

**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 – WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Councilor Roy Delgado

II. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

III. PROCLAMATIONS

- P1.** Proclamation to support Drowning Impact Awareness Month, August, 2016
(Fire Department)

Firefighter David Cleveland stated that for the past 13 years, Phoenix Children's Hospital has asked communities throughout Arizona to support August as Drowning Impact Awareness Month. Drowning is the third most common cause of accidental death that is 100% preventable. Focused adult supervision, isolation fencing with self-closing, self-latching gates and the ability to swim by the age of 8 can prevent this accident. This proclamation increases awareness of watching children around water, promotes water safety as a whole and will be displayed at Phoenix Children's Hospital during the month of August.

Mayor Mook proclaimed and recognized August 1-31, 2016 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month in the City of El Mirage.

- P2.** Proclamation to recognize Child Support Awareness Month, August, 2016
(Administration)

PR Manager Amber Wakeman reported the Arizona Department of Economic Security Division of Child Support Services has asked cities and counties in the State of Arizona to recognize August 2016 as Child Support Awareness Month. This increases the awareness of bettering lives of children and making sure they have the tools to succeed. The Proclamation will be on display at the Department of Economic Security. Charles Richard, Assistant Director of Child Support Services of the Department of Economic Security accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Richard pointed out this is the number one issue in the state.

Mayor Mook proclaimed the month of August as Child Support Awareness Month.

IV. PRESENTATION

- P3. Presentation by Banner Boswell Medical Center CEO Dave Cheney to inform the Mayor and Council about recent hospital improvements (Administration)

PR Manager Amber Wakeman introduced CEO Dave Cheney to report on improvements made at the Boswell and Mr. Cheney introduced Director of Public Relations Jeff Nelson also present. Mr. Cheney explained that Boswell Hospital is part of Banner Health which is headquartered in Phoenix; he gave statistics about the Banner Health system. Boswell currently has 525 licensed beds with 42 ER treatment bays. They receive 47,000 ER visits annually of which 1,600 are pediatric. Nearly 9,000 surgeries are performed each year in 16 operating rooms and 16,800 patients are admitted annually. Boswell has a reputation for excellence, earning the 2015 Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart/American Stroke Association, being recognized on the Truven Health Analytics' Top 100 Hospitals list for four years, and having a consistent "A" Grade for patient safety. Boswell has 1,800 employees, 800 physicians and 775 volunteers. Eighty two employees are El Mirage residents and 16 El Mirage residents (all teens) serve as volunteers. Banner is the base hospital for the El Mirage Fire Department with 3,900 El Mirage residents receiving care at Banner Boswell last year.

Mr. Cheney reported on the Banner MD Anderson Radiation Oncology Clinic that opened a free-standing radiation oncology center last September, the replacement of two existing electrophysiology (EP) labs and the addition of a third EP lab, the launching of an advanced robotic-assisted surgery program, kicking off a long-term project to become an all-private room hospital, and converting a space to add a new 24-bed private room unit for monitoring heart patients.

Upcoming projects include emergency room, ER waiting room and main entrance improvements to improve patient flow and privacy. The operating theatre has added a new hybrid operating room, eight operating rooms are scheduled for remodeling, and the heart catheterization lab was recently renovated.

Mayor Mook asked if Boswell specializes in a specific area of treatment and Mr. Cheney responded that their areas of specialization are oncology, cardiovascular, orthopedics and neurology.

Councilor Jones stated he was thankful to be enlightened on the improvements at Boswell and complimented Mr. Cheney on his presentation.

Mr. Cheney concluded by stating that the City should be very proud of its Fire Department; as a former paramedic, he is very pleased to work with the high caliber professionalism displayed by the El Mirage Fire Department.

V. 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.

VI. 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 21, 2016, the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 28, 2016, and the Special Council Meeting held Wednesday, July 6, 2016. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to apply, accept, and implement, if awarded, FY 2016/17 DPS/VOCA renewal grant funds for the Police Victim Assistance Unit. (Police Department)

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

Mayor Mook made an announcement that Regular Agenda Item C will be moved to follow the Mayor and Council Comments and Summary.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by consideration and action to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a mural at the Dysart Community Center located at 14414 N. El Mirage Road. (Development & Community Services)

Development Services Coordinator Jose Macias presented the request for a Conditional Use Permit to paint a mural at the Dysart Community Center located at 14414 N. El Mirage Road (corner of El Mirage Road and Well Street). The mural will be a 12 foot by 20 foot mural on the south wall facing El Mirage Road. A photo rendering of the mural by artist Hugo Medina was presented. City staff has reviewed and has no objections to the proposal and recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. The Planning & Zoning Commission held a meeting on June 14, 2016 and recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit with a 3-0

vote. Dysart Community Center Director Mike Cassidy was present to answer questions.

Mayor Mook commented it appears to be a mural of the City's history and she believes it is "awesome."

Councilor Jones reported he attended the Planning & Zoning meeting where this was presented and he is very excited to see this representation of the City's heritage. He asked if the project is tied to the West Valley Arts Council and Mr. Cassidy confirmed that it is connected. Councilor Jones believes the mural will represent El Mirage very nicely.

Mr. Cassidy described the area where the mural will be located and stated the project was started with a group of teens to get them to consider doing positive things in their community. The goal was for them to have a sense of pride in their heritage and community; to know where they came from and instill pride in the community. He explained the concept of the draft drawing which is to recognize and honor the migrant workers who settled the community and pay tribute to those who continued to improve the community. A bit of the past, present and future is represented in the mural showing the community as a puzzle to emphasize that no one is an island and no one does it all on their own; it takes public safety, government, economy, education and health care to make a community healthy. A plaque will be placed next to the mural to explain the meaning and intent.

Mayor Mook stated she volunteers at the Senior Center and has asked long-time residents why they came to El Mirage and the majority stated they wanted to settle and provide their children with a consistent education. They are very proud of the educational accomplishments of their children and grandchildren.

Councilor Shapera said he would like to see it on the City website when it is completed and commended Mr. Cassidy for his presentation.

Vice Mayor Ramirez reported that being the son of a migrant worker, he knows the value of all the people who settled in El Mirage. Across the street from his home, there are hundreds of acres of watermelon which were just beginning to be harvested. On a recent trip to New Mexico and while in a supermarket in Las Cruces he saw boxes of watermelons from the field across the street from his home in Arizona; and he stated he was very proud to see that.

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing
No comments were received
Mayor Mook closed the Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to open and close the public hearing and approve a Conditional Use Permit for a mural at the Dysart Community Center; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

B. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with RK Sanders, Inc. to construct three (3) new sanitary

sewer stubs along El Mirage Road between Olive Avenue and Mountain View Road in an amount of \$54,075 including contingency. (Development & Community Services)

Development and Community Services Director/City Engineer Jorge Gastelum explained this is the El Mirage Road infrastructure project approved for the phase between Olive Avenue and Mountain View Road. The project consists of installing three sanitary sewer stubs to the west side of El Mirage Road to provide connections for future developments. Constructing the mains now will avoid removing and replacing pavement to be installed by MCDOT in 2017 along El Mirage Road. City staff provided in-house design and advertised the project in June 2016. Four bids were received and RK Sanders, Inc. provided the amended lowest bid at \$49,075; the original bid was \$53,275 but staff was able to eliminate a number of items to reduce the overall costs. Adding in a \$5,000 contingency, the total project cost is \$54,075. Mr. Gastelum also reported that John F. Long has agreed to reimburse the City for these Phase I costs and he is working with them regarding Phase II of the project on Olive Avenue and Dysart.

Councilor Selby stated he is pleased to see that work is being done now to prevent the need for tearing up new pavement in the future. He asked about the need to tear up the street for APS in the future and was advised by Mr. Gastelum that APS is currently installing the conduit underground to provide for future overhead lights.

Councilor Shapera asked if there were sewer stubs on Thunderbird Road and 127th Avenue; Mr. Gastelum replied he knows there are water services extended to the property line and he will check on the sewer stubs.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with RK Sanders, Inc. to construct three (3) new sanitary sewer stubs along El Mirage Road between Olive Avenue and Mountain View Road in an amount of \$54,075 including contingency; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

VIII. 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. New Employees

City Manager Isom asked Police Chief Terry McDonald to introduce the new Police Department Employees.

Chief McDonald introduced Veronica Garay who began working with the Police Department on June 20th as the new receptionist and office assistant for the Police Department. She comes from the Maricopa County Office of Medical Examiners and speaks fluent Spanish. She enjoys reading, bike riding, and spending time with her 18-year-old son. Ms. Garay advised Council she is very happy to be at the City of

El Mirage in the Police Department and looks forward to serving everyone who comes through the door.

Chief McDonald also introduced the newest Police Officer, Terri Belisle, who started at the Police Department on June 22nd. She graduated from the Glendale Law Officers Academy in May of 2016. Prior to her graduation she was a Detention Officer with the City of Glendale. She has previous experience in the veterinary field as a technician and enjoys riding horses and mountain bikes. Officer Belisle stated she is originally from Massachusetts and has resided in Arizona about two years (and she does not miss shoveling snow after work!). She thanked Chief McDonald and everyone else at the Police Department for giving her an opportunity to work for the City of El Mirage.

Chief McDonald reported that the El Mirage Police Department will be hosting the West Valley DUI Task Force on Saturday, July 16, 2016 and stated that prevention is the number one goal. The operation is not secretive and wanted Councilors to be aware of a higher presence of police officers in case they are questioned; the operation will begin at 7:00 pm.

IX. 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 comments were received from the Mayor or Councilmembers.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to convene into Executive Session for consideration of Agenda Item C; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to reconvene into Regular Session; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

- C. Consideration and action authorizing a special committee for the purpose of working with staff to review the Dysart Ranchettes irrigation system.
(Administration)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to create a special committee for the purpose of working with staff to review the Dysart Ranchettes irrigation system and to accept the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Councilor Jones and Vice Mayor Ramirez as committee members; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the Regular El Mirage City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk