

**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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007**

Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Waterman at 6:07 p.m. Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Present were: Mayor Fred Waterman, Vice Mayor Michele Kern, Councilor Xavier Bedolla, Councilor Bill Conner (via teleconference), Councilor Roger Cleveland, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Adam Super.

Present were: City Manager BJ Cornwall, City Attorney Rick Flaaen, 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 Richard Saathoff.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Mayor Kern asked to have consent agenda item number (1) one removed and placed on the regular agenda.

Councilor Delgado asked to have consent agenda item number (5) five removed and placed on the regular agenda.

1. **Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, August 23, 2007.**
2. **Consideration and action approving an amendment to an IGA with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Arizona Methamphetamine Program for overtime reimbursement.**
3. **Consideration and action approving an IGA with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for pass through funding from Bureau of Justice Assistance overtime grant for MCNNET.**
4. **Consideration and action approving an IGA with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office to provide one (1) investigator to be assigned to MCNNET.**

5. **Consideration and action approving a professional services contract with CH2M Hill for a not to exceed amount of \$80,000 for design and inspection services of a fine bar screen and other equipment at the Water Reclamation Facility.**

Councilor Super made a motion to approve consent agenda items 2, 3, and 4; seconded by Councilor Bedolla.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Kern, Super, Waterman
Nay: none
Motion: Carried

1. **Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, August 23, 2007.**

Councilor Super made a motion to approve the Minutes from the regular Council Meeting held August, 23, 2007; seconded by Councilor Delgado.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Super, Waterman
Nay: none
Abstain: Kern
Motion: Carried

5. **Consideration and action approving a professional services contract With CH2M Hill for a not to exceed amount of \$80,000 for design and inspection services of a fine bar screen and other equipment at the Water Reclamation Facility.**

Public Works Director Lance Calvert said that this project is designed to give the City a finer bar screen as well as automate the process which will increase efficiency and extend the life-span of the pumps.

Councilor Super made a motion to approve the contract with CH2M Hill; seconded by Vice Mayor Kern.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Super, Waterman
Nay: none
Motion: Carried

IV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fred Waterman stated that last week was the League of Arizona Cities and Towns in Scottsdale in which a few Councilmember's attended. The different conferences and seminars were filled with excellent information.

Mayor Fred Waterman said that the "Festival" went really well and he thanked all of the City employees who helped run the booth.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Presentation from West Valley Arts Council.

Executive Director Julie Richard, from the West Valley Arts Council, first wanted to thank the City of El Mirage for their donation to help fund the creation of the Cultural & Heritage Blueprint.

The process started by sending out surveys to citizens. 2,500 residents in the West Valley participated in the survey.

After the data was collected, a Summit was held and a list of priorities was created. This allowed the creation of a cultural and heritage blueprint in April, 2007.

The first two priorities recognize that in order for the West Valley to be a vibrant, cultural place, and to enhance the quality of life, it is necessary to develop artist and art organizations.

Another priority is to improve the image and awareness of the West Valley's cultural and heritage offerings.

Other priorities include: leveraging more resources to support culture and heritage; increasing cultural participation by making opportunities broadly accessible; strengthen community cultural and heritage education and build a system of ongoing leadership and West Valley-wide coordination to encourage implementation of recommendations in this blueprint.

Executive Director Julie Richard urged everyone to inform the West Valley Arts Council of art organizations and artists.

VI. COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilor Delgado stated that the library usage rates in July were low but rebounded well in August with a 56% increase.

The library system in Maricopa County will be doing away with the dewey decimal system.

Councilor Delgado thanked City Manager BJ Cornwall and all of the other residents and organizations again for refurbishing the library.

Councilor Delgado said that while he was at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns convention, he was able to take away some very good information from the Brownfields organization. This organization specializes in cleaning up land that is contaminated or potentially contaminated by hazardous substances. Councilor Delgado mentioned that this organization might be able to assist the City in cleaning up the hazardous "mountain" on the east side of town and turning that land into commercial properties.

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager BJ Cornwall thanked all of the employees who participated in setting up and running the booth at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, it turned out very well.

City-wide cleanup, bulk trash day will be on September 22, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the intersection of Thunderbird and El Mirage Roads.

This week, an Amicus Brief was filed by landowners within the 40 square mile contested area on behalf of the City of El Mirage.

The recruitment effort for the police station is going well. A total of 94 individuals have applied for police officers, 23 for sergeants, and 18 for lieutenants.

The results from the survey that were originally mailed out with the water bills a few months ago have been tabulated. Staff will now take a look at the results and come back to Council with recommendations.

City Manager BJ Cornwall introduced and welcomed the new Police Chief, Michael Frazier.

Chief Michael Frazier thanked Council and administration for their professionalism through the hiring process. Chief Frazier said that he is very enthusiastic to begin working with the police department.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Brenda Eickstand – 12934 W Sahuaro Dr

Brenda Eickstand said that she had an incident on Saturday evening in which she had to call the non-emergency number. The non-emergency line was busy for the entire weekend. Brenda voiced her concern for citizens not being able to access the non-emergency line.

Mary Izaguirre – 13505 S. El Frio

Mary Izaguirre said that she wants to obtain a bill of sale showing that five El Mirage police vehicles have been sold to the County along with the radios that were equipped in the vehicles.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session has been requested.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Delgado made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.; seconded by Vice Mayor Kern.

VOTE: Yea: Bedolla, Cleveland, Conner, Delgado, Kern, Super, Waterman
Nay: none
Motion: Carried


Fred Waterman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richard Saathoff, 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 September 13, 2007 and a quorum was present.


Richard Saathoff, City Clerk

