

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
EL MIRAGE MUNICIPAL COURT/CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD  
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010**

**Minutes**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michele Kern at 6:03 p.m. Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Present were: Mayor Michele Kern, Vice Mayor David Shapera, Councilmember Roger Cleveland, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember Ben Lewis, Councilmember Adam Super.
- III. **CONSENT AGENDA** – none.
- IV. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. District System Governance: Consideration and action to refer to the electors of the City of El Mirage the governance of the City of El Mirage by a district system comprised of six districts and beginning the election of councilmembers by districts beginning with the 2012 Council election.

Councilmember Lewis made a motion to move forward and prepared the necessary paperwork to place this on the November 2, 2010 General Ballot; seconded by Councilmember Super.

VOTE:   Yea:    Cleveland, Kern, Lewis, Super  
          Nay:    Shapera, Delgado  
          Motion: Carried

- B. Fiscal Crisis for FY 2010-11: Consideration and action to declare a fiscal crisis for the City of El Mirage for fiscal year 2010-11.

City Manager Cornwall reported by declaring a fiscal crisis it allows the City to meet with the Police and Fire Department Bargaining Units to discuss possible cost savings. There is no effect on the City's bond rating, it is strictly a term used in the MOUs with the Police and Fire as a bargaining term.

Lana Mook, John Palladino, Jim McPhetres, Veronica McPhetres, Joe Ramirez, and Martin Bitin expressed their concerns regarding the possible long term effect of declaring a fiscal crisis.

Councilmember Super made a motion to declare a fiscal crisis for fiscal year 2010/11; seconded by Councilmember Cleveland.

VOTE:   Yea:    Cleveland, Kern, Lewis, Super

Nay: Delgado, Shapera

Motion: Carried

- C. Budget for FY 2010-11: Consideration and action regarding balancing of the City's General Fund budget for fiscal year 2010-11.

Finance Director Nilles presented an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010/11.

City Manager Cornwall reported that revenues are down. The City currently has 184.5 employees. There is a need for \$975,000 in budget cuts and not a single employee in Public Safety will be cut.

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

Councilor Delgado reported that he represented the Mayor at the Senator McCain forum.

Councilor Cleveland reported that he had also spoken to Senator McCain and he was told that the F-35s are still moving forward.

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

City Manager Cornwall had nothing further to report.

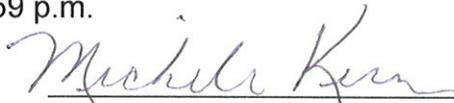
**VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dan Reilly stated the City needs to develop a larger business base.

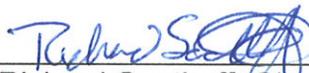
Jim McPhetres questioned the need to update the General Plan and the expense involved.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kern adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

  
Michele Kern, 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 June 22, 2010 and a quorum was present.

  
Richard Saathoff, City Clerk