

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2011**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:17: 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 Joe Ramirez, Councilor Lynn Selby.

Excused: Councilor Jack Palladino.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action approving Resolution R11-03-07, approving the replat of a portion of Lot 100 of Dysart Ranchettes for Jehovah's Witness located at the northwest corner of the El Mirage Road and Desert Cove Road.
2. Consideration and action requesting that the Mayor and City Council give signature authority to the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the existing Parks and Sons contract for refuse collection.
3. Request that the Mayor and Council authorize the purchase of a replacement 45 hp submersible pump at the Water Reclamation Facility to JCH, Inc. in the amount of \$37,804.68. Sole source

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 thru 3, as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Shapera. Motion Carries 6-0

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Public Hearing:

- 1) Ordinance O11-03-05 – Amending the City Sign Regulations.
- 2) Ordinance O11-03-06 – Provisions for Medical Marijuana Facilities.
- 3) Site Plan – B&F Construction Yard at 9755 N. El Mirage Rd.

- B. Discussion and action to approve Ordinance O11-03-05, amending the City Sign Regulations.

- C. Discussion and action to approve Ordinance O11-03-06, amending the City Code by adding provisions for Medical Marijuana Facilities.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to continue the public hearings, and agenda items B and C to the next meeting; seconded by Councilor Ramirez. Motion Carries.

- D. Consideration and adoption of a notice of intention to increase or change certain fees not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice pursuant to A.R.S. Section 9-499.15.

Finance Director Nilles presented a brief update of the budget process. He then presented the proposed increase or change in certain fees.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the notice of intent to increase or change certain fees as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Shapera. Motion Carries, 5-1.

- E. Presentation by Flood Control District of Maricopa County - Lower El Mirage Wash.

Valerie Swick made a presentation regarding the Lower El Mirage Wash project and the various options being explored.

- F. Consideration and action to nominate Robert Jones as the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce El Mirage Citizen of the Year – 2011 nominee, for his dedication, participation and leadership to the community and children of El Mirage as Cub Scout Leader Pack 922.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve the nomination of Robert Jones as the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce El Mirage Citizen of the Year – 2011 nominee; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries.

Robert Jones thanked the community for the support and thanked the children of El Mirage.

V. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager Isom reported that the complaint that was voiced and mentioned at the last Council meeting regarding a resident having difficulty in obtaining confirmation on a booth for Third Thursday. Staff apologized to the resident on the following day, her booth was confirmed and she participated in Third Thursday without further incident.

The City Manager reported of recent Firefighters activities, they responded to two house fires in the past two weeks; the first was a garage fire caused by overloaded extension cords with approximately \$13,000 damage and the second was an unattended cooking fire that resulted in \$0 damage because of the functioning residential fire sprinkler system. The EMFD also participated in the Luke Days Air Show last weekend by providing a paramedic bike team for emergency medical assistance.

Dr. Isom reported the city received CDBG funding and B & F Contracting will begin this installing new water lines and fire hydrants next week with completion scheduled for summer 2011. The area of this project is bounded by Grand Avenue Frontage Road, Thunderbird Road, Poppy Street and Luna Street.

City Manager Isom reported of a billing error occurred that affected utility billing customers and the following highlights actions taken:

- An incorrect billing file was sent to APS on Thursday, 3/17/11
- APS processed and mailed the bills to customers on Friday, 3/18/11
- 5,175 customers from Cycle 2 were sent duplicate bills
- Our Customer Service office handled several customer calls, apologetically explaining the error
- The corrected bill file was sent on Monday, 3/21/11
- Bills were mailed on Monday afternoon
- Our City will incur an additional printing and posted cost of approximately \$3,300
- The error was caused by our Billing Coordinator
- Measures have been put into place to ensure this mistake is not repeated

The City Manager reminded everyone that MCFlood will be holding their community meeting on flood control improvements at El Mirage Road and Cactus Road on Wednesday, March 30th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at El Mirage Elementary School.

He also reminded everyone that the El Mirage Police will be “waiters” at the Surprise Red Robin Restaurant on Bell Road this Saturday from 11 am – 3 pm to collect tips in support of the Special Olympics.

VI. MAYOR’S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilor Selby reported of his involvement with “Operation Life Saver”, a program that teaches safety near railroad tracks.

Councilor Delgado reported of the recent book sale at the library and announced a book sale at Gateway Park on Memorial Day weekend.

Councilor Ramirez reported of his recent tour of the Dysart Community Center facilities.

Councilor McPhetres reported of the Fire Department’s involvement during Luke Days.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Lana Mook
Lana Mook, Mayor
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ATTEST:

Richard Saathoff
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 25, 2011 and a quorum was present.

Richard Saathoff
Richard Saathoff, City Clerk