

**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, JANUARY 10, 2008**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Waterman at 6:01 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 Roger Cleveland, Councilor Bill Conner, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Adam Super.

Staff present were: City Manager B.J. Cornwall, Assistant City Manager Spencer Isom, City Attorney Rick Flaaen, Police Chief Michael Frazier, Acting Fire Chief Darrell Rezendes, Finance Director Larry Price, Community Development Director George Flores, Human Resources Director Toni Brown, Technology Services Director Pat Timlin, Acting Public Works Director Lance Calvert, City Clerk Richard Saathoff.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, December 13, 2007.**
- 2. Consideration and action approving one police officer position within the Police Department to be assigned as the Graffiti Coordinator.**

Councilor Super made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items; seconded by Vice Mayor Kern.

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

**IV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Waterman said that the new El Mirage fire truck has been received by the City and it has a lot of safety features.

Mayor Waterman stated that he attended the Peoria: State of the City lunch yesterday and many of the talks centered on the economy.

**V. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Presentation of Award – WIFA – Best Wastewater Water Financial Assistance Project of the Year.**

The WIFA Board of Directors selected the City of El Mirage Recharge Facility as the project of the year and commended staff for a job well done. This new facility will treat up to 10 million gallons of water per day.

**B. Consideration and action to hold a Public Hearing to receive Citizen input regarding the possibility of asking the voters to approve a Single year Exception to the State Imposed Expenditure Limitation for FY 08-09.**

Mayor Waterman opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Waterman closed the public hearing.

**C. Consideration and action to appoint Robert Jones and Deidra Gossett to the Planning & Zoning Commission.**

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Jones and Deidra Gossett to the Planning and Zoning Commission; seconded by Councilor Super.

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

**D. Consideration and action to appoint Cynthia Marano and Nancy Persichilli to the Police/Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Pension Board.**

Councilor Conner made a motion to approve the appointment of Cynthia Marano and Nancy Persichilli to the Police/Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Pension Board; seconded by Councilor Super.

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

**E. Consideration and action to open a public hearing to hear a request for liquor license from Discount Store at 12102 W. Thunderbird Suite 1A.**

Mayor Waterman opened the public hearing.

Police Chief Michael Frazier said that the El Mirage PD did not find any facts that would cause the PD to oppose the liquor license.

Councilor Delgado asked Police Chief Michael Frazier how many liquor stores are within a quarter mile from 12101 W. Thunderbird Rd.

Police Chief Michael Frazier stated that there are two or three liquor stores in the area.

Vice Mayor Kern made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Discount Store at 12102 W. Thunderbird Road; seconded by Councilor Bedolla.

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

**F. Consideration and action to close the public hearing.**

**G. Consideration and action regarding making a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control on the request from Discount Store at 12102 W Thunderbird Suite 1A.**

**H. Consideration and action on opening the public hearing on proposals for:**

- 1. Minor General Plan amendment from High Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial**
- 2. Rezoning from R-4 Mobile Home Residential to B-3 General Services in 70 db Noise Zone Overlay.**
- 3. Site plan approval for Desert Oasis Phase 2 at the southeast corner of El Mirage Road & Cactus Road.**

Mayor Waterman opened the public hearing.

Community Development Director George Flores stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the above mentioned items on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and recommended unanimous approval subject to the stipulations addressed in the packet material.

**I. Consideration and action on closing the Public Hearing.**

There were no additional comments from staff or the public.

Mayor Waterman closed the public hearing.

**J. Consideration and action on the Minor General Plan amendment from High Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial.**

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the Minor General Plan Amendment; seconded by Councilor Super.

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

**K. Consideration and action approving Ordinance #008-01-01, rezoning from R-4 Mobile Home Residential to B-3 General Services at the southeast corner or Cactus and El Mirage Roads.**

Vice Mayor Kern made a motion to approve Ordinance #008-01-01; seconded by Councilor Super.

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

**L. Consideration and action regarding the site plan for Desert Oasis Phase 2 at the southeast corner of El Mirage Road & Cactus Road.**

Councilor Super made a motion to approve the site plan for Desert Oasis Phase 2; seconded by Councilor Delgado.

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

**M. Consideration and action in scheduling a Council Work Session on Thursday, January 17, 2008 to receive the report from the Administrative Procedures Committee.**

Councilor Super confirmed that the Council Work Session will be on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the El Mirage Senior Center.

Councilor Super made a motion to approve the Work-Session on January 17<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Vice Mayor Kern.

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

**VI. COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilor Delgado reported that the City of El Mirage library came in second place from August through December in total usage. Throughout the County, the City of El

Mirage library came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in total usage. Councilor Delgado commended everyone who helped run the library.

**VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

City Manager BJ Cornwall said that as of today, the intersection at Northern Ave. and El Mirage Road will be closed for improvements.

The new fire truck has arrived and it will serve as a huge asset to the City.

Since October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, fifteen sworn officers have been hired by the police department. There are still four sworn positions open. Three recruits have graduated from the MCSO academy on December 13, 2007 and are in the field training process. There are positions for three sergeants and one lieutenant that the City is currently in the promotional process to fill.

The two recruits that graduated from the Phoenix Fire Academy in December are now working on shift. The City currently has four vacant fire-fighting positions.

The City's Public Works Department has completed the chip, crack, and slurry seal of the downtown streets with the final seal phase to take place next week.

Police Chief Michael Frazier commented that on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a young female that was walking home at about 127<sup>th</sup> and Acoma, was sexually abused. The Police Department has been working very diligently on this case and fliers have been sent out to notify the community.

Police Chief Michael Frazier also said that a level 3 sex offender, who has served his time in prison, has recently moved into the community and a flyer was prepared and mailed to residents that live in the area.

**VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session has been requested.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Kern made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Cleveland.

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



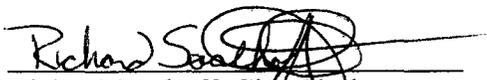
Fred Waterman, Mayor

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 January 10, 2008 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk