

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 p.m. The Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor David Shapera, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Jim McPhetres, Councilor Jack Palladino, Councilor Joe Ramirez, Councilor Lynn Selby.

III. PRESENTATION

2. Presentation by Mayor Mook and Council to resident Bob Jones in recognition of being named Cub Master of the Year (Cub Scout Pack 922) at the Lake Pleasant District Annual Recognition Dinner and in appreciation for Bob's participation and leadership to the community and children of El Mirage.
3. Presentation – Senior Center Committee Group presented signed tote bags to the Mayor and City Council for their dedicated service to the many senior residents in El Mirage.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the location for a new fire station.

Fire Chief Munding presented a brief presentation regarding the construction and possible locations.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to redesign the new fire station for the location just north of the existing fire station; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries 7-0.

- B. Public Hearing – to receive citizen comments regarding the proposed Electronic Monitoring/Home Detention Ordinance.

Mayor Mook opened the public hearing at 6:37 PM

Judge Mapp made a brief presentation regarding the proposed program of Electronic Monitoring/Home Detention and the possible cost savings to the City.

Dan Reilly expressed concerns about the device being removed. Judge Mapp stated the devices are able to report being tampered with.

Mayor Mook closed the public hearing at 6:57 PM.

- C. Consideration and action approving and adopting Resolution R11-01-02, to set aside enforcement of §51.049(D) of the municipal code requiring property owners along 129th Avenue from Varney Road to Peoria Avenue to connect to public sewer.

Public Works Director Calvert reported that this is just a clarifying the enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance.

Councilor Delgado reported that he lives in the general vicinity.

Councilor Ramirez reported that he also lives in the immediate vicinity and is directly affected by this ordinance.

City Attorney Hall reported since the possible conflict has been publicly noted, it is up to you to decide on whether or not to abstain from voting.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve Resolution R11-01-02 as presented, seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries 6-0-1, Councilor Delgado abstained.

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

Vice Mayor Shapera thanked the Fire Department for coming to the Thompson Ranch School for CPR education.

Mayor Mook reported of a resident's concerns regarding the use of executive session, the City needs to conduct business and receive legal advice that benefits the City.

Mayor Mook recognized Police Chief Frazier for his efforts to improve the City's Police Department and congratulated him on his new position.

Mayor Mook reported the she and the council are in the process forming several Citizen Advisory Committees, for example: historical, parks & recreation, public safety, water and energy, senior center, home improvements, and education, if interest in joining one of the advisory committees, please contact either a member of Council or the Mayor.

Mayor Mook reported of a letter being sent to the West Valley Partners requesting that the City be able to rejoin the organization.

VI. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager Isom reported on items carried over from the last Council meeting: the Home Detention Proposal was discussed tonight; the video arraignments – in is process of being coordinated with Maricopa County; Court is waiting on County to finalize a few technical details before implementation; the cleanup of recycling areas, Public Works has arranged with Park and Sons for weekly pick-ups of recycling bins regardless of capacity and to also remove any bulk trash items left in the area. The areas will be monitored to determine if additional pick-ups are necessary and signs are being installed near the recycling areas to inform that bulk trash drop off in these areas is prohibited; and the food quality/service at senior center – there will be a meeting with the food provider, Education Network Meals.

The City Manager also reported:

The Court is applying for a JCEF (Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund) grant through AOC (Administration Office of the Court) to fund a temporary (1 year) full-time position to enter defaults on the Photo Enforcement cases.

The Fire Department will begin a pilot program to teach CPR to the 7th Grade Class at Thompson Ranch Elementary school as part of their health/physical education curriculum. Thanks to sponsorship by the PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) approximately 70 students will participate in the program.

The El Mirage Police Department is currently involved in the implementation of COPLINK, a statewide data sharing initiative. It will provide additional criminal history information for use during investigations, and is made possible through a partnership between the Phoenix and El Mirage Police Departments. Full implementation is expected in the next couple of months.

Congratulations and farewell to Chief Frazier – Chief Frazier has accepted the position of Police Chief for the City of Surprise effective February 14, 2011. He and his staff have positively changed the face of law enforcement in the City of El Mirage during his four years with the City and laid the foundation for an effective and top notch force to continue their service to the citizens of El Mirage. Congratulations! And since you are just next door we will most likely see you often in the future.

City Manager Isom reported on upcoming events:

Shred-A-Thon – The El Mirage PD is partnering with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office to hold its first Shred-A-Thon to help prevent identity theft on Wednesday, February 9th from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Gateway Park. They will accept two full file boxes and/or bags of personal and financial information for

shredding for FREE. They are also accepting electronic devices for recycling such as computers, cameras, cell phones, TVs, radios, microwaves, etc.

Music Festival – two days of fabulous jazz, blues and other music along with many activities – mark your calendars for February 26 and 27th at Gateway Park.

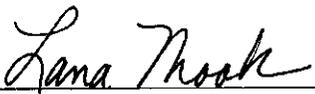
The City Manager reported the Medical Marijuana Ordinance and an amendment to the Water Ordinance will be coming forward to Council in the near future.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Hugh Flisyn – HOA unhappy the Frazier is leaving. Fire Department Station – had attempted to discuss with the previous administration about the location of the new fire station, please make sure the building is built large enough.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.



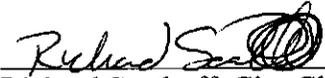
Lana Mook, Mayor

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 27, 2011 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk