

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD  
5:30 PM - TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016**

**Agenda**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor Joe Ramirez, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember Bob Jones, Councilmember Jack Palladino, Councilmember Lynn Selby, Councilmember David Shapera

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence  
Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**E1.** Discussion and consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03A.3 (Administration)

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to convene into Executive Session at 5:34 pm; seconded by Councilor Bob Jones. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to close the Executive Session and reconvene into Regular Session at 6:53 pm; seconded by Councilor Bob Jones. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

**IV. PRESENTATION**

**P1.** Presentation to Dysart High School students Mariah Fleming and Charles Proby for achieving Athlete of the Month awards for the month of April, 2016. (Administration)

Dr. Isom advised Council that he recently attended an awards ceremony at which several El Mirage high school athletes were honored and stated he believed it important for Council to be made aware of the high achievements of these students. He then introduced the Dysart High School Athletic Director Mr. Ty Timbrooks. Mr. Timbrooks introduced Council to DUSD Athletic Director Mr. James Braden, DUSD PIO Zachary Fountain, and the students' parents who were also in attendance at this meeting. He then explained the program to recognize outstanding athletes.

Maria Fleming was introduced as the Female Athlete of the Month for April 2016. Ms. Fleming has a GPA of 4.4 and while playing two sports, she took on the

responsibility of the Varsity Baseball Team. She was an inspiration to her teammates and was vital to the team's success. She is also the Tennis Team Captain and is the epitome of a role model displaying great strength of character.

Charles Proby III was then introduced as the Male Athlete of the Month for April, 2016. He is a sophomore with a GPA of 3.89. He is a member of the Boys Varsity Basketball Team and is also an outstanding track and field athlete. He has the highest 3-point shooting percentage and is second in free throw percentage which contributed to the team's success in making it to the state playoffs. He is a versatile member of the Track and Field Team achieving automatic State qualifying times in the 400 meters, 4 x 100 relay, and 4 x 400 relay, and provisional qualifying times in the 100 meter and 200 meter. The Boys Track and Field State meet was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> and he was a member of the 4 x 4 relay team that won the State Championship for Dysart High School.

Mayor Mook stated they look forward to more of these presentations in the future.

Dr. Isom requested Maria Fleming and Charles Proby make statements to Council. When he asked Ms. Fleming how she balanced maintaining her high grade point average and participation in sports she stated she has always enjoyed sports but also pays close attention to her studies; Dr. Isom encouraged her to move forward with both endeavors and wished her luck in her chosen field of dental hygiene.

Dr. Isom then stated he has watched Charles develop as an athlete while also doing well in his academics. When he asked Charles about the recent race at Boys' State, Charles said it was a long and intense day they prepared all year for and they just gave it their all.

Dr. Isom thanked DUSD Athletic Director, James Braden for attending stating he wants to connect the community with the achievements of El Mirage students. Mr. Braden addressed Council stating he has been with DUSD for many years and is amazed at the positive changes he has seen taking place in El Mirage over the past few years and is honored that the City is recognizing these student athletes and their remarkable achievements.

Mayor Mook pointed out this comes at a time when the City is reaching out for additional partnering with Dysart Unified School District. Council and staff are interested in developing that partnering because of the students; Mr. Braden stated he would be happy to continue this recognition during the school session.

#### V. **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/or (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

No Comment Cards were received.

## VI. 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, May 3, 2016. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve a sole source purchase from Aqua-Aerobic Systems for replacement control panels at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,500, pursuant to City Code §30.26(B). (Public Works)

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

## VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to recommend to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors the re-appointment of Councilor Roy Delgado (primary) and the appointment of Councilor David Shapera (alternate) to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAC) for FY 2016/17. (Mayor)

**Mayor Mook moved to recommend to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors the re-appointment of Councilor Roy Delgado (primary) and the appointment of Councilor David Shapera (alternate) to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAC) for FY 2016/17; seconded by Vice Mayor Ramirez. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- B. Public hearing, closure of public hearing, followed by consideration and action to approve Ordinance O16-05-04 amending City Code §154.130 Temporary Signs, (14) Political Signs (c) and (d) to reflect the same number of days as set forth in A.R.S. §16-1019H regarding the erection of political signs prior to and following elections. (City Clerk)

City Clerk Sharon Antes explained this is an ordinance to update City Code to mirror the current state statute regarding the number of days political signs can go up prior to an election and removal after the election. City code states signs can be erected 45 days prior to an election and must be removed 10 days following an election; current state law is 60 days prior to an election and 15 days after. Ms. Antes also informed Council that there is legislature moving forward to change the 60 days to 86 days prior to an election, which would coincide with the first day of early voting, but it has not yet been signed by the Governor and will not affect this Primary election cycle.

Mayor Mook opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Mook closed the Public Hearing.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Ordinance O16-05-04 amending City Code §154.130 Temporary Signs, (14) Political Signs (c) and (d) to reflect the same number of days as set forth in A.R.S. §16-1019H regarding the erection of political signs prior to and following elections; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

- C. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R16-05-14 adopting the City of El Mirage Tentative Budget thereby setting the maximum expenditure limit for FY 2016/17. (Finance)

Finance Director Robert Nilles stated the budget presentation is the same as presented at the Budget workshop and while he would be willing to present again, he noted the City Clerk was under a time constraint to take ballots from the Special State election held today to the Maricopa County Elections Department immediately following this meeting; he would be willing to answer any questions.

Council determined it was not necessary to repeat the presentation and had no further questions. Councilor Delgado requested the budget process start earlier next year and that two full days be reserved for the process.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R16-05-14 adopting the City of El Mirage Tentative Budget thereby setting the maximum expenditure limit for FY 2016/17; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

## VIII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The City Council may not act upon any matter in the City Manager's summary but may have general comment or questions.

Development and Community Services Director/City Engineer Jorge Gastelum reported traffic will re-open on the eastern half of El Mirage Road between Cactus Road and Peoria Avenue on Monday, May 23, 2017. He then updated Council on various activity phases along other sections of the respective El Mirage Road and Thunderbird Road projects. Maricopa County and ADOT are working simultaneously with the City's contractor and other utilities on numerous sections of these projects. He also reported that the intersection of Santa Fe and El Mirage Road is scheduled to be closed for nearly four weeks starting May 26<sup>th</sup> but there will be access to the Rio Mirage Café on that corner.

Mayor Mook asked Mr. Gastelum about the City's contractor, Sunland, doing the Gateway Park to Cactus Road phase of El Mirage Road and he replied that Sunland had been selected in the recent bid process to also do the work from Cactus Road to Santa Fe Lane. It is easier to work with a known contractor and

more efficient for the process. Mayor Mook encouraged everyone to look at the new transit lighting between Cactus and Peoria on the east side of El Mirage Road.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if all City traffic signals are being converted from the vertical to horizontal design and Mr. Gastelum answered the decision is still to be made for areas not a part of the existing project. VM Ramirez expressed his preference for the horizontal design as he believes they are more visible and mentioned he has also seen them in Paradise Valley. He also recommended that "decreased-speed" traffic control signs be displayed prior to commencement of construction.

Councilor Shapera asked if the City's Contractor had been considered for moving the Community Garden. Dr. Isom reported the bid has not yet been let but the current contractor would certainly be invited to also bid for that project.

Councilor Jones stated he is pleased with the progress of the road projects and is anxious to see pavement being installed.

Councilor Selby asked if the new transit streetlights are LED lighting and Mr. Gastelum confirmed that they are, in fact, LED.

**IX. MAYOR'S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

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

There were no comments from City Council.

**X. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.**

  
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Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage City Council meeting held on May 17, 2016 and a quorum was present.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk