

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2011**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 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. PRESENTATION

2. Presentation – “We Are El Mirage” Video.
3. Presentation to Senator John Nelson.

Mayor Mook presented Senator John Nelson with a Proclamation and a commemorative coin.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, July 14, 2011.
5. Consideration and action approving Resolution R11-08-29, approving the City’s participation in the Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan study and work to identify multimodal transportation options in this vital corridor.
6. Consideration and action to authorize the purchase of 5,508 acre feet of Central Arizona Project Water (CAP) water for storage in the Agua Fria, Hieroglyphic Mountain, and Tonopah Desert Recharge facilities in calendar year 2011.

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Delgado to take action on Regular Agenda Item E first, seconded by Vice Mayor Shapera. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- E. Consideration of ratification of a prior action by the El Mirage City Council pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.05 (B), adopting a letter in support of Question 1 on the November 2011 Special Election Ballot.

Mayor Mook read a prepared statement:

“On June 23rd, six of the Council voted to send a single question to the voters this November, regarding a new Police Station and YMCA with pool. I thought it would be a good idea for the Council to draft a letter memorializing its support of the Police and the YMCA for inclusion in the Bond pamphlet. After the July 14 Council Meeting, I circulated the letter and the six that voted for these important initiatives signed the letter. Well, we are still kind of new at this... and our Bond Council was observant enough to ask the question of whether the letter had been noticed at a public meeting. It had not. Fortunately, our legislature recognizes that oversights, such as this, can happen from time to time, and according to the "Open Meeting Act" we can correct that oversight tonight by bringing it back to the public. And that's what this item does.

Keep in mind, the letter we are ratifying tonight is not going in the pamphlet... once we heard there was even a remote possibility that procedure had not been followed, it was pulled from the pamphlet. This is an honest Council and this is an extremely important issue that impacts the future of this community.... If passed, this election will have a positive impact on our City's vitality and sustainability... The Police Station will directly affect public safety, which is an essential aspect for any community... and a New YMCA will have a very positive impact on your property values and will present opportunities for our youth, our seniors, and everyone in between as well as spur commercial and economic development along El Mirage Road by creating a regional destination right here in El Mirage.

As I said before, this is an honest and open Council that has every intention of doing the right things for this community.”

Councilor Delgado made a motion to ratify prior action, as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, 6-1 (McPhetres).

- A. Consideration and action approving Ordinance O11-08-12, amending certain street names in the Traffic Schedule in City Code Chapter 76 including 119th Avenue, Moreno Boulevard, and Parque Del Sol Boulevard.

Councilor Delgado made a motion to approve Ordinance O11-08-12, deleting the Moreno Boulevard change until further research can be completed regarding the naming of this boulevard; seconded by Councilor Selby. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- B. Consideration and action approving Ordinance O11-08-13, amending Section 52.15 of the City Code, Preparation of Refuse.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Ordinance O11-08-13, as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously

- C. Consideration and action approving Ordinance O11-08-14, an Ordinance of the Mayor Council of the City of El Mirage, Maricopa County, Arizona, amending certain sections of Code of the City El Mirage, Chapter 33, City Court, §33.15 (D)(3)(b), §33.15 (D)(5), §33.17, 33.18 and §33.19 (A).

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Ordinance O11-08-14, as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- D. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R11-08-30 to extend the existing appointment of Judge James Mapp as the Presiding Judge of the El Mirage Municipal Court to September 16, 2013.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Resolution R11-08-30, as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, unanimously

- F. Consideration and action to approve the City Manager's proposal to close general services, in accordance with the Council Agenda Report attached thereto, from Tuesday, December 27 through Friday, December 30, 2011, predicated on staff resolving any anticipated customer service issues.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve the City Manager's proposal, as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, 6-1 (McPhetres).

VI. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

1. The new Fire Station groundbreaking ceremony was held last Monday, August 22nd and was well attended by Council members, architect and construction company representatives, Luke Air Force Base dignitaries as well as staff, other invited guests and members of the community. Construction is underway and the completion date is anticipated for mid-2012.
2. A long outstanding issue has been settled and an agreement reached with Jenner Properties. Staff negotiated a mutually agreeable settlement which has been recorded with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office.
3. ADOT crews are working on reconstructing railroad crossings and Greenway Road will be closed between US 60 (Grand Avenue) and Santa Fe Drive until September 6, 2011.

4. The City's bulk trash event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Glendale Municipal Landfill, from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. El Mirage residents verifying they live in El Mirage may dispose of bulk trash items directly at the landfill at no cost.
5. The next Fourth Friday event is planned for Friday September 23, 2011. There will not be a Fourth Friday in August this year.
6. Solar panel installation has been completed on top of parking structures at Gateway Park and behind the Senior Center. Electrical work is still in progress and the panels are anticipated to be fully operational by the end of September.
7. The distribution of recycling containers to El Mirage residents is nearly complete, with a few containers on back order that will be delivered on receipt. Recycling will be weekly with the first recycling pick-up by Parks & Sons on Thursday, September 1, 2011. Additional flyers with recycling instructions are available here tonight.
8. Please join me in welcoming Larry Dobrosky, our new Public Works Field Operations Director. Larry will oversee Parks, Streets, Facilities, Fleet, Water and Wastewater crews and projects. Lance Calvert will continue with Engineering CIP projects - Lance will build it and Larry will maintain it.

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

Council Selby reported the Valley View Food Bank is opening a satellite branch at the Dysart Community Center.

Councilor Delgado reported that CDBG is shifting focus to a more job creation basis.

Councilor Palladino reported that Councilor Roy Delgado has been elected as Chair of CDAC.

Mayor Mook thanked staff for their efforts in securing donations to allow the City of host a booth at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference being held in Tucson next week.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Tom Jury reported the extra time at the Holidays will be greatly appreciated by the employees and that is great way to recognize the work that city staff in doing on behalf of the citizens of El Mirage

Hugh Flisyn reported of his dissatisfaction with Mayor and City Council in the way they are conducting city business, the increase water, sewer and trash fees, the bond issue and the attempt to have a second primary property tax put in place.

Roger Cleveland reported that he felt he was being harassed over his unsuccessful re-election effort.

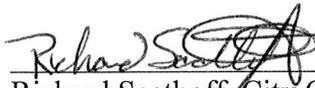
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting 7:28 p.m.



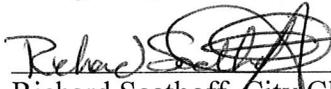
Lana Mook, Mayor

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 August 25, 2011 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk