

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

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 p.m. The Cub Scout Troop 922 led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor and Council asked for 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. MAYOR'S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Mook reported that more three (3) Elected Officials attended a Police Department Cookout at the Police Station. This was the Police Chief's way of thanking his department for the good work that they do. Mayor assures the public that no city business was discussed from her perspective. The City has in the past has posted these type of events. It is the intention of this Council to follow the Open Meeting Act to the letter.

City Attorney Hall has found no indication of any violations of the open meeting act.

Councilor Selby assures that no city business was discussed.

Councilor Palladino stated no city business was discussed.

Councilor McPhetres stated no city business was discussed.

Councilor Ramirez stated no city business was discussed.

Vice Mayor Shapera concurs there was no city business discussed.

Councilor Delgado stated no city business was discussed.

City Manager Isom commended the Mayor and Council for attending the cookout and for reporting the attendance at the cookout.

IV. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION

1. Presentation to Mayor and Council from Cub Scout Troup 922 through Cub Master Bob Jones.

The Scouts presented various plaques to the Mayor including a bird house that was built by the scouts.

2. Proclaiming the month of August 2011 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month.

The Mayor proclaim the month of August 2011 as Drowning Awareness Month in the City of El Mirage.

3. Recognition of employee Ms. Monica Rios as Employee-of-the Quarter for April through June, 2011 by Mayor Lana Mook and City Manager Dr. Spencer Isom.

Mayor Mook recognized Monica Rios as Employee-of-the-Quarter and presented her with a 60th Commemorative City Coin.

Ms. Rios expressed her appreciation for the support of the Police Chief and her fellow officers for nominating her for Employee of the Quarter.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, May 12, 2011, the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, May 26, 2011, the Special Council Meeting held Thursday, June 9, 2011, the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, June 9, 2011, the Work Session held Thursday, June 23, 2001 and the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, June 23, 2011.
5. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to enter into a digital billboard placement (12343 NW Grand Ave) lease agreements with Relay Outdoor Phase One, LLC.
6. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to enter into a static billboard placement (12145 NW Grand Ave) lease agreements with Relay Outdoor Phase One, LLC.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 4 thru 6 as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Shapera. Motion Carries, unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to give signature authority to the City Manager to approve an amendment to the architectural services agreement with LEA Architects to provide the Construction Management for the New Fire Station project.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to give signature authority to the City Manager to approve an amendment to the architectural services agreement with LEA Architects to provide the Construction Management for the New Fire

Station project as presented; seconded by Councilor Selby. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- B. Consideration and action to give signature authority to the City Manager to award the contract for the New Fire Station (Project No. PW11-FS01) to the lowest responsible bidder, FCI Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$3,084,600.00 and approve a 10% contingency in the amount of \$308,460.00. The total amount requested is \$3,393,060.00.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to adjourn into an executive session to receive advice from the City Attorney; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, unanimously.

The Council adjourned into executive session at 6:30.

The Council reconvened at 6:52.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to give signature authority to the City Manager to award the contract for the New Fire Station (Project No. PW11-FS01) to the lowest responsible bidder, FCI Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$3,084,600.00 and approve a 10% contingency in the amount of \$308,460.00. The total amount requested is \$3,393,060.00 as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Shapera. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- C. Consideration and action to approve an amendment to the Code of the City of El Mirage, Chapter 32, Section 32.025 allowing any two Council Members to place an item on the agenda of a Council Meeting for discussion and/or action following established procedures.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve an amendment to the Code of the City of El Mirage, Chapter 32, Section 32.025 allowing the Mayor or any two Council Members to place an item on the agenda of a Council Meeting for discussion and/or action following established procedures as amended; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, 6 ayes, 1 Nay Councilor McPhetres.

- D. Consideration and action approving Resolution R11-07-27 for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Arizona acting through the Department of Transportation (ADOT) to construct the Dysart Ranchettes roadway improvements using federal (CMAQ) funds.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Resolution R11-07-27 for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Arizona acting through the Department of Transportation (ADOT) to construct the Dysart Ranchettes roadway improvements using federal (CMAQ) funds, as presented; seconded by Councilor Selby. Motion Carries, unanimously

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager Isom reported there will be an All-Staff meeting at the Pueblo El Mirage Recreation Hall will be held tomorrow, July 15th to bring the city staff current

on recent Council actions and general plans for the new fiscal year. It has been a busy and productive six months and management's philosophy is to keep staff informed.

The installation of the solar panels in the parking lots at the Senior Center/Library and Gateway Park should be complete by the end of July and the systems fully operational by the end of September. Not only will the panels provide electricity but they will also provide shaded parking in these areas. There are 384 panels at Gateway Park that will cover 32 parking stalls and there are 576 panels at the Senior Center/Library parking lot that will cover 46 parking stalls.

The City Manager reported that due to ongoing budget cuts and decreasing sales tax revenues, Valley Metro has outlined an extensive list of bus routes targeted for service reductions, changes or elimination. One of the routes targeted for elimination is the Grand Avenue Limited, which serves as El Mirage's only bus route. The Grand Ave. Limited picks up and drops off at the Walmart parking lot on Thunderbird Rd. just east of Dysart. Elimination of the Grand Ave. Limited is a "worst-case" scenario and decisions have not been finalized. Staff is working with Valley Metro and other affected cities to achieve a solution preserving the bus route. However, we encourage residents and other affected parties to contact Valley Metro and express their support of the route and concerns over eliminating what is a vital means of public transportation for El Mirage residents. Individuals may email their comments to input@valleymetro.org.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Cheryl LoGalbo expressed concerns regarding increasing taxes and fees. Doesn't feel the city needs a gym

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration and action to consider convening in executive session to discuss development non-compliance issues and to receive legal advice from the City's attorneys regarding such matters, in accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.01(A)(3).

Vice Mayor made a motion to adjourn into an executive session; seconded by councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

The Council adjourned in executive session at 7:31.

The Council reconvened at 7:50.

X. REGULAR AGENDA - CONTINUED

- E. Consideration and action on Resolution R11-07-28 approving a settlement agreement with Jenner Properties LLC for improvement of the property at 12328 W Butler Drive (Assessor's Parcel Number 501-46-011M).

Mayor Mook made a motion to approve the settlement agreement with Jenner Properties LLC for improvement of the property at 12328 W Butler Drive (Assessor's

Parcel Number 501-46-011M) and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Shapera. Motion Carries, unanimously

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting 7:52 p.m.



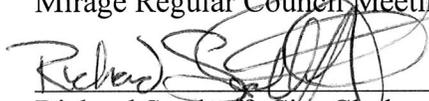
Lana Mook, Mayor

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 July 14, 2011 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk