, representing Relay-For-Life advised there will be a logistics meeting for team members and captains on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Dysart Community Center; she invited the Mayor and Councilmembers to attend. The Relay For Life event will take place on October 4, 2014.

Business owner Jimmy Farley congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers and stated he is looking forward to "four more years." Keep up the good job.

**IV. 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 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. (City Clerk)

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

## V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to authorize the Finance Director to make budget adjustments for FY 2013/14. (Finance)

Finance Director Robert Nilles first thanked the Council for placing the Permanent Base Adjustment (PBA) item on the Primary Election ballot and for what appears to be passage of the PBA with the preliminary Primary Election results. He then addressed the transfer of funds and explained each department's overage in four different departments. The overall General Fund was below budget projections and this action is only to transfer department over-budget funds from one department to another. Election and part-time help expenses were over by \$2,200 in the City Clerk Department for costs incurred prior to the end of FY 2013/14 for the Primary Election in August 2014. An employee in the Facilities Department had been improperly coded and should have been under the Parks Department which caused a \$4,700 overage (coding has been corrected for the current fiscal year). Fire and Building Safety exceeded their budget by \$3,700 due to insurance coverage for an employee. Fleet Department exceeded budget by \$1,300 due to increased costs in small tools. In the Sanitation Fund, the Sanitation Department exceeded its budget by \$32,000 due to a more-popular-than-expected bulk trash program however, with an increase in customers using the sanitation services the Sanitation Department had a profit for FY 2013/14 and is now in the black. Mayor Mook asked when the last time the Sanitation Fund had been in the black and Mr. Nilles stated it was prior to his coming to the City five years ago. Councilor Delgado asked how much the Contingency Fund dropped from these transfers and Mr. Nilles reported FY 2013/14 has passed so there is not a draw on the current FY Contingency Fund.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize the Finance Director to make budget adjustments for FY 2013-14 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- B. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to order 508 acre feet (af) of Central Arizona Project (CAP) sub-contract water and pay the associated delivery and recharge fees. (Public Works)

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Larry Dobrosky reported this is an annual request. The City currently has 508 af available and needs to order by October 1, 2014. The actual purchase will take place next July in the next fiscal year.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize the City Manager to order 508 acre feet of Central Arizona Project sub-contract water and pay the associated delivery and recharge fees; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

## VI. 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 recognized City Clerk Sharon Antes, City Clerk Assistant Edie Hoover and other staff for their work during the Primary Election on August 26, 2014. He stated he has experienced several elections and this election was a very smooth process crediting Ms. Antes and her staff for getting the City through the election; there is a lot of work and many hours spent during the election process. He also added that the passage of the Permanent Base Adjustment is significant because it shows the trust residents have in moving forward.

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

The Mayor and City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Councilor McPhetres reported on the recent Arizona League of Cities and Towns annual conference stating he learned more about the State's 15-year drought. He is very concerned about the water shortage and stated all should be proactive; he encouraged residents to seek ways to conserve water.

Councilor Shapera reported on attending the recent ground breaking ceremony for the resort on Tribal land next to the Glendale Arena.

Councilor Delgado stated he also attended the resort groundbreaking ceremony and is pleased it represents 3,500 permanent jobs. He also stated time is drawing near for submitting CDBG requests and it is important for staff to turn in the CDBG proposed projects in a timely manner.

Vice Mayor Ramirez reported that Mr. Dobrosky recently sent out an e-mail to all the farmers regarding the blowing dust and debris in the City's right of ways. Since that email he has seen quite a difference in the appearance of the City and glad to see how easy it is to get things done when everyone works together.

Mayor Mook reported on the Primary Election facts provided by City Clerk Sharon Antes and Edie Hoover. She found it awesome how much work was done for the All-Mail Election. Approximately 80 replacement ballots were processed on Election day and approximately 90% of the replacement ballots were for Independent voters who did not return ballot request cards from the County or request a specific ballot. Approximately 10% were for people who wanted to vote at a polling place. Approximately 80-85% of ballots processed or dropped off were for El Mirage residents. The City of El Mirage has 12,545 registered voters with 59% of those voters on the Permanent Early Voting List. At the 2010 Primary there were 2,102 ballots cast, at the 2012 Primary there were 1,843 ballots cast and in 2014 there were 2,190 ballots cast. She stated her pleasure in the number of voters increasing from 1,843 to 2,190 for the All-Mail Election in 2014.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

By: *Lana Mook*  
Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
*Sharon Antes*  
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 on September 2, 2014 and a quorum was present.

*Sharon Antes*  
Sharon Antes, City Clerk