

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE MUNICIPAL COURT
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, April 12, 2007**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Waterman at 6:03 p.m. Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

II. ROLL CALL – Present Council were: Mayor Fred Waterman, Vice Mayor Michele Kern, Councilor Xavier Bedolla, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Roger Cleveland, Councilor Bill Conner, Councilor Adam Super.

City Staff present were: City Manager BJ Cornwall, Attorney Marlene Pontrelli, Police Chief Ken Holmes, Fire Chief Scott Alvord, Finance Director Larry Price, Community Development Director George Flores, Human Resources Director Toni Brown, Technology Services Director Pat Timlin, Public Works Director Lance Calvert, City Clerk Edith Hoover. Absent were: City Engineer Chris Young.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fred Waterman removed items 2, 3, and 4 from the Agenda.

- 1. Consideration and action regarding approval of the City Council Minutes of March 8, 2007 and March 22, 2007.**
- 2. Consideration and action regarding approval of Resolution No. R07-04-02, authorizing the submittal of funding application in the amount of \$111,245 to the Maricopa County Division of Human Services for fiscal year 2007-2008.**
- 3. Consideration and action regarding approval of Resolution No. R07-04-05, authorizing officers to order the deposit, transfer and withdrawal of funds in the Local Government Investment Pool with the Arizona State Treasurer.**
- 4. Consideration and action regarding Ordinance No. O07-04-02, amending Chapter 3 “Administration”, Section 3-4-4 “Expenditures; signatures on checks and ratification”.**

5. **Consideration and action regarding approval of the Westside Fire Training Intergovernmental Agreement between and among the Cities of El Mirage, Peoria, Avondale, Buckeye, Glendale, Goodyear, Surprise, Tolleson and the Fire Districts of Daisy Mountain, Sun City and Sun City West.**
6. **Consideration and action approving the purchase of professional services and equipment from World Wide Technology in the amount of \$38,764.34 to design and implement a secure remote access point into the City's data network for use by City personnel to access mission critical systems from remote locations.**
7. **Consideration and action approving a software enterprise agreement through ASAP Software for the Microsoft desktop bundle. This is a three year agreement with three annual payments of \$33,686.99 plus the cost of any added licenses above the original licensing count. This three year agreement will ensure Microsoft software licensing compliance on the City's computers and will provide the City with a three year software maintenance and upgrade program.**
8. **Consideration and action approving the purchase of associated parts and installation services for Police Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) docking stations into police vehicles. This purchase is from Portable Computer Systems in the amount of \$35,025.64.**
9. **Consideration and action regarding Ordinance No. 007-04-03, amending Section 20-1-16 – Liquor License Background Investigation to chapter 20, Article 20-1-Nuisance of the City Code of the City of El Mirage, Arizona, and declaring an emergency.**
10. **Consideration and action approving Resolution No. R07-04-03, supporting an application to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona for a project technical assistance grant funding of \$35,000.**
11. **Consideration and action to approve a Contract with Arizona American Water for Meter Reading and Field Customer Services. The City of El Mirage advertised for qualified firms to submit Statements of Qualifications to provide Meter Reading Services and Field Customer Services for the City's Water Service Area.**

The City received responses from three firms; Arizona American Water, Severn Trent Services, and US Metering & Technology (USM&T). The City evaluated the responses and ranked the three firms accordingly. Arizona American Water was ranked as the number one respondent and was invited to submit a proposal to provide Meter Reading Services and Field Customer Services as outlined in the Statement of Qualifications that Arizona American Water submitted to the City of El Mirage.

- 12. Consideration and action for Council approval authorizing City Manager to enter into an infrastructure Reimbursement and Participating Agreement with Barnett Properties I LLC, developers of Burger King Restaurant, to share cost of required infrastructure improvements over a 10-year period.**

Councilor Super made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 5 through 12; seconded by Vice Mayor Michele Kern.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Kern, Super, Waterman
Nay:
Motion: Carried

IV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fred Waterman thanked the citizens for showing up to Council meetings and voicing their opinions and he also thanked those individuals who work on various boards and advisory groups within the City.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Presentation of the Oath of Office to the Junior Councilmember's for the month of April by Councilor Adam Super.**
- B. Presentation of the Oath of Office to Firefighter Anthony Vargas.**
- C. Presentation regarding the 2005 Fire Department Audit.**

Fire Chief Scott Alvord gave an overview of the Fire Department audit that took place in November, 2005. Chief Alvord was not employed by the City of El Mirage at the time of the audit but was hired on July 17, 2006.

Chief Alvord commented on the need for strict documentation of all sick leave and overtime accrued by the Fire Department. Any use of overtime is emailed to the City Manager for review at the end of each pay period.

The Fire Department has been collecting and analyzing response time data to determine opportunities for reducing response times. Chief stated that due to large population growth, some areas are experiencing slightly higher response times. Chief recommended that a new fire station be built in order to reduce response times and enhance services to the community.

Chief Alvord said that the audit recommended the addition of a new fire truck and the development of a long-term apparatus replacement plan to ensure all equipment is functional. The City Council previously approved the purchase of the fire truck at the March 22, 2007 Council meeting.

It was also recommended that the Fire Department develop a comprehensive EMS public education program for El Mirage citizens and stakeholders. Chief Alvord said that the Fire Department currently offers CPR classes each month but additional funding would be needed to add the resources required to perform additional programs.

The audit outlined the need for enhanced new recruit training. Chief Alvord stated that new recruits go through a rigorous assessment process which includes a background investigation, a polygraph exam, and a psychological evaluation. Due to the high demand of qualified fire fighters and the lengthy testing procedures, it is becoming more difficult to find and retain qualified fire fighters.

The Fire Chief thanked the Council for listening to his presentation.

VI. COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

There were no comments from Council.

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager BJ Cornwall said that there will be a hazardous waste and surplus electronics collection on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Mercado between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The Career Fair on Saturday, April 7th at the El Mirage Elementary School was well attended.

City Manager BJ Cornwall said that he is trying to obtain a new post-master in order to better serve the citizens of El Mirage.

The construction of Wal-mart is going well and is on schedule.

The brief regarding the Glendale annexation lawsuit will be filed by the deadline of May 18, 2007.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mary Izaguirre – 13505 S. El Frio St.

Mary asked Council why they were contracting out the City's water services and also exclaimed that she didn't like how the City puts most items on the Consent Agenda.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion and performance evaluation of City Manager BJ Cornwall. The discussion may include employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

Vice Mayor Kern made a motion to convene into Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Conner.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Kern, Super, Waterman
Nay:
Motion: Carried

Vice Mayor Michele Kern made a motion to close the Executive Session and convene into Regular Session; seconded by Councilor Conner.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Kern, Super, Waterman
Nay:
Motion: Carried

D. Consideration and action regarding the performance evaluation and merit increase for City Manager BJ Cornwall.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the merit increase for City Manager BJ Cornwall; seconded by Councilor Conner.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Kern, Super, Waterman
Nay:
Motion: Carried

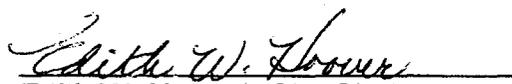
X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Super made a motion for adjournment at 7:57 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Conner.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Kern, Super, Waterman
Nay:
Motion: Carried


Fred Waterman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edith W. Hoover, City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Regular Council Meeting held on April 12, 2007 and a quorum was present.


Edith W. Hoover, City Clerk