

**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, MARCH 12, 2009**

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, Councilmember Roger Cleveland, Councilmember William Conner, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember David Shapera, Councilmember Adam Super. Absent were: Vice Mayor Michele Kern.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Waterman stated that Councilmember Conner and he will not be voting on the February 26, 2009 meeting Minutes since they did not attend that meeting.

1. Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, February 26, 2009.

Councilmember Cleveland made a motion to approve the February 26, 2009 Council minutes; seconded by Councilmember Super.

VOTE: Yea: Cleveland, Delgado, Shapera, Super
Nay: None
Abstain: Conner, Waterman
Absent: Kern
Motion: Carried

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

No regular agenda items have been submitted.

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

Mayor Waterman asked city staff to look into what city code changes would be necessary in order for the City Council to meet once a month when there is little city business to discuss.

Councilmember Delgado said that he attended a meeting with the County Library Committee and they are looking forward to a very busy summer since families aren't traveling as much and the library is putting on a lot of programs for the kids.

VI. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager BJ Cornwall said that beginning in April, the City will begin providing a bulk recycling collection site for residents. The bins will be located adjacent to the parking lot of the senior center/court complex which is along Ventura Street. These recycling bins will allow residents to recycle cardboard, paper, metal, glass and plastic.

City Manager BJ Cornwall stated that in November, the City Council asked staff to determine whether or not the irrigation rates will be lower since they approved the use of Electrical District 7 which would save the city money for electricity usage. Upon analysis, the expenditures are still going to exceed revenues so at this point in time; it does not seem prudent to reduce rates.

A few members of staff will be leaving for Washington D.C. to discuss several issues with the Congressional Delegation of the State of Arizona. Specifically, staff will be lobbying for four things, which include stimulus package money for residential housing and transportation issues, a new post office and the direct impact of LUKE Air Force Base on the City of El Mirage and the West Valley.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jim Wells – 11513 N. 123rd Lane

Mr. Wells said that he believes that the striping that was done on the eastbound lane at the intersection of Dysart and Cactus was done incorrectly. Mr. Wells said that the number one lane becomes the left turn lane. He believes that this is dangerous because people don't realize that the number one lane becomes the left turn lane which then creates potential accidents.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waterman adjourned the meeting at 6:09 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 March 12, 2009 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk