

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012**

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, and Councilor Lynn Selby.

III. 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 or respond to the matter, and (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

Annie Eldon thanked the El Mirage Firefighter Charities for the donation that allowed thirty (30) scholarships being provided to children to attend the Si Se Puede Learning Center in El Mirage

IV. PRESENTATION

Discussion regarding the City's Financial Position. (Finance)

The City Manager reported of the recent trip to San Francisco to meet with the bond rating companies of Moody's and Standard & Poors.

Greg Schwartz of Piper Jaffray presented the City's new bond rating and the meaning of rating. Moody's rated the City as A1/Upper Medium Grade. S&P rated the City as A+/Upper Medium Grade. The City of El Mirage is one of the few cities in Arizona that is individually rated. This means the City is able to borrow money by issuing its own bonds without going thru the Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) and at a lower rate.

Robert Nilles, Finance Director presented an overview of the process. The Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director and Accounting Manager met with both Moody's and Standard & Poors. They also met with Assurance Guarantee, as insurance company that insures bond issues enabling the bond seller to receive a lower interest rate.

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 Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 5, 2012; the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 12, 2012; the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 19, 2012; and the Work Sessions held Tuesday, June 5, 2012. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to transfer budget and expenditures (not to exceed \$32,000) for contracted services associated with the 2012 El Mirage transportation needs survey among residents, from the FY 2010 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)/Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) expenditure account to Contracted Services under the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF - Lottery) expenditure account. (Administration)

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion to approve consent items 1 and 2 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion Carries, unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to appoint to the City of El Mirage's Planning & Zoning Commission: Doug Doede and Robert Jones to terms expiring June 30, 2014. (City Clerk)

Vice Mayor Shapera made a motion appoint to the City of El Mirage's Planning & Zoning Commission: Doug Doede and Robert Jones to terms expiring June 30, 2014, as recommended by the Commission Review Board; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion Carries, unanimously.

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

Councilors Palladino and Delgado congratulated the staff on receiving the favorable bond rating.

Vice Mayor Shapera attended the Fire Department promotion ceremony.

Mayor Mook reported of her attendance at the MAG "Desert Peaks Awards".

VIII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the City Manager's summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Dr. Isom reported the El Mirage Fire Department recently conducted a pinning ceremony to honor and promote the following fire fighters: from Engineer to

Captain: Thomas Jury, Christopher Richardson, Erik Lauer, and Joseph Fusco; and from Fire Fighter to Engineer: Brian Tulk, Doug Carrington, and Steve Kruzel.

Police Chief Campbell reported the El Mirage Police Department has sworn two new Reserve Police Officers: Officer Joshua Jones and Officer Dexter Hanley.

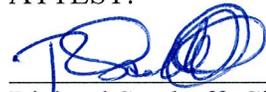
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting 6:35 p.m.



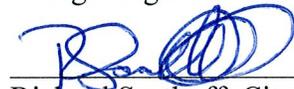
Lana Mook, Mayor

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 3, 2012 and a quorum was present.



Richard Saathoff, City Clerk