

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 PM - TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

Minutes

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

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

No Comment Cards were received.

IV. 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, January 5, 2016. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of personnel records that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R.S. §41-151.12. (Human Resources)
3. Consideration and action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Dysart Unified School District and the City of El Mirage for continuing the existing School Resource Officer (SRO) program. (Police Department)

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Sunland Asphalt to construct roadway improvements along Thunderbird Road and El Mirage Road in the total amount of \$10,886,747 including contingency. (Development & Community Services)

Community Development Director Jorge Gastelum presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the improvements on El Mirage Road. He reviewed the map, pointing out the different phases of the project. An IGA with ADOT was approved on May 12, 2011 and the request being considered is for Phases 4 and 6. Cost breakdowns for MCDOT and city contributions, along with reimbursement ALCP amounts were presented. The bid opening for this portion of the total project was held December 17, 2015 for the Thunderbird Road section from 127th Avenue to El Frio Street and the El Mirage Road section from Cactus Road to Grand Avenue. Five bids received ranged from \$9,897,043.10 to \$12,585,643.58 with Sunland Asphalt being the lowest responsible bidder. Staff recommended approval.

Councilor Shapera asked where the 99,000 square feet of concrete pavers were to be used, where the tree planters, at \$16,000 each, were to be located, and whether the Thunderbird Road sidewalk would be meandering. Mr. Gastelum explained the pavers would be used on the ends of the raised median, the planters will go along the sidewalk, and the sidewalk will be straight and 8-12 feet wide.

Councilor Delgado asked if the entrance to the post office on Thunderbird Road would be safe and accessible for the residents. Mr. Gastelum stated the empty lot next to the post office was purchased to provide a new access and more parking. He also asked if La Fondita's restaurant is to be demolished or stay and was advised by Mr. Gastelum that the building will stay but the outside canopy is to be demolished and the City has already paid for that portion.

Vice Mayor Ramirez stated he is glad the pavers are being utilized because they are easy maintenance and cost less to repair. The post office has always had ingress problems and he is glad to see that being rectified. Councilor Delgado asked if there will be restrictions or conditions on the La Fondita refurbishment for them to follow stipulations of the Thunderbird Overlay District and Mr. Gastelum pointed out the Thunderbird Overlay District mostly addresses parking positioning.

Councilor Selby asked whether the city would have input on the replacement façade of La Fondita Restaurant since the patio section was being removed and Mr. Gastelum stated the normal process of site plan approval would be followed and he would also check on the condemnation offer for that property.

Dr. Isom commended Mr. Gastelum and his staff for doing a great job in managing these large projects. They are quick to mobilize and he is confident staff will notify residents of

the any inconveniences well in advance and keep the public up-to-date and informed through the various stages of numerous projects currently underway.

Mr. Gastelum stated the proposed contractor, Sunland, is the same contractor already awarded and working on the roadway project between Peoria Avenue and Cactus Road which allowed for a savings on mobilization and is a benefit to the community.

Mayor Mook asked if the Sunland representative was present and Mr. Gastelum introduced Project Manager Mark Soyster. Mr. Soyster commended Mr. Gastelum and his staff for the professional working relationship they have developed and noted the pace of these projects will soon pick up. Mayor Mook stated there will be numerous road improvement projects underway simultaneously and it will be challenging during the process, but, the end result will be a major benefit to the community when completed.

Councilor Delgado pointed out that he and Councilor Palladino are on the CDAC Board and asked when the water line will be completed on El Mirage Road. Mr. Gastelum reported it must be completed in five months under the CDBG timeline which will be by the end of June.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to enter into a construction contract with Sunland Asphalt to construct roadway improvements along Thunderbird Road and El Mirage Road in the total amount of \$10,886,747 including contingency; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion passed unanimously (7/0).

- B.** Consideration and action to authorize execution of the IGA with ADOT to reconstruct the U.S. 60 (Grand Avenue) / Thunderbird Road intersection in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. (Development & Community Services)

Community Development Director Jorge Gastelum presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the IGA with ADOT to reconstruct the U.S. 60 (Grand Ave.) and Thunderbird/Thompson Ranch Intersection. He reviewed the map showing the areas and proposed changes. The estimated cost to the City for enhancements not covered by the IGA is \$13,578 of which 70% is ALCP reimbursable; the City's portion of the estimated funding is \$4,073. Up to \$30,000 (at 70% reimbursable) for unanticipated potential enhancements is requested to prevent delay should costs vary or additional enhancements be necessary. The design is complete, bid opening is scheduled early March, and a Notice to Proceed to the contractor is anticipated by early May. As a part this intersection improvement, BNSF will close Thompson Ranch Road for railroad reconstruction from mid-June through mid-July, 2016 and the entire intersection improvements are anticipated to be complete by Summer 2017.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to authorize execution of the IGA with ADOT to reconstruct the US 60 (Grand Avenue) / Thunderbird Road intersection in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

- C.** Consideration and action to approve Resolution R16-01-02, adopting Valley Metro's Title VI Plan which includes a Language Assistance Plan and Public Participation Plan for the

purpose of complying with Federal and State and Regional transit mandates.
(Administration)

Assistant to City Manager and Grants Writer Janeen Gaskins provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the transit requirements as set forth in the new FTA Circular 4702.1B. Title VI Disclosure prohibits discrimination by recipients of Federal financial assistance on the basis of race, color and national origin, including the denial of meaningful access for limited English proficient persons. These revised regulations also included an environmental justice component. The City of Phoenix is the primary recipient of all FTA funding and monitors all FTA funding, sub-grantees and sub-recipients. Valley Metro and the City of Phoenix developed the regional Title VI Program. The City of El Mirage is a sub-recipient of FTA funding for transit services. The City of El Mirage is a pass-through; Valley Metro provides El Mirage's transit needs and has the appropriate process in place to meet the Federal Title VI requirements. The City's contract with Valley Metro includes language to ensure that they provide El Mirage residents with the appropriate reporting options. The City of Phoenix requires El Mirage to formally adopt Valley Metro's Title VI processes regarding the Language Assistance Plan and Public Participation Plan. El Mirage is responsible for making the plan available to residents by formally adopting it, posting it on the website and posting it in the Senior Center and any other relevant locations.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve Resolution R16-01-02, adopting Valley Metro's Title VI Plan which includes a Language Assistance Plan and Public Participation Plan for the purpose of complying with Federal and State and Regional transit mandates; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

VI. 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. Items to be discussed will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. El Mirage Public Safety Day

Intergovernmental and Public Relations Manager Amber Wakeman reminded everyone of the El Mirage Public Safety Day being held Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Gateway Park from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be Fire and Police displays, exhibits and demonstrations. A Kid Zone will provide activities and attractions and admission is free for everyone. The Arizona SciTech Festival will take place at the event and Dysart Unified School District will have exhibits. Wal-Mart has generously donated three children's bicycles to be awarded to contest winners at the event.

2. New Employees

Director of Court Services Rod Wettlin introduced Juan Delgado as the Court Judicial Supervisor who will essentially be the second in command. Mr. Delgado comes to the City with ten years' court experience in Scottsdale, Glendale and California. Judge Morgan expressed a need for future succession planning at the Court and this position will provide that coverage. Mr. Delgado addressed Council stating he has been working one week and is looking forward to his work with the City of El Mirage.

Dr. Isom reported a side note regarding the IGA with ADOT to reconstruct the US (Grand Avenue)/Thunderbird Road intersection. For the past several years, the City has partnered with ADOT and MAG. The City does not own the canal along Grand Avenue and ADOT is looking to reduce their footprint along the Grand Avenue corridor. He has proposed to MAG and ADOT that in exchange for their reconstruction of this area, the city would consider maintaining. ADOT has agreed to proceed with designing the original concept and the city will work with MAG and ADOT to secure funding for this project.

VII. 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.

Councilor Shapera reported the Thompson Ranch Elementary School will be holding “Reading for America” from March 7 – 11, 2016. The Council is invited to participate by reading to the students. He advised those interested in participating should call the Assistant Principal to arrange a reading time; he also invited the Fire Chief and the Police Chief.

Vice Mayor Ramirez is excited to see construction moving forward. There is a slight inconvenience now but the end result will be fantastic. Most people don’t understand the obstacles you have to overcome to keep projects going; he thanked the staff for all their efforts in successfully juggling major concurrent projects.

Councilor Delgado thanked Mr. Dobrosky and staff for their quick response to repair substantial sized pot holes on Dysart Road.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.



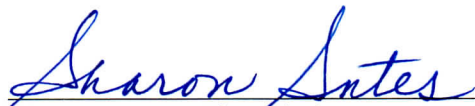
Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk