

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 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. PRESENTATIONS

2. Fighter Country Partnership – Ron Sites. Presented coin to Mayor and Council, the coin now contains the City of El Mirage.
3. Luke AFB – Commander’s Action Group – James “Rusty” Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell presented an update on the Environmental Impact Study.

Mayor Mook presented the City’s 60th Anniversary Commemorative Coin to both Ron Sites and James Mitchell.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Michelle Palladino, representing P.E.O.M. expressed their displeasure with Councilor McPhetres for his vote not to allow the residents the opportunity to vote on the bond issue for a new police facility and a recreational facility swimming pool.

Laura Carnal, expressed her displeasure with Councilor McPhetres for his vote not to allow the residents the opportunity to vote on the bond issue for a new police facility and a recreational facility swimming pool. She also questioned whether or not Councilor McPhetres returned his council pay for the six (5) week break that the Mayor and Council took in July and August.

Frank Carnal, expressed her displeasure with Councilor McPhetres for his vote not to allow the residents the opportunity to vote on the bond issue. He also questioned Councilor McPhetres’ calculations regarding the amount of the proposed tax increase should the bond question pass in November.

Dan Reilly, reminded the Mayor and Council to remember the events on September 11, 2001.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consideration and action approving the Minutes of the Work Session and the Regular Council Meeting held Thursday, August 25, 2011.
5. Consideration and action to approve three video productions at a total cost of \$12,000 by Mr. Andy McCradic to be used for economic development in the City of El Mirage.
6. Consideration and action approving expenditures in the amount of \$32,788 for the renewal of the Spillman Police RMS software maintenance agreement. The agreement will be in effect for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

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

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

Consideration and action to approve three video productions at a total cost of \$12,000 by Mr. Andy McCradic to be used for economic development in the City of El Mirage.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve the contract as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- A. Consideration and action adopting a Notice of Intent to implement a new fee to recover the cost of water recharge credits lost by the City of El Mirage by providing water services to customers located in the Surprise Original Townsite not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice pursuant to ARS Section 9-499.15.

Robert Nilles, Finance Director presented a brief history of the proposed notice of intent. Rick Gardina and Kevin Burnnett of Red Oak Consulting, presented their water recharge findings.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to adopt a Notice of Intent to implement a new fee to recover the cost of water recharge credits, as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- B. Presentation to review the bond slides from the June Council meeting and an analysis of real property tax bills and how the bond would affect them.

Robert Nilles, Finance Director presented information regarding the bond election and the projected affect on actual the tax bills.

- C. Consideration and action to enter into an Agreement with the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide economic development related services.

Bill Pupo, Deputy City Manager and David Moss, Director of the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce presented a brief presentation regarding the economic development efforts.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve an Agreement with the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide economic development related services, as presented; seconded by Councilor Ramirez. Motion Carries, unanimously.

- D. Consideration and action regarding Resolution R11-09-31, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of El Mirage, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitles "The 2010-11 Amendments to the Tax Code of the City of El Mirage."

Brief Recess at 7:42

Council resumed at 7:50

Finance Director Robert Nilles presented the proposed changes to the Tax Code of the City.

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve Resolution R11-08-31 and Notice of Intent, as presented; seconded by Councilor McPhetres. Motion Carries, unanimously

- E. Consideration and action regarding Ordinance No. O11-09-16, an ordinance of the City of El Mirage, Arizona, relating to the privilege license tax; adopting "the 2010-11 amendments to the tax code of the City of El Mirage" by reference; establishing an effective date; providing for severability and providing penalties for violations.

This item was deleted from the agenda.

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Robert Nilles, Finance Director presented a brief report regarding the special leave granted to employees no cost to the City. He also presented a study of findings of actions by other communities.

The professional services contract for City Prosecutors Parascandola and Parascandola expired on August 31, 2011. An amendment has been executed to extend their existing

contract for providing prosecuting services to the City through September 1, 2013. The contract amendment includes the same terms and conditions as currently exist and which are budgeted in this fiscal year; you have received a copy of the amendment and the original contract outlining their services.

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.

The solar panel installation has been completed on top of parking structures at Gateway Park and the Senior Center. Electrical work is in the final stages and on track for the solar panels to be operational by the end of September. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for late September.

The City's recycling program started on Thursday September 1st and Parks & Sons Manager Shawn Parks reports that approximately 75-80% of the blue recycling cans were out for collection on the first day. He also stated there was minimal contamination especially for the first time collection and was pleased with the start of the new recycling program.

Early this morning, a fire broke out at the Country Food Market, located on the corner of Wells and Alto. The El Mirage Fire Department worked with other responding departments to contain and then put out the fire. No injuries occurred as a result of the fire and an investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing.

Please join me in welcoming Angela Serda, our Special Events Coordinator. Angela has worked in private industry as well as the City of Glendale and brings a strong background of community event organization. She has prepared a strategic plan for upcoming events in the City and is in the process of planning and organizing the City's 60th anniversary celebration. She will also oversee the Fourth Friday events and is planning other events throughout the year as well as soliciting major sponsorships for support funding.

Angela Serda expressed her appreciation in being able to join the El Mirage team. She presented goals/objectives to help improve the image and attendance at city events.

Last week, at the Annual Conference of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Mayor Lana Mook was selected from a field of very well-qualified candidates to serve on the League Executive Committee. Congratulations to Mayor Mook.

City Attorney Hall reported that at the last Council meeting, he reported that Ordinances required two (2) reading, after discussions with City Clerk Richard Saathoff, it has been determined that the Code of the City of El Mirage does not require two (2) reading, he also thanked the City Clerk for handling and correction of the error in a very professional manner.

Mayor Mook requests information regarding the use of contingency of the police station and/or the recreation facility. City Manager Isom stated this item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

Vice Mayor Shapera presented a rebuttal regarding the bond issue and estimated increase in taxes, and he asks correct information presented.

Councilors Palladino and Ramirez commented on the welcome that the City of El Mirage received from the other elected officials at the League conference and offered their congratulations to the Mayor on her election to the Board of Directors.

Councilor McPhetres echoed the comments of Councilors Palladino and Ramirez. He also reported that he didn't take time off during the summer hiatus; he continued to meet with several officials to promote the City of El Mirage.

Mayor Mook reported of her tour of the new West Tucson Police Station Facility.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting 8:26 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 September 8, 2011 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk