

**WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD  
5:00 P.M. TUESDAY, January 6, 2015**

**Minutes**

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence

**III. PRESENTATION**

**P1. Presentation on PSPRS (Public Safety Personnel Retirement System)  
(Finance)**

Finance Director Robert Nilles gave an overall summary of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System through a PowerPoint Presentation, stating the general topic is multi-faceted and complex. He provided historical background of the Arizona Retirement Systems from its inception, and explained how population growth, the 2001 recession, and the 2009 legislative changes have affected the systems. Mr. Nilles defined the two primary retirement types, the average salary/average benefit projection, the projected contribution rates, and the projected funded status. He pointed out that as of June 2014, PSPRS was only 42.9% funded and the 2014 aggregate employer contribution rate was 41.4%. Mr. Nilles reported SB 1609 is being challenged in court with some considering the legislative changes illegal. Mr. Nilles serves on a committee reviewing the challenges with the state retirement systems and reported more work continues to keep the system solvent and relevant.

Mayor Mook asked if the League of Arizona Cities and Towns has a plan for legislation on retirement plans and Mr. Nilles advised that a committee is working on a new proposals to the system.

**P2.** Presentation by Judge Monte Morgan on current status of City Court processes (Court)

Judge Monte Morgan reported Rod Wettlin, Director of Court Services, is at home on medical leave and would otherwise be present.

Court Functions and Facilities: Judge Morgan advised the court square footage is 5,500 square feet and new carpet over 4,500 square feet was recently installed. They have personal computers with fifteen new hard drives and Windows 8 installed, and a laptop. A new parking facility in the back of the building and security building plans are underway to mitigate vandalism challenges they have been facing. They also have new filing cabinets, new signage identifying them as City Court rather than municipal court and there is signage in the lobby advising people of their constitutional rights. There are also new photos of all Council Members in the Court Lobby. He has three pro tems who assist when he is not available or there is a greater demand. There are currently eight full-time employees and two temporary employees.

Statistics: Over the past year they handled 17,857 phone calls, 13,647 Court entrants; 133% of criminal cases were adjudicated, 98% of criminal traffic cases were adjudicated; and 87% of civil and code enforcement cases were adjudicated. Judge Morgan complimented the El Mirage Police Department and City Prosecutors on their preparation and scheduling ability. The El Mirage City Court has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest volume in the State.

Operations procedures: Defendants no longer need to be brought down from the jail for arraignment because all in-custody, pre-trial and sentencing procedures are handled by way of video conferencing. This process greatly reduces the amount of time and costs and increases safety. Total outstanding warrants have been reduced to 1,408 from the 2,136 last year. Fines have been increased.

Councilor Selby asked what the guidelines are regarding an Order of Protection being denied. Judge Morgan stated it is a judgment call and the judge needs to be convinced.

Vice Mayor Ramirez stated it is great to have Judge Morgan here and that he kept his promise to provide information to Council.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
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**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:11 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.

There were no Resident Comment Cards received.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration and action approving the minutes of the Workshop and Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, December 2, 2014 and the Special Council Meeting held Thursday, December 18, 2014. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal records 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 approve the destruction of personnel records that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R. S. §41-151.19. (Human Resources)

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

**V. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A.** 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 Randy Allen Guse, Walgreen Arizona Drug Co., 12244 W. Cactus Avenue, El Mirage. (Police Department)

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing.

Police Chief Steve Campbell reported this is a Series 9 application for Randy Allen Guse and shows no issue that would warrant denial of a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control.

No public comments were received. Mayor Mook closed the Public Hearing.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to recommend approval of an application for a Liquor License from Randy Allen Guse, Walgreen Arizona Drug Co., 12244 W. Cactus Avenue; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- B.** Consideration and action to authorize the purchase of a replacement PM-10 street sweeper from H&E Equipment Services through a Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) grant in the amount of \$169,830.65. (Public Works)

Operations Superintendent Robert Senita presented an explanation to Council regarding the necessity for the replacement of the current street sweeper with a MAG Grant and the Public Works budget funds.

Mayor Mook asked how long these street sweepers last and Mr. Senita reported the current equipment is 8 years old which is about the standard lifespan of a daily used street sweeper.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize the purchase of a replacement PM-10 street sweeper from H&E Equipment Services in the amount of \$169,830.65; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- C.** Consideration and action for approving Resolution R15-01-01 to adopt City Council Goals for FY 2015/16. (Administration)

Dr. Isom reported on the process and explained this is the third time for all but new City Council Member Bob Jones who was welcomed to the process. This is an important process giving the City direction along with the General Plan, 5-Year Capital Plan and the City's Annual Budget. The goal setting sessions evaluates projects from the past and gives staff direction for the future.

Mayor Mook requested that the adopted City Goals for FY 2015-16 be included in the next newsletter. Vice Mayor Ramirez stated all items shown need to be within the budget and Dr. Isom reported any initiatives or capital projects would be approved by this Council.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R15-01-01 to adopt City Goals for FY 2015/16; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Councilor Delgado amended his motion to include the top priority goals be published in the newsletter; amended motion seconded by Councilor Palladino. 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 reported the first Special Event of 2015 will be the El Mirage Youth Day coming up Friday, January 23, 2015 at Gentry Park from 5:00-9:00 PM. Special events Coordinator Jeffrey Anderson has lined up some new and exciting activities for families to participate in and observe at this event with a special appearance of the Coyotes' Hockey Team mascot "Howler"! There will be music, food and vendors for the whole family and admission is FREE

January's Farmer's Market will be held to coincide with the Youth Day event at Gentry Park from 5:00-9:00 PM on Friday, January 23, 2015. Vendor Application Packets are available on the City's homepage or by contacting Pat Gegan (623)876-2973.

In cooperation with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, the Police Department will be conducting a Shred-A-Thon and Prescription Drug Take Back Program on Friday, January 23, 2015. Residents may drop off up to four standard file boxes of paper for FREE shredding and drop off unlimited prescription or over-the-counter drugs for proper disposal. The drop-off location is Gateway Park from 7:00-10:00 AM.

Dr. Isom reported the El Mirage Police Department received a Facebook posting from a resident of El Mirage thanking the anonymous Police Officer who stopped on Christmas Day to speak to her son who was out front of their home riding in his little police car and wearing his new police uniform. Chief Campbell looked

at the Police vehicle and determined the officer was Police Officer Rick Chairez who just happened to be in the Council Chambers attending the meeting.

Police Chief Steve Campbell introduced the newest Police Department employees; Crime Scene Specialist Robyn Yackley and Lieutenant Laura Liuzzo. Ms. Yackley has an Associate's in Criminal Justice, extensive training through Northwest University, is an instructor in Basic Evidence Technology and has nine years of experience. She also has two boys 6 and 8 years of age. She is pleased to get back into this line of work and glad to be in El Mirage. Lt. Liuzzo is in charge of patrol operations, has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and her Juris Doctorate in Law from Arizona State University and her Master's Degree in Education with emphasis in gifted and correctional studies. She earned her Certified Public Manager's Certification in 2012. She has 22 years of experience in the Phoenix Police Department. She co-authored an article, has been admitted to the Arizona State Bar, and is an Honorary Commander of the Luke 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Security Force. Lt. Liuzzo is a member of the Litchfield School District Governing Board and has done substitute teaching in the past. Lt. Liuzzo is honored to work with the El Mirage Police Department. She repeated her comments in Spanish.

Dr. Isom pointed out the quality of the staff the City of El Mirage has hired over the past few years and is very happy to have the City moving forward.

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

Vice Mayor Ramirez viewed the video on Domestic Violence and Orders of Protection. He reported it is eye-opening, educational and makes you aware of tools available. Every adult should view the video. He would like to have the information put in the newsletter and/or on the website.

Councilor Jones reported he did a ride-along with the Police Department. They showed amazing compassion and he is very proud of our Police Department. He reported he also attended the Arizona League of Cities and Towns' New Council Member Training. Thanked Amber Wakeman for setting up the training for her.

Mayor Mook reported we had a great 2014 and we will have an even greater 2015. She wished everyone Health and Safety.

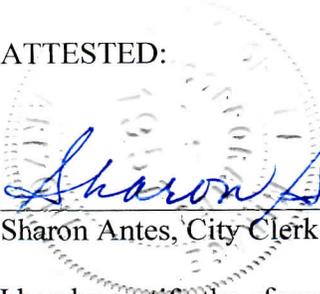
#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37PM.

January 6, 2014

  
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Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of January 6, 2015 and a quorum was present.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk