

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD  
4:00 PM - TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**

Minutes

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor Joe Ramirez, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember Jack Palladino, Councilmember Lynn Selby, Councilor Bob Jones (via phone)

Excused: Councilmember David Shapera

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

**III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No Comment Cards were received.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- I. Consideration and action to clarify Council's June 21, 2016 motion to include the names of Monica Dorsey and Robyn Freberg as commissioners to fill two vacant Planning & Zoning Commission seats for two year terms ending June 30, 2018. (City Clerk)

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

**V. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R16-06-18 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Tolleson to provide police dispatch services. (Police Department)

Police Chief Terry McDonald explained the proposed IGA with the City of Tolleson will provide police dispatch services 24/7 and will receive both emergency 911 calls and non-emergency calls. The current IGA with the City of Surprise will terminate in January 2017 upon approval of the IGA before Council tonight. He thanked City Manager Isom for his foresight in this matter, Professional Standards Manager Michael Ashley who

represented the Police Department in the research and negotiations with Tolleson, Information Technology Director Tom Bacome who handled all the I.T. issues, and Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Robert Nilles who assisted with the finance portion of the process.

He then introduced Michael Ashley who stated this particular IGA will allow for better control of the records management system, improve capabilities including updated field reporting, email and internet access in the patrol cars and flexibility in the storage and retrieval of data. It will also provide connectivity to Tolleson and the Department of Public Safety and the City of El Mirage Police Department will also have influence regarding improvements and upgrades.

IT Director Tom Bacome reported on the overall costs; estimated startup costs would be \$123,000 with an estimated annual cost of \$47,000. The servers and software will be the City's responsibility in order to securely get the patrol vehicles to communicate with the records management system. The Motorola console is a dispatch work station purchased by the City in 2009 which is currently in the City of Surprise; El Mirage will pay a third party company to physically move the console.

Councilor Delgado asked if we would be able to retrieve the system we paid for from Surprise and was advised that yes, a third party with whom the City has previously worked with on police vehicles will to move the console at an expense of \$5,000.

DCM/Finance Director Robert Nilles reported this is a 10-year agreement with increases determined by the lesser of 3% or the CPI, additional personnel needs, major capital needs and software licenses. Start-up costs are estimated not to exceed \$155,264. The current City of Surprise contract requires a 180-day prior notice, therefore, the anticipated go live date is January/February 2017. The City of Tolleson is in agreement with the proposal and the Tolleson Council is considering simultaneous approval at their meeting tonight.

Councilor Delgado asked about support and backup for El Mirage officers and was advised by Chief McDonald that he had assurances of cooperation and support from Chief Young in the City of Surprise in addition to the City of Tolleson. Councilor Delgado asked about what the non-emergency phone number would be and was advised by Mr. Bacome that the current number would be retained. Councilor Delgado further inquired of Chief McDonald about the cost for the City of El Mirage to operate its own system. Chief McDonald reported there are different schools of thought but currently regional dispatch is the direction municipalities are using and Mr. Nilles added that the current Police station was designed and has the capability to convert if that is considered in the future.

Vice Mayor Ramirez thanked Chief McDonald and everyone involved with the transition. He is looking forward to better service and cost savings and thanked everyone for the team effort.

Councilor Selby stated his finance questions have been answered but was still concerned about backup for El Mirage officers. Tolleson is under no obligation to provide back up

for anything and should there be a catastrophic event what agency would be called. Chief McDonald responded that the City has Intergovernmental Response Agreements and Maricopa County Sheriffs, City of Surprise, City of Peoria, among others, would respond if needed. Councilor Selby asked if fees are charged for other agencies assistance and was advised by Chief McDonald there have not been any charges in the past.


Mayor Mook commended all staff involved in the research of this large project and for negotiating such a comprehensive and beneficial contract, both in covering items of concern as well as cost.

Councilor Jones expressed his concern for officer back up and asked for clarification. Dr. Isom asked Chief McDonald if there was any indication from the City of Surprise that they would not respond if El Mirage officers needed assistance and Chief McDonald reported that quite to the contrary, City of Surprise Chief Young assured him that moving forward, they would maintain their professional relationship and continue working together. By the same token, the City of El Mirage would support the City of Surprise if needed.

Dr. Isom paid tribute and thanked the entire staff from the top down stating they worked together to find a solution to a problem. The City of Tolleson has always been a partner of El Mirage; in fact, the El Mirage Police station is modeled after Tolleson's station.

**Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R16-06-18 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Tolleson to provide police dispatch services; seconded by Councilor Delgado. (6/0)**


VI. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 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 account of the El Mirage City Council Special Meeting held on June 28, 2016 and a quorum was present.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk