

**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, JANUARY 5, 2016**

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 6:00 pm

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.

No Comment Cards were received.

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 approving the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, December 1, 2015. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R16-01-01 in continued support of the Tohono O'odham Nation's Desert Diamond Casino – West Valley Project. (Administration)
3. Consideration and action to approve revenue and expense budget transfers from the Special Projects Fund to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund. (Finance)

Councilor Palladino moved to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by consideration and action to adopt Ordinance O16-01-01 amending City Code Section §50.066 DEPOSITS; SERVICE CONNECTIONS CHARGES; INTERRUPTION FEES. (B), requiring developers and property owners to be responsible for off-site utility improvements. (Development & Community Services)

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing

City Engineer Jorge Gastelum explained the changes being requested to El Mirage City Code §50.066 through the proposed ordinance. The current code states the City will install all new water connections and charge a fee of cost plus 15% administrative fee. The proposed change would place that responsibility on the developer/property owner. Research of other cities including Avondale, Glendale, Goodyear, Peoria and Surprise determined that the proposed procedure is the standard norm for other surrounding cities. All plan reviews, permitting fees and inspection procedures will not be changed with this ordinance. A Public Hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was held on December 8, 2015; no public comments were received and the Commission recommended approval with a 4 to 0 vote.

Mayor Mook asked if this change would save residents money and Mr. Gastelum responded that yes, the 15% administration fee would not be paid by the owner and the owner would have control over which private contractor would perform the work. Mayor Mook asked if there had been any opposition and Mr. Gastelum reported there has been none.

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

Councilor Palladino moved to adopt Ordinance O16-01-01 amending City Code Section §50.066 DEPOSITS; SERVICE CONNECTIONS CHARGES; INTERRUPTION FEES. (B), requiring developers and property owners to be responsible for off-site utility improvements; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

- B. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Axiom Contracting, LLC to construct a new water main along El Mirage Road between Thunderbird Road and Santa Fe Lane in an amount not to exceed \$579,827 including contingency. (Development & Community Services)

City Engineer Jorge Gastelum reported Resolution R14-12-22 was approved on December 2, 2014, authorizing the City's submittal of applications to the Maricopa County Human Services Department for FY2015-2016 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds. The City was awarded \$579,827 to install a new 16-inch ductile iron (DIP) water main. The new water main will

replace aging 6 and 12-inch asbestos-cement lines as well as hydrants. City staff advertised the project in November 2015 and received twelve bids; Axiom Contracting provided the lowest bid at \$531,065. Mr. Gastelum reviewed the map showing the areas receiving the water main replacement.

Mayor Mook asked if this project would involve the east or west side or down the middle of El Mirage Road and Mr. Gastelum stated it would be the east side. She also asked if this construction would be concurrent with the El Mirage Road project and was advised by Mr. Gastelum that it would need to be constructed first, rather than concurrently, because of CDBG stipulations.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if the new lines would improve water pressure and was informed by Mr. Gastelum that yes, water pressure would be improved because of the increased pipe size from 12 inches to 16 inches.

Councilor Palladino moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Axiom Contracting, LLC to construct a new water main along El Mirage Road between Thunderbird Road and Santa Fe Lane in an amount not to exceed \$579,827 including contingency; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

- C. Consideration and action to utilize a Mohave County JOC with Southwest Waterworks Contractors for repair services to the City's well sites "as-needed" in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 annually based on budget authorization and contract renewal/ extensions. (Public Works)

Assistant Utilities Director Shane Swartwout advised that the City budgeted \$100,000 to routinely maintain nine City well sites to guarantee a safe water system. Multiple contractors are used each year for services to keep all facilities operating properly. Southwest Waterworks Contractors is one of the leading experts in well maintenance and repairs at a fair price and in a responsive manner. Staff recommends approval to utilize the Mohave County JOC with Southwest Waterworks Contractors.

Councilor Palladino moved to utilize a Mohave County JOC with Southwest Waterworks Contractors for repair services to the City's well sites "as-needed" in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 annually based on budget authorization and contract renewal/extensions; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

- D. Consideration and action to utilize a City of Peoria JOC with Felix Construction to repair the Odor Scrubbers and Chemical Storage system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$109,000. (Public Works)

Deputy City Manager Larry Dobrosky advised that the two projects identified in Agenda Item D had a collective budget of \$100,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan. He recommended one vendor for cost savings and efficiency on the two

projects which includes a contingency of approximately \$14.7K. The additional \$9,000 over the budgeted CIP amount will be covered from savings in a separate line item.

Councilor Palladino moved to utilize a City of Peoria JOC with Felix Construction to repair the Odor Scrubbers and Chemical Storage system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$109,000; seconded by Councilor Jones. (7/0)

- E. Consideration and action to utilize a City of Peoria JOC with Felix Construction, for labor associated with repairing the Fine Screen and Grit Removal System at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$102,000. (Public Works)

Deputy City Manager Larry Dobrosky reported that the wastewater treatment facility fine screen and grit removal system is not working properly and needs repairs. The proposals are for Felix Construction to perform the labor to replace pumps and repair the system (agenda Item E) with materials provided by a sole source vendor, Goble Sampson Associates (Agenda Item F). Cost savings can be realized because the outside shell of the system does not need repair or replacement.

Mayor Mook stated she is pleased that employees are going above and beyond to make things work and save the City money in as many ways as possible.

Councilor Jones asked the age of the casing and whether there would be a warranty on the replacement? Mr. Dobrosky stated the casing is the original and the warranty will be the same as replacing everything.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if the new pump warranty will remain the same with Felix Construction and was advised affirmative by Mr. Dobrosky.

Councilor Palladino moved utilize a City of Peoria JOC with Felix Construction, for labor associated with repairing the Fine Screen and Grit Removal System at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$102,000; seconded by Councilor Jones. (7/0)

- F. Consideration and action to approve a sole source purchase, from Goble Sampson Associates, for parts and equipment to rebuild the Fine Screen and Grit Removal system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$217,000. (Public Works)

Mr. Dobrosky explained this repair above and a separate vote was necessary to approve the equipment purchase.

Councilor Palladino moved to approve a sole source purchase, from Goble Sampson Associates, for parts and equipment to rebuild the Fine Screen and Grit Removal system at the Wastewater Treatment

Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$217,000; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

VI. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The City Council may not act upon any matter in the City Manager's summary but may have general comment or questions. Items to be discussed will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. El Mirage Public Safety Day

Dr. Isom reported the El Mirage Public Safety Day will be held Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Gateway Park from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be Fire and Police displays, exhibits and demonstrations. A Kid Zone will provide activities and attractions and admission is free for everyone. He also introduced a special attraction to be held at the Public Safety Day which is The Arizona SciTech Festival. It is Arizona's biggest celebration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) held annually and over 500 organizations have partnered to showcase everyday science with over 800 events statewide! He invited everyone to join the adventure of exploring the everyday occurrence of science and technology through arts, education, engineering and innovation. This event is sponsored by Walmart, APS, Parks & Sons, Coco's Towing and Domino's Pizza.

Dr. Isom announced the one-time increase and week off between Christmas and New Years' was very much appreciated by staff. Many employees expressed how thankful they were for the time off to revitalize and spend time with families. All operations were appropriately covered with no major problems during the closure.

Economic Development Specialist Tom Doyle asked to address Council and gave his sincere thanks for the time off and wanted Council to know he does not take the matter for granted. He stated it meant a great deal to all employees; personally, he was able to go to California with his teenage daughter for a visit with family and returned to work rested and re-energized.

Assistant Police Chief Laura Luizzo also thanked the Council for authorizing the time off. The Police Department is a 24/7 operation and they had to manage manpower but she had time off to move into her new house. There were issues to take care of but they were handled and they are very thankful for the time off as well.

Dr. Isom stated service levels remain high and the closure is a very unique way to recognize employees with an immeasurable impact on the spirit of public employees - it is a very positive gesture. He thanked the staff and Council for their continued support.

He introduced Police Chief Terry McDonald who reported on recent discussions he has had with Pueblo El Mirage resident Mr. Dotson and gave an update on the progress being done on his complaints. Mr. Dotson stated he believes the noise level has dropped to some degree and then brought forward an issue about lighting. Chief McDonald briefed the Council on his research on the lighting matter, working with various staff and conferring with the Pueblo El Mirage manager on past history. Police has concerns with lighting relative to safety for residents and will continue to work on addressing Mr. Dotson's concerns. Dr. Isom thanked Chief McDonald for his excellent work with residents' concerns. He also advised Council that a recent meeting with Southwest Steel proved positive as they were open to alternative access routes in that area.

2. New Employees

IT Director Tom Bacome introduced the new Information Technology Technician Jose Uribe who comes from Pinnacle Technical Resources where he worked in a technical support position. Mr. Uribe spent four years serving in the Marine Corps as a Computer Systems Specialist and is finalizing his Associates in Science Degree from Glendale Community College. Mr. Uribe thanked the Council and stated he is very excited to be working for the City of El Mirage.

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.

No Mayor or City Council comments were presented.

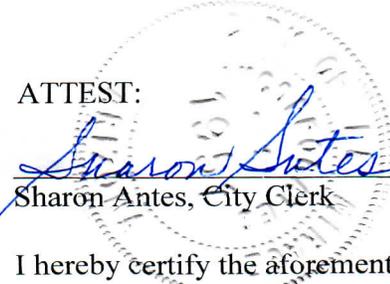
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.



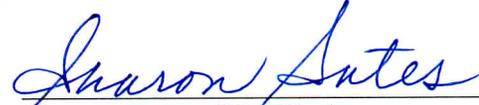
Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:




Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk