

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE MUNICIPAL COURT/CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
AUGUST 3, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Waterman at 5:00 P.M.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Present: Mayor Fred Waterman, Councilmember Roger Cleveland, Councilmember William Conner (via Telephone), Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember David Shapera. Excused: Vice Mayor Michele Kern. Absent: Councilmember Adam Super.

III. **SPECIAL SESSION**

Consideration and action approving Resolution R09-08-29, authorizing the submission of an application for grant consideration by the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Maricopa Association of Governments relating to facilities for pedestrians and bicycles (Grand Ave Channel).

Jorge Gastelum presented the request to approve the submission of the grant application.

Carnell Thurman presented a brief explanation of the proposed project and the funding of the project.

City Manager Cornwall stated that is the City's belief that we are the only member of MAG applying for this funding.

Scott Chesney reported that this project is one of the first steps being taken to improve the appearance of the City and help attract economic development in the City of El Mirage.

City Manager Cornwall stated many citizen comments are received about the need to improve/clean-up Grand Avenue.

Councilor Delgado questioned the provision for flood waters, the maintenance of the underground channel, and the access to the channel.

Carnell Thurman stated the City will review and approve the design and the provision for flood waters will be factored into the design.

Councilor Shapera questioned which department currently maintains the ditch, the projected cost of maintenance, the cost and size of the project, the availability of future funding, and the participation by ADOT.

Carnell Thurman reported that ADOT currently maintains the ditch and constructs their project to minimize the maintenance costs. The proposed

project is approximately 3,500 feet, Primrose to Thompson Ranch. The City can apply for additional funding each year to complete other sections of the project.

Assistant City Manager Isom reported that there is no estimated maintenance cost. The Public Works will be involved in the design and the maintenance costs will be kept to a minimum.

Pat Dennis reported that there is additional funding available, Prop 400 enhancement monies will be look into.

Councilor Shapera questioned the funding for other street projects.

City Manager Cornwall that is considered a local project. Northern Parkway and El Mirage Road are regional projects.

Mayor Waterman reported that this is not part of the Grand Avenue widening project.

Councilmember Delgado made a motion to approve Resolution R09-08-29; seconded by Councilmember Cleveland.

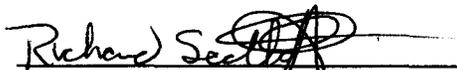
VOTE: Yea: Conner, Cleveland, Delgado, Waterman.
Nay: Shapera.
Motion: Carried.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waterman adjourned the meeting at 5:26 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 Special Council Meeting held August 3, 2009 and a quorum was present.


Richard Saathoff, City Clerk