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, JUNE 26, 2008

Minutes

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Waterman at 6:00 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 William Conner, Councilor Roger Cleveland, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Adam Super.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, June 12, 2008.**

B. **Consideration and action approving a Professional Service Agreement with the Dysart Community Center to administer public recreation programs.**

C. **Consideration and action to give signature authority to the City Manager to award the Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services contract for the Heritage Park Project to Low Mountain Construction in the amount of $1,513,729.00 (phase 1).**

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

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

IV. **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Public Hearing – to receive citizen comments regarding a request for a liquor license from Joseph David, Andrew's Gas & Food Mart, 12170 N El Mirage Road.**

Mayor Waterman opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Mayor Waterman closed the public hearing.

2. **Consideration and action regarding making an recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control on the request from Joseph David, Andrew's Gas & Food Mart at 12170 N El Mirage Road.**

   Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the liquor license at Andrew's Gas & Food Mart at 12170 N El Mirage Road; seconded by Councilor Super.

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

3. **Consideration and action approving Ordinance No. O08-06-09, adopting the City's property tax levies for Fiscal Year 2008-09.**

   Vice Mayor Kern made a motion to approve Ordinance No O08-06-09; seconded by Councilor Bedolla.

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

4. **Public Hearing – to receive citizen comments as to whether the City of El Mirage should seek voter approval for an alternative expenditures limitation – Home Rule Option.**

   Mayor Waterman opened the public hearing.

   No comments were received.

   Mayor Waterman closed the public hearing.

5. **Consideration and action regarding the approval of an IGA between Maricopa County, City of Glendale, City of Peoria and the City of El Mirage for improvements to Northern Parkway.**

   Vice Mayor Kern made a motion to approve the IGA regarding improvements to Northern Parkway; seconded by Councilor Delgado.

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

6. **Consideration and action approving Ordinance No. O08-06-10, amending Chapter 13, "Traffic Motor Vehicles", Section 13-2-12, "Local Speed Limits."**

Vice Mayor Kern made a motion to approve Ordinance O08-06-10; seconded by Councilor Super.
Councilor Delgado expressed concern for the recommended speed increases on El Mirage road from Santa Fe Lane to Thunderbird road, El Mirage Road from Meyer road to Olive Ave, Peoria Ave from Dysart Road to El Mirage Road and Thunderbird Road from Dysart Road to El Mirage Road.

Councilor Delgado said that he felt that the speed increases for the aforementioned streets/roads would make it unsafe for the children that live in the area as well as for the adults/children that use the Dysart Community Center, the Senior Center, parks and the soccer fields.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to amend the speed limit of El Mirage Road from Santa Fe Lane to Thunderbird Road from the suggested 30 mph to the current speed of 25 mph; seconded by Councilor Bedolla.

Vice Mayor Kern said that the City should set speed limits at what people should drive at rather than the limits in which they should speed at.

Councilor Bedolla said that he was concerned about raising the speed limits near the El Mirage Elementary school because of the amount of kids that walk to and from school every day.

City of El Mirage resident Joe Ramirez, 12902 W Peoria Ave, said that there have already been several accidents that have occurred at the corner of 129th and Peoria Ave with the current speeds. Mr. Ramirez stated that he currently has problems getting out of his driveway.

City of El Mirage resident Robert Jones, 12829 W Corrine Dr, urged the City Council to take a second look at some of the recommended speed limits, most importantly Thunderbird Road from Dysart Rd to El Mirage Rd. Mr. Jones said that he feels that there is a lot of foot traffic in that area due to the school.

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

Councilor Delgado made a motion to amend the speed limit on El Mirage Road from Meyer Road to Olive Ave from the recommended 45 mph to 40

mph; seconded by Councilor Bedolla.

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

Councilor Delgado made a motion to amend the speed limit on Peoria Ave From Dysart Road to El Mirage Road from the recommended 40 mph to 25 mph; seconded by Councilor Bedolla.

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

Councilor Delgado made a motion to amend the speed limit on Thunderbird Road from Dysart Road to El Mirage from the recommended 40 mph to 35 mph; seconded by Councilor Bedolla.

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

Mayor Waterman called for the vote on the original motion to approve Ordinance No O08-06-10 with the amendments of: El Mirage Road from Santa Fe Lane to Thunderbird Road will be remain at 25 mph, El Mirage Road from Meyer Road to Olive Ave will be remain at 40 mph, Peoria Ave from Dysart Road to El Mirage Road will be remain at 25 mph.

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

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Waterman thanked all of the citizens who showed up and voiced their concerns regarding the speed limits.

Councilor Super said that he has a couple of signed posters of the Arizona Rattlers indoor football team. Please contact Councilor Super if interested.

VI. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager BJ Cornwall said that the ground breaking ceremony for Heritage Park will take place July 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Dysart Road renovations will start on Monday, July 7th starting at Northern Ave and working towards Cactus Road.

Burger King will open Sunday, June 29th at 6:00 a.m.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Tom Hill, a resident of El Mirage at 12948 W Via Camille, gave a brief presentation regarding disk golf. Mr. Hill expressed his interest in adding a disk golf course to the overall plans at Heritage Park.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waterman adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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 June 26, 2008 and a quorum was present.

Richard Saathoff, City Clerk