REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:04 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 (telephone)(left the meeting at 9:12).

III. PRESENTATION

Presentation to B.P.O.E. Sun City Elks Lodge #2559.

Mayor Mook presented a proclamation to the BPOE Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 and a City 60th anniversary commemorative coin to the Exulted Ruler Dale Blomker

IV. 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.

1. Consideration and action to approve a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of El Mirage and the El Mirage Fire Fighters Association (EMFFA) for FY 2011/12.

2. Consideration and action to approve a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of El Mirage and the El Mirage Police Employees Association (EMPEA) for FY 2011/12.

Doug Jones and Larry Lopez spoke on behalf of the Police Union and thanked and commended the City, the City Manager and Police Chief Campbell for working with the union and ask that the MOU be ratified.

Councilor Delgado commended the City Manager for working through the MOU.

Dr. Isom both the Police and Fire MOU are an indication of professional and

Tom Jury of the Fire Department commended Dr. Isom and staff this was by far the most professional negotiation process and asks that the MOU is ratified.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 and 2 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Public Hearing:

1) Conditional Use Permit – Digital Billboard – 12343 NW Grand Avenue
2) Conditional Use Permit – Static Billboard – 12145 NW Grand Avenue

Mayor Mook opened the public hearing at 6:22.

Mark Smith presented the request.

Mayor Mook questioned the appearance of the sign from residential area/Alcoma Drive. Mr. Smith reported the signs are shielded to prevent light.

Councilor Delgado questioned the prevention of graffiti and vandalism.

Cheryl LoGalbo happy that the City is looking for revenue but having billboards along Grand Avenue isn't it and asks the Council to vote no.

Councilor McPhetres somewhat agreed but Grand Ave is a highway but did have concerns regarding the proximately of the two proposed signs.

Mayor Mook closed the public hearing at 6:38

B. Consideration and action on a conditional use permit request for a digital billboard at 12343 NW Grand Avenue.

Councilor McPhetres made a motion to approve the special use permit as presented subject to a lease agreement being approved; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, unanimously.

C. Consideration and action on a conditional use permit request for a static billboard at 12145 NW Grand Avenue.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve the special use permit as presented subject to a lease agreement being approved; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

D. Consideration and action adopting Resolution R11-06-26, dedicating the funds to and limiting and restricting the use of Primary Property Taxes to expenditures for services provided by the City's police and fire departments.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Resolution R11-06-26 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

E. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance O11-06-10, to levy an increased FY 2011/12 Primary Property Taxes.

Amanda Wright, WEMAR expressed concerns and opposes the proposed increase.

Beth Simek concerns about spending and raising taxes.

Doug Jones – asks that the city not move forward with the item I

Tom Jury – city always supported public safety and ask that the city not move forward with item I.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Ordinance O11-06-10 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Roll Call Vote: McPhetres, no; Shapera, yes; Selby, yes; Delgado, yes; Palladino, yes; Ramirez, yes; Mook, yes. Motion Carries, 6-1.

F. Consideration and action authorizing the purchase of two digital sign panels at Gateway Park to Watch Fire Digital Outdoor, Inc., in the amount of $101,327.30.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to authorize the purchase of two digital sign panels from Watch Fire Digital Outdoor, Inc. as presented; seconded by Councilor Ramirez. Motion Carries, 6-1 McPhetres.

G. Consideration and action to appoint to the City of El Mirage's Planning & Zoning Commission: Frank Carnal, Brandon Forrey and Justin McCarty to terms expiring June 30, 2013, as per the recommendation of the Commission Review Board.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to the appointment of Frank Carnal, Brandon Forrey and Justin McCarty to the City's Planning & Zoning Commission as recommended by the Commission Review Board; seconded by Councilor McPhetres. Motion Carries, unanimously.

H. Consideration and action approving Resolution R11-06-24, calling for a Special Election to be held November 8, 2011, to submit to the qualified electors the question of selling and issuing bonds payable from the secondary (ad valorem) property tax.

Mayor Mook made a motion to approve Resolution R11-06-24 to include the request to sell bonds for both the recreational facility and the police facility, submit a single bonding question and to conduct the Special Election as an All-Mail Election; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, 6-1 (McPhetres).

I. Consideration and action approving Resolution R11-06-25, calling for a Special Election to be held November 8, 2011, to submit to the qualified electors the question of authorizing a levy of a secondary (ad Valorem) property tax in excess

of the city primary property tax levy limits for the purpose of funding police and fire services.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to table Resolution R11-06-25; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously

VI. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The new fire station construction bids were received at a June 14th bid opening. All ten contractors' bids were substantially under the architect's estimate and the selection process for a construction company has been completed. The recommended company will be brought for Council consideration at the July 14th Council meeting.

The City anticipates receiving an additional $444,000 in MAG Transportation grant funding which will bring the total grant funding for the Dysart Ranchettes Paving Project to $2,074,000. The City's grant match of $400,000 was budgeted in the FY 2011/12 Budget and will now be reduced to $0 with these additional funds. The paving project is on track to begin this winter.

Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has approved the El Mirage Road IGA between the City and MCDOT for improvements to El Mirage Road. The City anticipates an RFQ for engineering design to be released in July of this year for the sections of El Mirage Road that are the City's responsibility.

The City has also been awarded grant funds of $21.9K from the State Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) to complete design improvements for the City's sludge dewatering system. The City's FY 2011/12 budgeted and required match of approximately $8,000 was waived by WIFA because of the energy savings and green elements of this project.

Code Enforcement has smoothly transitioned to now be a part of the Police Department. All three code enforcement officers have received standardized uniforms, radio training, report writing instruction and are becoming certified by the State for access to a records system.

The Police Department and Fire Department MOUs were completed and presented to you this evening. I would like to thank both departments for their professional and diligent contributions in completing these documents and working together toward mutual agreement in this tough economic climate.

And it gives me great pleasure to welcome back three fire fighters to the El Mirage Fire Department under the remediated SAFER grant. Returning fire fighter Chris House and new fire fighter Steve Neal joined the department this past Monday, and returning fire fighter Darrell Tirpak will return next Monday, June 27th. Welcome Back.

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

Councilor Delgado reported on the upcoming CDAC meeting and presented the usage numbers for the Library.

Councilor Selby left the meeting.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one asked to be recognized.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To receive advice from the City Attorney regarding an Ordinances relative to weapons and/or firearms.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to adjourn into executive session; seconded vice Mayor Shapera. Motion Carries, unanimously.

Council adjourned into executive session at 9:13.

Council reconvened at 9:43.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lana Mook adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

Lana Mook

Lana Mook, Mayor

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 June 23, 2011 and a quorum was present.

Richard Saathoff

Richard Saathoff, City Clerk