

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 PM - TUESDAY, June 16, 2015**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mook at 6:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

III. PRESENTATION

- P1.** Presentation to Council of the 2015 El Mirage Explorers Post #2780 graduating class (Police Department)

Police Chief Steve Campbell introduced Officer Chris Culp who has spearheaded the Explorers Post program for the City of El Mirage. Officer Culp then outlined the process and training required to develop leadership skills and enable the young cadets to graduate. The El Mirage Explorers volunteer 30 hours a month at various City events. Officer Culp introduced each member of the the El Mirage graduating class; Cody Akin, Clayton Hague, Tyler Johnston, Xrtlaly Luna, Emily Beurgoyne, and Taylor Nelson. Michael Rodriguez was not able to attend this meeting to be recognized. Officer Culp thanked volunteer Johnny Huerta, Officer Stacy Manos, Officer Jason Vargas, Sgt. Phil Witte, and all the other officers who have provided assistance in the Explorers program. He also thanked the Mayor, Councilors, City Manager, Chief Steve Campbell and Assistant Police Chief Terry McDonald for their continued support. He mentioned that other agencies are considering developing a similar graduation exercise for their Explorer programs and are patterning their program after the graduation ceremony just conducted for the El Mirage and other neighboring Explorers.

Mayor Mook reported she and Councilor Jones attended the graduation and they were very impressed with the number of people in attendance. She thanked Officer Culp for the fine job he and his staff have done with this program.

Officer Culp reported Explorer Sgt. Emily Beurgoyne recently graduated with perfect attendance from the FBI leadership program, ALEEDS, conducted in Flagstaff. She has also volunteered at all City of El Mirage activities.

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

Glendale resident Carlene Ouist acted as translator for the following two citizens:

El Mirage resident Celia Rodrigues stated she has two children and has lived in El Mirage for 10 years. She would like to see increased security for children walking to school. Two weeks before the end of the school, 25 moms got together to discuss the issues of safety for their children while they walk them to school. Drivers sail through the intersection with no regard for the children or crossing guard. The only time the traffic slows is when there is a police car with lights flashing.

El Mirage resident Celia Avila stated she has lived in El Mirage for 12 years and also walks her children to school. She asked Neighborhood Coalition leader Monica Dorsey what could be done about the safety issues at school crossings. On June 4th Chief Campbell and Officer Mike Vanorski met with the mothers to discuss these matters and the mothers were thankful and impressed with how the Chief and Officer Vanorski listened to their concerns.

They determined that at the intersection of El Mirage Road and Thunderbird Road a police vehicle would be posted between 7:45-8:00 AM and 2:45-3:00 PM when school was in session. The Police Department will also provide education to parents and children regarding obeying the laws. They were also concerned about safety in Gentry Park; police presence will patrol the park during evening hours. The Police Department will also inform parents of violent incidents in the area.

Mayor Mook asked where speeding issues occurred and was advised the intersection of Thunderbird and El Mirage Roads is the main area where crossing guards are ignored. The speeding issue is at the crossing south of the school.

Dr. Isom asked Chief Campbell to also report on the meeting with the citizens. Chief Campbell reported it is important for citizens to come forth with their issues and he discussed the speeding problem on El Mirage Road near the school. Police presence does make a difference but citizens also recognize the availability of resources and they are working together to provide more safety to children.

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, June 2, 2015. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into budgeted goods and services contracts to allow Public Works to perform their duties. (Public Works)
3. Consideration and action to direct the Finance Director to make the necessary fund and budget transfers in FY 2014-2015 to close all funds not included in the adopted FY 2015-2016 budget. (Finance)
4. Consideration and action to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) for the collection and administration of Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT – Sales Tax). (Finance)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to hold a public hearing to permit any taxpayer to be heard in favor of or against any proposed expenditure or tax levy. (Finance)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve a public hearing to permit any taxpayer to be heard in favor of or against any proposed expenditure or tax levy; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing.

Finance Director Robert Nilles reported this is the end of the budget process. There are no changes from the Tentative Budget and the issue is open to the public.

There being no public comments, Mayor Mook closed the Public Hearing.

- B. Consideration and action to convene in a Special Meeting to finally determine and adopt estimates of proposed expenditures pursuant to A.R.S. §42-1710. Adoption of budget. (Finance)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to convene in a special Meeting to finally determine and adopt estimates of proposed expenditures pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1710. Adoption of budget; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
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TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

ROLL CALL:

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

I. SPECIAL AGENDA

SP 1. Consideration and action to adopt Resolution R15-06-13 to finally determine and adopt estimates of proposed expenditures for FY 2015-16 including Compensation Plan changes. (Finance)

Finance Director Robert Nilles reported there are no changes to what has been presented previously.

Councilor Delgado asked about the secondary property tax rate increase from \$3.54 to \$3.84. Mr. Nilles stated the property tax rate increase is a state initiative but calculated by the county so rather than the drop in rate he anticipated, the rate increased because of the recent statute. Mayor Mook asked that it be made very clear in an upcoming newsletter that the City did not raise the secondary property tax rate.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to adopt Resolution R15-06-13 to finally determine and adopt estimates of proposed expenditures for FY 2015-16 including Compensation Plan changes; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

C. Consideration and action to close the Special Meeting and reconvene into Regular Session. (Finance)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to close the Special Meeting and reconvene into Regular Session; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

- D.** Consideration and action to approve the purchase of three (3) new patrol vehicles under Arizona State Contract #ADSP013-038802 that were approved in the FY 2015/16 budget. (Police Department)

Police Chief Campbell explained the staggered police vehicle replacement process used by the Police Department. The proposed Ford SUV vehicle has proven itself in the past so they will continue to purchase that model. Mayor Mook asked how many vehicles have been replaced thus far and was advised by Chief Campbell that seven have been replaced. She then asked how many more need replacing and was informed by Chief Campbell that approximately five more need replacing in the future. Councilor Delgado asked if all vehicles would be completely outfitted and Chief Campbell answered yes.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the purchase of three (3) new patrol vehicles under Arizona State Contract #ADSP013-038802 that were approved in the FY 2015/16 budget; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

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.

1. Dr. Isom reported that according to the National Weather Service, the Phoenix area averages 110 days of temperatures above 100 degrees. He reported that in cooperation with MAG the City of El Mirage has two hydration stations noted on their heat relief maps which are located at the El Mirage Fire Station on El Mirage Road and the El Mirage Police Station on Cinnabar Avenue. Please visit www.azmag.gov for more information and to view interactive maps on heat relief.
2. El Mirage Police Officers have begun wearing the new body worn cameras as of last week. The camera purchase and program follows extensive research and policy development. At this time he asked Chief Campbell to provide an overview and demonstration.

Chief Campbell asked Officer Vargas to demonstrate the various different ways the cameras can be worn, such as on eyeglasses or on the uniform collar. Chief Campbell reported he worked with IT, City Prosecutors, County Prosecutors and El Mirage officers to develop a program and policies for use of the cameras citing transparency for officers, chain of command for data collected and confidentiality practices as key components of the policies.

Councilor Delgado commented he is proud the Council is giving tools to the Police Department to increase their efficiency which shows the Council is working together for the betterment of the community.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked about the camera width angle. Chief Campbell reported the angle to be 130° which is greater than the human eye. The cameras also automatically adjust to lightness and darkness.

Dr. Isom commended the Council for this contribution to public safety. It has gone a long way to improve the quality of life in El Mirage. This is clearly transparency and protection for both police officers and El Mirage citizens.

3. Dr. Isom reported that Moody's Investors Service has affirmed the A1 rating for El Mirage's outstanding general bond obligations. Moody's press release announcing the rating said the "rating reflects the city's moderately-sized tax base that experienced solid increases in the last two years as well as a trend of healthy reserve levels. The ratings are a positive reflection of the city's location, strong funding reserves, sound financial management practices and policies, and low to moderate debt levels." Dr. Isom discussed the rating process and the focus of managing and protecting the \$6M reserve. The rating agencies were very interested in how personnel costs were forecasted and projected similar to capital items and were especially interested in how the City was managing the cost of public safety in relation to PSPRS.

Since Mr. Nilles serves on a League committee studying PSPRS for the future, he provided insight to the rating agencies on this matter. The agencies expressed interest in PSPRS regarding state changes. Mr. Nilles advised that the PSPRS program (public safety) is 59% funded while the ASRS program (other government employees) is 80% funded. The current PSPRS program is unsustainable if continued as is and there are discussions on possible new state legislation on this item.

Mr. Nilles further stated the rating agencies were very interested in the City's innovative planning tool of a 5-year plan, implemented in FY 2013/14, to determine salary costs and were also interested in the City's handling of the assured water supply.

VIII. 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 Shapera stated he is pleased with the positive media news release regarding the scholarship presentation.

Councilor Delgado reported on the statistics regarding the Maricopa County Library Reading Program. El Mirage is 75,000 users ahead of last year at this time with kids at 650,000+ in their reading program; teens are at 390,000+ and adults are up 1,045,380,000+. The digital circulation at the El Mirage Library has increased by 91%.

Vice Mayor Ramirez stated he is proud to be getting an excellent credit rating. It is an honor to be rated as A1 and he is pleased when reading the criteria on which the city received the good rating.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- E.** Consideration and action to adjourn into executive session for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-432.03 A. 3. (Administration)

The Executive Session was cancelled.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

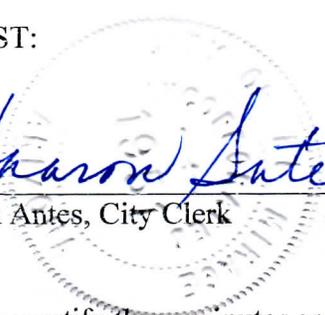


Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, City Clerk



I hereby certify these minutes are a true and accurate record of the Regular and Special meetings of the El Mirage City Council on June 16, 2015 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk