

**WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 P.M.

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. WORK SESSION

All items listed under the Work Session will be only discussed, there will be no action (or vote) taken. The Council may provide direction to City Staff on how to proceed.

1. Presentation and discussion regarding the new fees and proposed changes to fees.

Robert Nilles introduced the topic of discussion and referenced the fee sheet for all departments that Council had previously received. All fees listed would remain the same for FY 2011/12 except for those changes proposed by the Development and Community Services Department in the PowerPoint presentations tonight.

Bill Pupo presented a brief introduction of the Building Safety and Planning/Zoning fee structure.

Mark Smith and Mary Dickson further explained the fee structure for Planning & Zoning and Building Safety respectively, including the review/inspection process for solar energy.

Discussion was held on whether or not the fees are strictly "cost recovery", and if the City's are too high. It was reported that the fees are comparable to surrounding communities.

There will be a flyer inserted into the water bills to encourage building safety compliance.

Mayor Mook reported that she has received several phone calls relative to the proposed utility increases – residents need to pay for services provided.

Staff will complete a summation of the public meetings and comparison of rates in other communities at a May Council meeting.

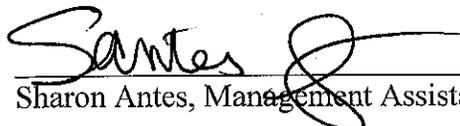
IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:16 P.M.



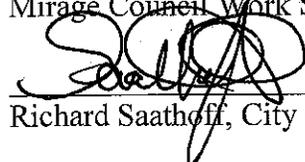
Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, Management Assistant

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Council Work Session held April 7, 2011 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk