

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor David Shapera at 6:02 p.m. The Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Mayor Lana Mook.

III. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

2. Proclaiming the week of April 24 - 30, 2011 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in El Mirage.

The Vice Mayor proclaimed the week of April 24-30, 2011 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in the City of El Mirage.

3. Proclamation from the City Council of the City of El Mirage proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

The Vice Mayor proclaimed the week of April 2011 as Fair Housing Month in the City of El Mirage.

4. Recognition of Parks and Sons of Sun City and presentation by Ryan Taylor, General Manager and Business Manager Shawn Parks to provide a brief history of their business and long-term partnership with the City of El Mirage.

Vice Mayor Shapera and the City Council expressed their appreciation to Parks & Sons for their long term commitment and support of the City of El Mirage.

Mr. Parks presented a brief history of the company and the relationship with the City. Currently, there are 35 residents of El Mirage employed by Parks & Sons.

5. Recognition of employee Ms. Nancy (Oni) Boston as Employee-of-the Quarter for January through March, 2011 by Mayor Lana Mook and City Manager Dr. Spencer Isom.

Vice Mayor Shapera and City Manager Isom recognized Nancy (Oni) Boston as the City's Employee of the Quarter for January through March 2011.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

6. Presentation by contracted prosecuting attorneys, Mike and Tom Parascandola, to introduce themselves and describe their representation for the City in Court cases.

Mike and Tom Parascandola introduced themselves to the City Council and explained the work they do for the City.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted on with one motion. If discussion is desired regarding any Consent Agenda Item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

7. Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, March 10, 2011, the Work Session held Thursday, March 25, 2011 and the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, March 25, 2011.
8. Consideration and action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a cooperation agreement with Maricopa County, as an "Urban County", to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs, and thereby become a part of the more comprehensive Urban County effort for federal Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, and 2014.
9. Consideration and action approving Resolution R11-04-09, approving the Map of Dedication for El Mirage Commerce Center located at 10111 North El Mirage Road.
10. Consideration and action approving the first amendment to the solar power purchase agreement with El Mirage Energy, LLC for grid-tied photovoltaic systems to be located at the Court/Senior Center, 14010 N El Mirage Road and at Gateway Park, 10100 N El Mirage Road.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 7 thru 10 as presented; seconded by Councilor Selby. Motion Carries.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Public Hearings:

- 1) Ordinance O11-04-05 – Amending the City Sign Regulations.
- 2) Ordinance O11-04-06 – Provisions for Medical Marijuana Facilities.

Vice Mayor Shapera opened the public hearing at 6:38 PM.

No public comments were offered.

Vice Mayor Shapera closed the public hearing at 6:40 PM.

B. Discussion and action to approve Ordinance O11-04-05, amending the City Sign Regulations.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve Ordinance O11-04-05 as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries.

C. Discussion and action to approve Ordinance O11-04-06, amending the City Code by adding provisions for Medical Marijuana Facilities.

Councilor Palladino made a motion to approve Ordinance O11-04-06 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries 5-1.

D. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance O11-04-08, amending City Code to remove the Residential Rental License fees and adding an exemption for residential rental properties or property owners from obtaining a City Business License.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve Ordinance O11-04-08 as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries 4-2.

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager Isom reported that the Fire Department has a new volunteer, Marylee Stegan who is a certified fire inspector and investigator; she will be lending her expertise to assist in their fire prevention program. He also reported the Fire crews assisted the specialized Hazardous Materials Teams from Surprise and Peoria Fire Departments to identify, secure and clean up a mercury spill at a vacant residence in El Mirage on March 30, 2011.

Dr. Isom reported that ADOT has begun resurfacing along El Mirage Road between Cactus Road and Olive Avenue through ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) funds received in 2009. Traffic will remain open in both directions and work is scheduled Monday through Friday, from 6 am to 7 pm. The project is scheduled for completion in 45 days.

The City Manager reported that three El Mirage Police Officers have been notified they are 1st Place Award recipients for the State of Arizona Elks Club Enrique Camarena Award, an award created in honor of the late D.E.A. Enrique Camarena for his drug prevention techniques. The officers now qualify for the NATIONAL Award to be determined later this year. The three El Mirage Police Officers are Doug Jones, Karyn Mucci and Kim Walden for their collective actions on March 20, 2010 at a traffic stop and barricade situation that resulted in the seizure of money, 44 lbs. of bundled marijuana and two weapons.

City Manager Isom reminded the Council that the City is hosting a children's egg hunt at Gentry Park this Sunday, 4/17/11, from 11 am – 2 pm. This event would not have been possible without the partnership and assistance of the local volunteer

group Senda de Esperanza. Mr. Hector Garcia is here representing Senda de Esperanza and we would like to acknowledge his efforts and those of other volunteers for their dedicated hours of community service.

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

Councilor Delgado reported of the efforts of the "Friends of the Library" and the usage numbers for the past month at the Library.

Councilor Palladino reported the budget cuts for CDBG may not be as severe as first thought.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dan Reilly thanked the City for keeping the recycling center looking nice and picking up the extra trash that is left there.

Michelle Palladino reported that P.O.E.M. is accepting donations for a "Holiday Tree" to be planted at the Plaza.

Cheryl LoGalbo expressed her displeasure that the Residential Rental License is being repealed; she felt that the investors are making money and should be required to be licensed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Shapera adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.



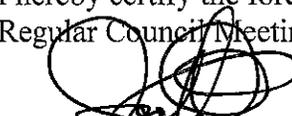
Lana Mook, Mayor

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 April 14, 2011 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk