REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Work Session held Thursday, April 7, 2011; Work Session held Thursday, April 14, 2011; Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, April 14, 2011; Work Session held Tuesday, April 19, 2011; Work Session held Thursday, April 21, 2011; Work Session held Thursday, April 28, 2011; and the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, April 28, 2011.

2. Consideration and action to approve the following changes to the Group Insurance Program effective 7/01/11; renew the group medical and life plans with Cigna, move the dental plan to MetLife, and move the vision plan to VSP.

3. Consideration and action to approve Resolution Nos. R11-05-11 and R11-05-12 establishing salary equivalents for workers' compensation benefits for volunteer police/fire employees, and volunteer employees who perform non-public safety work.

4. Consideration and action to approve Resolution No. R11-05-13 amending the City of El Mirage Personnel Policy Manual dated June 30, 2008, Section 2.3. Job Posting.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 thru 3 as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, unanimously.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

Consideration and action to approve Resolution No. R11-05-13 amending the City of El Mirage Personnel Policy Manual dated June 30, 2008, Section 2.3. Job Posting.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Resolution R11-05-13 as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, unanimously.

A. Request that the Mayor and Council approve the Grand Avenue gateway signage enhancements.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve as presented except changing to "Inc." and edging in the darker color; seconded by Councilor Selby. Motion Carries, unanimously.

B. Request that the Mayor and Council approve the concept plan for the Lower El Mirage Wash Basin.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the concept plan #1 as presented; seconded by Councilor McPhetres. Motion Carries, unanimously.

C. Request that the Mayor and City Council give signature authority to the City Manager to enter into an architectural services agreement with Bosak Architectural Companies, LLC for the Water Production Facility Security improvements project.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve the architectural services agreement with Bosak Architectural Companies, LLC; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

D. Request that the Mayor and Council approve an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County through the Maricopa County Department of Transportation setting forth the terms and conditions for improvements to El Mirage Road from Northern Avenue to Grand Avenue.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County through the Maricopa County Department of Transportation setting forth the terms and conditions for improvements to El Mirage Road from Northern Avenue to Grand Avenue; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

V. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The Groundbreaking Ceremony held Monday, May 9th, to welcome Aaron's Rents and Auto Zone to the El Mirage business community was very successful. The entire City Council, Senator John Nelson, Wal-Mart Store Managers, the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce President and representatives from the two retailers' Development Company were all present to show their support.

A thank you letter was sent from the Mayor to Wal-Mart for the generous donation of Easter items recently received – baskets and other donated items will be used during next year's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety has commissioned the Behavior Research Center of Arizona to conduct visual surveys at various intersections in the City of El Mirage focusing on seat belt usage, motorcycle helmet usage, and child safety restraints. Survey personnel will wear red safety vests at randomly selected intersections during the months of June and July.

El Mirage Police will participate in the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign to enhance awareness of seat belt usage and its importance to traffic safety. The campaign is from Monday, May 23rd through Sunday, June 5th.

The City of El Mirage was well represented at funeral services on Friday, May 6th, for fallen Police Officer Rolando Tirado from the Buckeye Police Department.

A thank-you letter was received from the El Mirage Quick Lube LLC expressing appreciation for the efficiency and professionalism with which the City's Public Works Department completed road construction work during the week of April 18th along El Mirage Road.

The CFL Bulb Exchange is on-going and FREE bulbs are available tonight. Please take these bulbs and replace your incandescent bulbs at home to help save energy.

The El Mirage Firefighters Association will host its first annual kickball tournament on Sunday, May 15th, beginning at 9 am at Gateway Park. Eight teams of fire fighter organizations and others will compete in this community friendly tournament to raise funds for charity. Support Public Safety while contributing to a good cause.

Fourth Friday will be held May 27th from 6 – 9 pm. Activities include a musical performance by Alicia Bay Laurel, Hawaiian dancers from Hula Halau Pili Hana, a gallery show by artist Tracy Dove, food booths and other interactive projects.

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

Councilor Delgado reported on the recent CDAC meeting, the usage at the library and the efforts of the Friends of the Library group.

Councilor Ramirez commented on the recent ground breaking ceremony for Aaron's Rental and Auto Zone and the great turnout for the ceremony. He was pleased to hear the favorable comments from the developer regarding city staff and the ease of obtaining approval to build.

Councilor McPhetres thanked Councilor Selby for his recent presentation regarding railroad crossing safety.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments offered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lana Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:07 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 May 12, 2011 and a quorum was present.

Richard Saathoff, City Clerk