

**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, NOVEMBER 1, 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**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence  
Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

**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.

Alyson Clyne, from Friends of the Surprise Library, reported that in one month \$8,265.66 was raised during the fundraiser for books to be purchased for El Mirage Elementary School. As of the end of October, \$2,744.11 was spent on new books that have been sent to the school leaving \$5,495.55 to purchase more books. Ms. Clyne presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City of El Mirage for supporting the El Mirage Elementary School Library book drive. Mayor Mook thanked Ms. Clyne for all her efforts to promote this event.

**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 Regular Council Meeting held Monday, October 4, 2016. (City Clerk)

2. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R16-11-23 amending the City of El Mirage Personnel Policy Manual dated June 30, 2008, Section 6.3 Travel and Expense Reimbursement. (Human Resources)
3. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R.S. §41-151.19. (City Clerk)
4. 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 carried unanimously (7/0).**

V. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to award and enter into formal contracts (one primary and two alternate awards) for vehicle towing services, terms not to exceed five years; estimated annual not-to-exceed expense of \$5,000 for towing City vehicles, as needed, is budgeted in the FY 2016-17 budget. (Police)

Police Chief Terry McDonald reported that within this proposed contract there is a direct City expenditure of not-to-exceed \$5,000 for towing City vehicles, as needed which is included in the FY 2016-17 Budget. The agreement will also award the primary responsibility for towing of vehicles on behalf of the Police Department in a variety of situations. One area he hoped to address as a concern when he became Police Chief was vehicle towing. The City assumes a level of liability when it either takes possession of a vehicle, or acts as a conduit in directing citizens to a specific vendor. As Police Chief, his goal is to ensure that when a citizen experiences an event in which their vehicle is towed and impounded, the charges are fair and appropriate and the ability to arrange release is in close proximity. He needs a vendor to be able to respond quickly and upon arrival, provide quality service to officers on scene. It is his desire to utilize one vendor as the primary provider of towing services for the City.

The Police Department currently utilizes the City of Surprise Police Department as contracted vendor to provide dispatch services, who in turn contacts and controls the dispatching of contract towing services for a variety of police situations. In recent history, the Police Department has utilized a rotation of three towing companies. As such, when the Police Department receives inquiries regarding a towed vehicle, there is added research involved to provide accurate information on the inquiry. With the impending move to the Tolleson Police

Department for dispatch services in January of 2017, Chief stated his desire to switch to a single vendor seemed logical at this time.

Chief McDonald introduced Procurement Administrator Cadle Collins who, in his opinion, professionally conducted the process of the Request for Proposal for the Towing contract and he expressed sincere appreciation to Cadle for his assistance and expertise in handling this process.

Mr. Collins explained the scoring system using a Request for Proposal that established a set evaluation criteria. Six to seven people in the Police Department determined the criteria using best practices of other West Valley cities. Criteria scored included qualifications, experience of the contractor, references from similar projects, conformance to the Request for Proposal, and overall evaluation and perceived ability to provide the service. Three evaluators who reviewed and ranked the proposals were the Acting Public Works Director, the Police Department Supervisor and the Police Chief. Scores were combined and the contractor with the highest total got the award and the second two highest got the two alternate awards. Four proposals were received and evaluated.

Councilor Selby asked Chief McDonald if there were any complaints with the current system. Chief McDonald reported he has had no complaints.

Councilor Shapera asked if one vendor currently being used was excluded and since that vendor has been providing service for many years, why they could not be allowed to continue. Chief McDonald reported there were no formal complaints about the particular vendor in question but that vendor did not score high enough in the evaluation criteria.

Dr. Isom explained that the process is very consistent with the purchasing process and practices of other cities and the City relied on Chief McDonald's expertise to set the criteria. Location of the vendor is important as far as the nearness to the scene so officers can go back to work as well as providing convenience of service to residents. The further from the location of the incident to the resident's home, the more the cost to the resident.

Councilor Shapera stated he believed excluding the current vendor is a disservice to the community and while he understands the Chief's rationale, he disagrees with the end result.

Chief McDonald reported staff researched radio logs and the ability to respond and of the three current vendors, Coco's Roadside Service has only had two occasions where they were unable to respond since 2013.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if performance is part of the rating criteria and stated it does not matter how long the vendor may have worked for the City if they failed to meet the established criteria.

Mayor Mook asked if there was anything negative regarding Coco's and Chief McDonald responded there were none. He stated that, in fact, Coco's has had exceptional responses to their service and he is very comfortable with the award of this contract. Mayor Mook reported there is no one more capable than the Chief of Police to handle this process.

Councilor Jones asked how many tows there are annually and Chief McDonald reported there are 2,500 to 2,700 per year on average. Dr. Isom summarized by stating Chief McDonald selected the process using one primary and two alternates before the Request for Proposals went out.

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- B. Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance O16-11-10 amending City Code Section §71.13 DEFINITIONS - MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLE and Section §71.15 MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES; PROHIBITION, REGULATIONS, VIOLATIONS. (Police)

Assistant Police Chief Laura Liuzzo requested approval of amendments to Section §71.13 DEFINITIONS – MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLE by excluding motorized electric or gas powered bicycles or tricycles with helper motors with 49cc or less motors and that are operated at speeds less than 25 MPH. The second amendment is to Section §71.15 removing motorized skateboards from the violation because it falls under the definition of Motorized Play Vehicle.

Mayor Mook asked for an explanation of the problem and Chief Liuzzo reported that bicycles with helper motors are lawfully permitted by A.R.S. Title 28 but the current definition of Motorized Play Vehicles in the City Code makes them unlawful. This amendment will allow Motorized Gas Bicycles or Tricycles with 49cc or less motors as long as they are operated at 25 MPH or less.

Councilor Jones stated that if this amendment is meant to make City Code coincide with State Code he believed it to be a good idea.

Councilor Selby asked if this would affect little motorized cars and Chief Liuzzo stated it would not.

Councilor Shapera asked if 49 cc was allowed and Chief Liuzzo stated they will be allowed as long as they run at less than 25 MPH.

Councilor Delgado commented this refers to vehicles on the streets but asked about motorized skateboards on sidewalks. Chief Liuzzo responded that all the laws of the Arizona Revised Statutes apply which means those vehicles are not allowed on sidewalks.

Councilor Selby remarked that forcing motorized skateboards and some of the motorized bikes onto the streets might pose a safety issue but Chief Liuzzo pointed out that a motorized skateboard would not fall under the amendments to this ordinance.

Dr. Isom addressed Councilor Delgado and Councilor Selby's concerns by stating part of their concerns will be resolved at least on the main thoroughfares with the installation of bike lanes along the roadways under construction.

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- C. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance O16-11-11 amending Chapter 33: City Court, Presiding Officer, Section §33.15 Presiding Judge; Appointment; Judges Pro Tempore; Qualification; Judicial Selection and Advisory Review Board, of the City of El Mirage City Code. (Administration)

Human Resources Director, Sandra King presented this ordinance stating the purpose is to streamline the process for the selection of City Judge and do away with the Review Board. Staff does not feel the City is well served by this lengthy and cumbersome process.

Mayor Mook commented that the proposed process would be similar to other recruitment processes. The current Review Board process is cumbersome and she asked Ms. King to explain the number of people involved; Ms. King reported the Judicial Selection and Advisory Review Board (JSARB), by code requirement, consists of seven members that includes the Presiding Judge for the Superior Court (or his/her designee), an attorney from the Bar Association, a judge from the West Valley, three El Mirage citizens, and the Human Resources Director. She explained that not only is coordination of such a diverse committee awkward, but the review process takes over a year to complete. The proposed process would be a standard recruitment process similar to other Directors.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Ordinance O16-11-11 amending Chapter 33: City Court, Presiding Officer, Section §33.15 Presiding Judge; Appointment; Judges Pro Tempore; Qualification; Judicial Selection and Advisory Review Board, of the City of El Mirage City**

**Code, seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- D. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by consideration and action to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication facility, a Verizon Wireless Small Cell Site at 14010 N. El Mirage, Road, Arizona 85335 and authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement. (Development & Community Services)

Development Services Coordinator Jose Macias presented this Conditional Use Permit application regarding a cell tower to be located at 14010 N. El Mirage Road reviewing the elevation, photographic simulation, and type of wireless communication facility. City staff technical review presented no objections. The lease agreement has been negotiated and agreed upon by both parties. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval at their October 11, 2016 hearing with a 3-0 vote. Staff is seeking Council approval and authorization for the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Verizon. Mr. Rick Shaw from Shaw and Associates was present to answer questions.

Councilor Jones asked if it is necessary for another cell tower with a large one so close to Gentry Park and Mr. Macias responded they are different vendors with different equipment. The tower at Gentry Park is AT&T and the new one is Verizon.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if there were any citizen complaints at the Planning & Zoning meeting and was advised by Mr. Macias that none were received.

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing and receiving no public comments, closed the Public Hearing.

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- E. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by consideration and action to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a Religious Assembly at the Mirage Oasis Center located at 13015 W. Greenway Road, Arizona 85335. (Development & Community Services)

Development Services Coordinator, Jose Macias presented this Conditional Use Permit regarding a Religious Assembly for the Reveal Church @ Mirage Oasis located at 13015 W. Greenway Road within a UC Urban Corridor zoning. Mr. Macias then reviewed the elevation and location map, reviewed City goals and

case history. There are 23 churches in El Mirage. The City staff Technical Review Committee recommends the following stipulations:

1. Traffic Impact: If additional uses beyond standard church activities are added in the future, the City may request additional information such as an updated Traffic Impact, Parking Study, etc. at that time.
2. Fresh coat of paint: The entire complex must be re-painted. The painted walls have faded and it is visible where graffiti and/or signage have been painted over.
3. Parking Lot Asphalt: The entire asphalt parking lot must be re-surfaced, including crack filled.
4. Parking Lot Striping: The entire parking lot striping has faded and must be re-stripped.
5. Fire Lanes: All of the Fire Lanes must be re-painted.
6. Curbing: Some of the existing concrete curbing is broken and must be replaced to prevent traffic to access dirt areas (rear of buildings).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with stipulations to City Council at their October 11, 2016 hearing with a 2-1 vote. Jim Zeiter, from IIP Oasis LLC and Pastor Marty Kiser were present to answer questions.

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing.

Councilor Jones asked if the parking lot is ADA compliant and was advised by Mr. Macias that it is, in fact, ADA compliant.

Councilor Selby asked whether the owner, tenant or a combination of both is responsible for the stipulations and whether all the stipulations needed to be completed prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Macias advised that the responsibility for improvements and completing the stipulations is a combination of owner and tenant and, yes, all must be completed before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

Councilor Shapera stated he believed the language “standard church activities” is too general and suggested more specific language to include a day care center or food bank as may be appropriate. He then directed two questions to property representative, Mr. Zeiter, asking if the property is being marketed for sale and whether there would be parking lot lighting at the front of the building. Mr. Zeiter reported it is being marketed both for sale and for lease and that there should be lighting in front of the building. Councilor Shapera recommended adding lighting to the stipulations.

Councilor Delgado asked whether the building is fire proofed with a sprinkler system, what is the name of the church and when meetings would take place. Mr. Zeiter reported there is a sprinkler system installed. Pastor Kiser stated the name of the church is “Reveal Church” and there would be two services on Sunday,

possibly a Saturday night service at 5 PM and normal business hours during the week inside the building.

Pastor Kiser addressed Council and reported the church started eight years ago in El Mirage and have actively participated in the community both independently and through partnerships with the Valley View Food Bank, the El Mirage Fire Department and volunteering in the City's Community Uplift Program (CUP). Children have been provided with 600 backpacks for the Back-To-School program, and received free haircuts. Over 1,000 pounds of food has been purchased for the food bank, addresses have been added to curbs in front of homes, smoke detectors have been purchased and supplied to homeowners, homes have been painted and repaired, parks have been renovated, plants have been planted in front of the Council Chambers and the El Mirage Branch Library has been painted. The church has also worked with projects at the River View School and he read several thank you letters from Assistant Principal Stephanie Lawrence for the assistance provided by the Church.

Mr. Zeiter advised Council that he has been involved with the Mirage Oasis Center for over two years and noted this property has been vacant for a very long time. He fully supports the Church and encouraged the Council to approve the CUP stating he believes doing so provides an opportunity for not only the parishioners but the City as well; church activity could increase additional business in the center.

Christine Sanchez from a clothing shop in El Mirage reported that volunteers from the church has been a tremendous help by painting the interior of her shop on Beautification Day and has provided other clean up assistance in the past; she stated they are an asset to the community.

Mayor Mook added that she agrees this church has done a fantastic job for the community and hopes other shops might come to the Center that will be sales tax revenue-generating businesses.

Mayor Mook closed the Public Hearing.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the following stipulations which must be made prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy:**

- 1. The City will request additional information such as an updated Traffic Impact, Parking Study, etc. if additional uses beyond standard church activities, such as a food bank, day care center, etc., are added in the future**
- 2. The entire complex must be re-painted**
- 3. The entire asphalt parking lot must be re-surfaced, including crack seal**
- 4. The entire parking lot striping must be re-striped**

- 5. All of the Fire Lanes must be re-painted**
  - 6. Existing broken concrete curbing must be replaced**
  - 7. Lighting added;**
- seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- F. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to approve a contract modification to the construction services contract with Haydon Building Corp for City Hall in the amount not-to-exceed \$103,324. (Development & Community Services)

Development & Community Services Director/City Engineer Jorge Gastelum provided a cost review for the Haydon Building Corp Change Order No. 1 which is the addition of the Veteran's Memorial that was not a part of the original contract (\$60K paid for with a grant from Tohono O'odham Nation). Total to date, including the Veteran's Memorial, is still under budget. He then gave a brief update on the New City Hall construction and design of the Veteran Memorial. He reported the New City Hall is on schedule and will be open to the public on Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

Councilor Shapera asked if the Memorial will be illuminated and was advised by Mr. Gastelum that it will be lit on each side from columns, as well as sidewalk and plaza lighting.

Mayor Mook asked if there would be cameras on the Memorial and Mr. Gastelum reported there would be cameras inside and outside.

Mayor Mook asked if pavers would be available. Mr. Gastelum reported there will be 1,000 pavers. There will be 250 on each side. They will measure 8" x 10" with a cost in the \$50 range.

Councilor Shapera asked if the pavers will be better quality than the YMCA pavers which have faded. Mr. Gastelum has been in contact with the engraver who will paint them after they have been engraved.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize the City Manager to approve a contract modification to the construction services contract with Haydon Building Corp. for City Hall in the amount not-to-exceed \$103,324; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0) .**

- G. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to waive the formal bidding process and to enter into a construction contract with Kimbrell Electric, Inc. to construct a pedestrian signal at the intersection of Cactus Road and 127th Avenue in an amount of \$90,349 including contingency. (Development & Community Services)

Development & Community Services Director, Jorge Gastelum explained the necessity for a pedestrian signal at Cactus Road and 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the reason for waiving of the formal bidding process. The construction contract with a 10% contingency amounts to \$90,349.

Councilor Jones stated it seems like a lot of money but there is no price that can be put on children's safety. Just looking at how traffic goes down Cactus Road dictates the need for this pedestrian signal as soon as possible.

Councilor Palladino stated it is long overdue.

Councilor Shapera thinks it is a reasonable price and complimented Dr. Isom and Mr. Gastelum for moving this project forward.

Councilor Delgado asked if there would be an escape island in the middle of Cactus Road and was advised by Mr. Gastelum there would not be an island because there is not a raised median on Cactus Road.

Mayor Mook asked how long will it take to order and install the new pedestrian signal and was she was told by Mr. Gastelum that the vendor is being asked to move as quickly as possible but he anticipated it will take approximately three months to complete.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize the City Manager to waive the formal bidding process and to enter into a construction contract with Kimbrell Electric, Inc. to construct a pedestrian signal at the intersection of Cactus Road and 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue in an amount of \$90,349 including contingency; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- H. Consideration and action to authorize APS to perform the required work to convert the current overhead power lines to underground and to install the street lighting related to the El Mirage Road project in an amount of \$4,421,836 and direct City Staff to adjust existing project contracts as necessary to remain within the \$6.4 million local commitment.  
(Development & Community Service)

Development & Community Services Director/City Engineer Jorge Gastelum reported the El Mirage Road Improvements IGA was approved in May 2011; the design Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued in February, 2012; and the design was completed in September, 2015. El Mirage Road Improvement revisions included green bike lanes, transit style street lighting, traffic signal standards, and raised median w/landscaping. Thunderbird Road revisions also included green bike lanes, transit style street lighting, traffic signal standards, 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension, Dollar Store, and ADOT coordination. Actual APS work and land acquisition costs were higher than estimated. Authorization for APS to proceed with their

required work at a cost of \$4,421,836 will also require the City to slightly adjust existing project contracts by \$150,000 to remain within the \$6.4M local commitment. APS representatives Ronnie Gandara and Dawn Tompkins were present to answer questions.

Mr. Gandara addressed Council stating he has been working on the project for about nine years; he said it is a great project and he is very pleased with his partnership with the City of El Mirage.

Mayor Mook told Mr. Gandara that this is a big project for such a small city. He stated there are some overhead lines already down and there will be more coming down soon; a major portion of the project will be done by Thanksgiving. Mayor Mook asked him what is the most difficult part of the project and he responded that it was both the coordination and sheer amount of work.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize APS to perform the required work to convert the current overhead power lines to underground and to install the street lighting related to the El Mirage Road project in an amount of \$4,421,836 and direct City Staff to adjust existing project contracts as necessary to remain within the \$6.4 million local commitment; seconded by Councilor Delgado. 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. New Employees

Public Works Director James Shano thanked Veterans for their service. He then introduced Juan Escobar, a new employee in the Streets Division. Mr. Escobar is native to Arizona being born and raised in Glendale. He is an electrician by trade with an extensive maintenance background. His hobbies are fishing and coaching his 12-year-old daughter's softball team. He loves camping and volunteers as much as he can. He is married with three children ages 12, 19 and 21 year olds. Mr. Escobar thanked the City for hiring him and stated he has seen the positive growth in El Mirage and is proud to be a part of the City.

### 2. AZDOHS Grant Awards

Assistant Police Chief Laura Liuzzo spoke on grants received. She gave credit to Grants Writer Janeen Gaskins for her assistance.

- Department of Homeland Security Grant – The City received an award of \$6,000 to support the Terrorism Liaison Officer’s Program. The Police Department has two officers that participate in this program who receive special training and focus on events within the City and other West Valley Cities.
- GOHS – The City received \$17,000 to assist with DUI overtime, vehicle wraps and \$14,000 for enforcement overtime, education and radars.

Assistant Chief Liuzzo also reported that the Vietnam Wall would be escorted on Wednesday to Gateway Park beginning at 3:00 pm with over 100 motorcycles anticipated to participate in the escort including 25-30 motorcyclists from El Mirage and other police agencies.

- GOHS - Battalion Chief Juan Rodriguez reported the City received grant funds of \$5,823 to pay for 105 car seats to be distributed to residents in need and overtime for techs to install them.

### 3. Frontage Road Update

Dr. Isom gave a report on the Frontage Road upgrade and the possibility of getting some the frontage road land dedicated to the City. He commented on the complicated coordination required between agencies to get the project this far but as of this meeting, the project appears to be fully funded. He thanked the Mayor, Mr. Gastelum and Ms. Wakeman for their work in navigating MAG’s process.

### 4. Salute to Veterans Event

Public Relations Manager Amber Wakeman recognized Sgt. Chris Culp for helping coordinate the effort with Avondale, Goodyear, Peoria and Surprise to provide the motor escort for the Vietnam Traveling Wall. Ms. Wakeman invited everyone to the Salute to Veterans event to be held Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at the Gateway Park in El Mirage. She reviewed the calendar of events starting with the arrival of the Vietnam Traveling Wall on November 2<sup>nd</sup> through the Saturday program and ending with the wall removal on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. C.U.P Program Report

City Manager, Dr. Isom reported that on National Make a Difference Day which was Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, CUP (Community Uplift Program) had over 150 volunteers working to improve properties throughout the community. Three houses were painted, and one home referred by Police Victims Assistance had numerous repairs done including replacing broken doors and windows, and cleaning and trimming trash inside and out. Six properties were cleaned and had

landscaping trimmed, one house got new rock landscaping installed, and two additional homes will be painted on November 27<sup>th</sup>. A section of landscaping along Myer Lane and El Mirage Road received plants and rock and approximately 225 feet of fencing was painted along 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Clothing Shop had their fence painted and the interior scrubbed clean. Many thanks go out to volunteers from Sunset View Baptist Church, Grace Church, Victory Outreach, Life Spring Church, El Mirage Latter Day Saints, West Valley Bible Church, Reveal Church, Dysart High HOSA (Health Occupational Student Association) Club, El Mirage Firefighter Charities, Dysart Community Center and many El Mirage citizens!

Special thanks go out to supporting businesses that includes Urban Greenhouse (trash bags), Younger Brothers Construction Company (new doors), Clear Cut Glass (new windows), Grand Materials (rock for landscaping), and Coco's Towing (water and paint supplies). Thanks also to Public Works for manpower on that day and trash pick-up after the event.

## **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 Jones stated these are exciting times in El Mirage and attributes that to the unification of volunteers.

Councilor Selby reported the BNSF Children's Train came to El Mirage on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> which is an annual program to give disabled and disadvantaged children a train ride. Children are selected to participate from sources like the Children's Hospital, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and burn centers; some are also wards of the State. Many of the 250 people on the train for this year's event had never been on a train before and were awestruck. The event was most successful and he thanked the El Mirage Fire Department EMTs for participating and gave a special thanks to EMT Darrell Tirpak and Fire Engineer Clint Nielson for their participation.

Councilor Palladino stated he is looking forward to viewing the Traveling Vietnam Traveling Wall at the Salute to Veterans event. He stated he has visited the original wall in Washington D.C. and is anxious to view this replica.

Councilor Shapera stated he is still receiving complaints about speeders in Parque de Sol stating he also recently witnessed numerous speeders between 5:30 and 6:30 PM. He asked Chief McDonald to investigate and Chief McDonald stated he would follow up on this matter.

Vice Mayor Ramirez thanked his fellow Councilmembers, Staff and Department Heads for the kindness and thoughtfulness given to him and his children over the

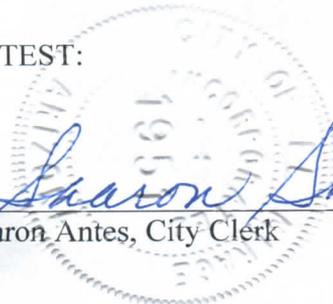
past weeks after his loss. He stated there are not words he can think of to show his appreciation but he wanted to thank all who made a very difficult time for him and his children a bit easier to deal with; he stated he knows he is among friends and wanted all who helped to know he and his family are most appreciative.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

  
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Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 and a quorum was present.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk