

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:40 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, and Councilor Lynn Selby.

III. PRESENTATION:

Presentation on the proposed changes to the transit service presented by Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA).

Lance Calvert, City Engineer introduced Carol Ketcherside, the Planning Director of the Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation. Ms. Ketcherside explained the public input process (deadline March 9, 2012) and presented a brief outline of the proposed changes. Citizens can make their comments by calling 602-253-5000, www.ValleyMetro.org or email to input@ValleyMetro.org. There were no public comments offered.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole. At the conclusion of the Call to the Public, individual City Council Members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken (2) direct staff to review a matter, and (3) direct that a matter be put on a future agenda.

There were no public comments offered.

V. 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 approving the Minutes of the Work Session held Monday, February 13, 2012, the Special Council Meeting held Monday, February

13, 2012; and Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 21, 2012. (City Clerk)

2. Consideration and action requesting that the Mayor and City Council give signature authority to the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of El Mirage and Maricopa County for the Olive Avenue, Litchfield Road to Loop 101, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Project. (Engineering)
3. Consideration and action authorizing the purchase of furniture for the new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$89,056.71. (Engineering)
4. Consideration and action approving Resolution R12-03-09, calling for a Primary Election and General Election; designating the election dates and purpose of elections; designating the deadline for voter registration; and designating the place and first and last date for candidates to file nomination papers. (City Clerk)
5. Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to execute a revised easement to allow APS to install electrical equipment for the sign, police station, and recreational facilities at Gateway Park. (Development & Community Services)
6. Consideration and action requesting the Mayor and Council award a (5) five year term contract to Holbrook Asphalt for application of mineral bond asphalt treatment and crack sealing to City streets. (Public Works)

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 6 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- B. Consideration and action adopting the notice of intent to implement a fee to recover the cost of water recharge credits lost by the City of El Mirage by providing water services to customers located in El Mirage that are not connected to the City sewer not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice pursuant to A.R.S. Section 8-499.15. (Finance)

Christy Eusebio presented the request and explained the action tonight is only to post the notice and the actual fee adoption would take place at a later date.

Kevin Burnett of Red Oak explained the process to calculate the amount of the water recharge credits being lost by servicing water only customers (not connected to the City's sewer system) in the City of El Mirage

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to adopt the notice of intent to implement a fee to recover the cost of water recharge credits lost by the City of El Mirage by providing water services to customers located in El Mirage that are not connected

to the City sewer not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, 6-1 (McPhetres).

Robyn Freberg asked the Council to investigate the irrigation district and the \$127,000 tax and the water replacement of 100+ homes the state doesn't recognized replacement from septic systems.

A. Presentation of the Budget Framework and Miscellaneous Fee changes. (Finance)

Finance Director Nilles presented the proposed budget framework, the budget process and the changes to the City's miscellaneous fees.

C. Consideration and action adopting the notice of intent to increase or change certain fees not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice pursuant to A.R.S. Section 9-499.15. (Finance)

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to adopt the notice of to increase or change certain fees not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice as presented; seconded by Councilor Selby. Motion Carries, unanimously.

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

Mayor Mook wished Councilor Ramirez Happy Birthday. She also reported on her attendance at the various events and meetings.

Vice Mayor Shapera reported the construction of the Fire Station is coming along nicely.

Councilor Ramirez reported of the importance of taking a CPR Life Saving class.

E. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

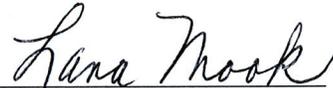
City Manager Isom reported the renovations to Gentry Park are nearing completion. The ball field was ready for Little League practice that began February 27th along with outfield fencing, bleachers and backstop fencing. Temporary restrooms and electricity have been provided to allow for the practice season. The concession stand and all work at the park will be substantially complete and ready for Opening Day of Little League on Saturday, March 24th. A public ceremony is being planned later this month for the re-dedication of Gentry Park.

Dr. Isom reported that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will be conducting a Project Assessment and Environmental Study regarding proposed improvements to the intersection of US 60, Grand Avenue, Thunderbird Road and Thompson Ranch Road. Several possible alternative plans will be presented at the Public Meeting from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Thursday, March 22nd at the El Mirage Senior Center. The formal presentation by ADOT will begin at 6:20 PM.

The City Manager announced that the City's overall fire protection services were rated in October 2011 by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). This rating is intended to assist cities in nationally evaluating their fire protection services to accurately plan and budget for facilities, equipment and training. Each city is rated on a scale of "1-10" with "1" being the highest rating and "10" being no fire protection. The last evaluation for the City of El Mirage was done in 2000 and the City received a 5; the City just received notification that the most current rating from October resulted in an improved score of two protective classes to a new score of 3. The significance to homeowners and businesses is that their fire insurance premiums could be reduced by as much as 14% and homeowners/businesses should contact their respective insurance companies to inform them of the City's rating change. More detailed information can be obtained from Fire Chief Howard Munding at 623-583-7968 or on the City's website.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting 8:07 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 March 6, 2012 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk