

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD  
6:00 PM – TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017**

**CORRECTED Minutes**

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Councilmember Jack Palladino

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

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.

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 Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 3, 2017. (City Clerk)

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve all items listed on the consent agenda; seconded by Councilor Roy Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

**V. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R17-01-02 adopting the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 2018 through 2022.  
(Finance)

Finance Director Robert Nilles presented the 2018-2022 Capital Improvements Plan and he explained that the CIP is created for the following reasons: 1) for public disclosure of planned improvements; 2) to compare all requests uniformly; 3) to match capital needs with funding availability; 4) to guide this year and next year's budgeting; 5) to prioritize staff activities and improve efficiency; and, 6) to improve opportunities for outside funding. Governing factors include financial policies, evaluation criteria and the CIP's development process. The CIP's development process provides for needs assessment, financial analysis, capital project evaluation criteria and a Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Nilles then reviewed and explained each item listed in the updated CIP report commenting on carryovers, new items, dollar amounts, and specific years that items are budgeted/projected for completion.

He noted a Council priority from the recent Goal Setting Workshop and a new CIP entry was widening of Dysart Road between Northern Avenue and Peoria Avenue. Other items reviewed were capital items for the Fire Department, Police Department, Information Technology Department, and the Public Works Department.

Councilor Shapera asked if abutting landowners would be contributing toward the Butler Drive reconstruction and he was advised by Mr. Nilles that the City owns that road and it is the City's responsibility to reconstruct; it is not being expanded, rather, the existing road is being reconstructed. Councilor Shapera further asked if the reconstruction included sidewalks and lighting and Mr. Nilles deferred to City Engineer Jorge Gastelum; Councilor Shapera stated he would speak with Mr. Gastelum separate from this meeting. Councilor Shapera stated his main concern was to be sure abutting landowners paid their appropriate share of the cost and Mr. Nilles re-affirmed that would only be the case if the road was being expanded but in this case, only the existing roadway is being reconstructed.

Councilor Shapera also stated he did not see any provision for painting walls owned by the City in the CIP and Mr. Nilles affirmed that cost was not in the CIP nor anywhere else in the budget. He noted that it was not brought forward as a Council priority or request during the recent Council Goal Setting Workshop and was therefore, not included in this CIP budget.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R17-01-02 adopting the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 2018 through 2022; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

- B. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by consideration and action to approval a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Communication Facility, a co-location on an existing tower for T-Mobile Wireless Communications at 14406 N. Alto Street, El Mirage, Arizona 85335. (Development & Community Services)

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing.

GIS/Development Services Coordinator Jose Macias reported on this item and advised the applicant is Ben Feldman of Pinnacle Consulting, Inc. The site is a 984.0 square foot lot with MU (Mixed Urban) zoning and the land use is City Services. To the north, east and west are single family dwellings and to the south is City Services. Mr. Macias presented the elevation details and showed photos of the existing facility. A Macro Site (monopole), Macro Site (monopine) and Micro Site (small cell site) were all explained and the locations of existing sites were pointed out on a City Map. No objections were received during City Staff technical review and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval to the City Council at their December 13, 2016 meeting with a 4-0 vote. No public comments have been received as of this meeting and Staff is seeking final approval of the Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Communication Facility co-location.

Councilor Jones stated the City had asked Verizon to do some beautification of the towers and Mr. Macias responded that this request is not from Verizon, therefore, the requestor would not be the one to make any changes to the tower. Councilor Jones commented he believed the tower was unattractive.

Councilor Shapera complimented staff on a well done presentation and asked Mr. Macias what amount of rent would be generated from this CUP. Mr. Macias stated he did not have those figures readily available and Councilor Shapera requested the information by follow up email.

Mayor Mook requested public comments; hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a co-location on an existing tower for T-Mobile Wireless Communications at 14406 N. Alto Street, El Mirage, Arizona 85335; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

- C. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R17-01-03 to adopt City Council Goals for FY 2017/18. (Administration)

Dr. Isom explained the Council Goal Setting Workshop held November 29, 2016 established the City Council Goals for FY 2017/18 in the report being submitted for approval.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R17-02-03 to adopt City Council Goals for FY 2017/2018; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

## 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

Police Chief Terry McDonald thanked Human Resources Director Sandy King and her staff and Support Services Manager Michael Ashley for their hard work in vetting these new employees. He first introduced Zachary Ohs who started on December 5<sup>th</sup> after 1 ½ years with the Flagstaff Police Department. Officer Osh is engaged and has three children; he enjoys the outdoors, shooting, and tubing on the Salt River. Officer Ohs addressed Council stating he is from southwest Montana and comes from a big railroad family. He has traveled extensively and when he came to the Valley in 2003, he decided to set his roots here. Being in El Mirage has been a very positive experience and he is happy to be here.

Chief McDonald then called Cody Hudson to the podium and stated Officer Hudson started with the El Mirage Police Department on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He started his career as an Explorer in the Chandler Police Department and later worked for MCSO in the detection department and worked as a deputy. Officer Hudson reported it is phenomenal working in the El Mirage Police Department and has been a great experience. He has never experienced the positivity as he has from the citizens here in El Mirage.

Chief McDonald also introduced Edwardo Preciado and stated he comes from a law enforcement family. He started in the El Mirage Police Department on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, is married and has three children and enjoys working out. Officer Preciado thanked the Police Department for giving him the opportunity. He was born and raised in the West Valley and is happy to be able to work here. His father was a police officer for 30 years, his grandfather was a police officer in Mexico, and he is very proud to follow in their footsteps.

Chief McDonald reported there will be a formal swearing-in ceremony on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Police Department expects one more officer to be hired before that event.

Dr. Isom then introduced Aaron Walters, Executive Director of the Northwest Valley Family YMCA and invited him to address Council. Mr. Walters came from the YMCA in Tampa, Florida and before that, he owned his own business. The partnership between the City and the YMCA is what drew him to El Mirage. The YMCA is a like-minded organization. He looks forward to the opportunities for improvement and is optimistic about the future. Dr. Isom pointed out that Mr. Walters has brought an energy to the YMCA that he is welcome to see. He works well with staff and the City is seeking to help him lower costs of operations. The Public Works Department has partnered with him to assist with projects and the City is making sure the programs he is promoting are widely advertised to the citizens of El Mirage. He welcomed Mr. Walters to the City.

## 2. Public Safety Day – January 28, 2017

Public Relations Manager Amber Wakeman invited everyone to Gateway Park on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> for Public Safety Day. There will be two climbing walls, Arizona SciTech Festival and the El Mirage Police and Fire Departments will have displays and demonstrations that include a helicopter, crime scene vans, a crash truck display, and demos and displays of other police, fire, and military equipment.

### 3. Report on Grand Opening Ceremony

City Clerk Sharon Antes reported the Grand Opening Ceremony has arrived after months of planning and staff is very excited about the event. Practice runs have been conducted and details have all been organized. Staff led tours of the building have been organized and practiced and all are anticipating a wonderful ceremony.

Dr. Isom commended staff and expressed his appreciation to staff for helping with not only this City Hall transition but for everything over the past six years. He stated his background is in purchasing and he has overseen a lot of construction projects, both vertical and horizontal, but this experience was the first time where he has actually participated in a co-location with the staff living/working side-by-side together with the contractor at the same time. The contractor has done a very good job to get the project finished on time. He thanked the contractors, staff, Council and community.

## 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 reported he recently he took a tour of the City with Public Works. He was very impressed with the over seeding at Gateway Park stating they have done an excellent job and the park has never looked better. The interior remodel at Windy City Dogs worked out very well.

Councilor Selby stated he is very proud of the new City Hall. The end result is everything the City needed and wanted and he is proud to be here.

Councilor Shapera stated he has driven down El Mirage Road and commended Jorge Gastelum for an excellent job on the road construction projects.

Councilor Delgado reported that eight cities turned in projects at the recent CDBG meeting totaling \$3.7M in requests with a maximum of \$2.3M available; cities will be making their presentations to the committee within the next week. Also, the Maricopa County Library District reported there will be a reading program geared to adults from January through March. The ~~Library District~~ City of El Mirage Branch Library has had 686 users with circulation up 6%.

Vice Mayor Ramirez reported he has had free time to drive around the community and feels the money has been well spent with the additional employee hired for picking up trash. The community is very clean. He is very impressed and proud of the new Council Chambers.

Mayor Mook reported on the planning of the new City Hall. When you look from the inside of the building, it is very impressive, user friendly, bright and spacious. It is a beautiful building and she is very proud of the end product.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 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 El Mirage City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 and a quorum was present.



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Sharon Antes, City Clerk