

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:04 p.m. The Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor Joe Ramirez, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor Jim McPhetres, Councilor Jack Palladino, Councilor Lynn Selby, Councilor David Shapera.

**III. PRESENTATION**

Finance Director Robert Nilles presented each Council member with a bound copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 and displayed a PowerPoint presentation noting highlights of the CAFR.

Councilor Delgado complimented Mr. Nilles and the Finance staff for what he considered to be the best financial report he has ever seen as a Council member. Mayor Mook also expressed her compliments on a well-prepared document and the responsiveness of the Finance Department to all the Council's budgetary questions.

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

- El Mirage resident Mary Koestner spoke about a driving experience she had on an east/south left turn from Cactus Road to El Mirage Road wherein the photo vehicle flashed when she was driving below the speed limit in this area. She expressed concern that there was a potential for rear-end collisions because of the flash.

- El Mirage resident Amy Heusted thanked the Council members for their speedy and prompt replies to her emails last week. She requested to know who was allowed to sell firearms in the City of El Mirage.

**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, January 8, 2013. (City Clerk)

Vice Mayor Ramirez made a motion to approve consent item 1 as presented; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carries unanimously.

**VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Consideration and approval of Resolution R13-01-03, amending CHAPTER 150 – BUILDING CODE of the City Code and adopting as public record Exhibits “A” through “K.” (Fire, Building & Life Safety)

Staff presentation was made by Building Official Mary Dickson.

- El Mirage resident Amy Heusted asked a question regarding changes to fencing requirements. Building Official Dickson responded that the resolution did not change current requirements in the City Code.

Vice Mayor Ramirez made a motion to approve Resolution R13-01-03 as presented; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. Consideration and approval of Ordinance O13-01-01 amending CHAPTER 150 – BUILDING CODE and adopting Exhibits “A” through “K” through Resolution R13-01-03 as permitted by A.R.S. §9-802. (Fire, Building & Life Safety)

Vice Mayor Ramirez made a motion to approve Ordinance O13-01-01 as presented; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carries unanimously.

- C. Consideration and action requesting the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to work with the City’s Sanitation Contractor and change the existing two (2) day a week trash and recycling pick up schedule to a one (1) day week trash and recycling pick-up schedule. (Administrative & Operational Services)

Staff presentation was made by Public Works Director Larry Dobrosky. Parks & Sons representatives Shawn Parks and Ryan Taylor were present. Asked by Mayor Mook to comment, Mr. Taylor stated there were no negatives to the plan

and they would be happy to discuss the proposed change, which has worked well in other cities.

Numerous questions were asked by Council members regarding this item:

- Councilor Shapera inquired how the new recycling program was working. Mr. Parks reported the program is now working smoothly after some initial education and communication challenges were addressed at implementation.
- Mayor Mook asked when the change might occur if agreement was reached. Public Works Director Dobrosky shared a tentative start date of April 2013. Mayor Mook requested all communication, if approved, be provided in both Spanish and English.
- Councilor Delgado questioned how the items would be separated and was advised two separate trips would be made in one day.
- Vice Mayor Ramirez stated that one (1) day-per-week pick-up would be more convenient for all residents and this system has worked well in other cities.
- Councilor Selby asked how trash/recycling would be handled in the Pueblo El Mirage Resort and was advised they have a different system that would be addressed in future discussions regarding change.
- Mayor Mook inquired how apartment buildings would be handled and was informed that larger containers are used for apartment complexes. This, too, would be addressed in future discussions.
- Councilor McPhetres wondered if changing the number of pick-ups would result in cost savings and was advised there would be no cost change since there would be the same number of pick-ups.
- Resident Mr. Alonzo expressed concern about placement of containers on the street and stated he had experienced problems with Parks & Sons drivers. Mr. Dobrosky advised that Mr. Alonzo's concerns would be addressed with Parks & Sons.
- Mayor Mook expressed her appreciation for the outstanding partnership the City has with Parks & Sons and thanked them for being so supportive of the community.
- Councilor Shapera recommended moving forward with the discussions for the proposed change.

- Dr. Isom reiterated that the City has a great partnership with Parks & Sons.

Councilor Shapera made a motion to authorize the City Manager to work with the City's Sanitation Contractor and change the existing two (2) day a week trash and recycling pick-up schedule to a one (1) day a week trash and recycling pick-up schedule, as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carries unanimously.

- D. Consideration and action to allow the El Mirage reserve fire engine to be a part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the City of Phoenix on March 17, 2013 as well as on static display at the Peoria Sports Complex in conjunction with the Guinness Gives Back community outreach campaign, sponsored by Alliance Beverage and the Alliance Beverage Foundation. (Fire)

Staff presentation was made by Fire Chief Munding. He stated this request would cause no operational fire service disruption.

Vice Mayor Ramirez made a motion to allow the El Mirage reserve fire engine to be a part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the City of Phoenix on March 17, 2013 as well as on static display as requested; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carries unanimously.

- E. Consideration and action for approving Resolution R13-01-04 to adopt City Council Goals for FY 2013/14. (Administration)

City Manager Dr. Isom explained the goal setting workshop process that resulted in the established Council goals presented in the FY 2013/14 Council Goals document.

Vice Mayor Ramirez made a motion to approve Resolution R13-01-04 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carries unanimously.

## **VII. 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 advised there are two MCDOT transportation projects currently underway. The first is closure of the outside westbound travel lane on Olive Avenue over the Agua Fria River bridge (east of El Mirage Road) until Sunday, February 3, 2013. The second project is along a five-mile stretch of Olive Avenue between Litchfield Road and Loop 101 slated for completion March 2013.

He also made note of the City's first 2013 Special Event to be held Friday, January 25, 2013 featuring sports activities and other family events from 5-8 PM.

City Manager Isom advised that Governor Brewer's new budget includes proposed changes to the State's Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) process (also referred to as sales tax) with the intent of simplification. Intergovernmental Liaison Amber Wakeman and Finance Director Robert Nilles reported further on the ten proposed changes. They reported three of the ten changes might have a significant negative impact on the City; they are working with the AZ League of Cities and Towns to follow the legislation and protect the City's interest in these matters.

Dr. Isom also announced that Sharon Antes is currently the Acting City Clerk and that former City Clerk Edith Hoover has been hired temporarily part time to assist in the transition with the Clerk's vacancy.

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

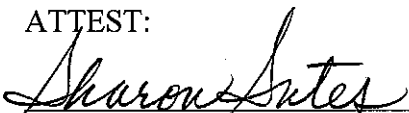
The Mayor and City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

- Councilor Shapera commented on his attendance at the Police Station groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, January 18, 2013; he was pleased and looking forward to opening of the new facility
- Councilor Delgado also attended the Police Station groundbreaking ceremony and stated the result will be a facility in which we will all be very proud.
- Vice Mayor Ramirez dittoed the groundbreaking comments. He further expressed his thanks for the temporary traffic signal at Peoria Avenue and Dysart Road.
- Councilor Palladino invited everyone interested in the Farmer's Market to attend the planning meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Senior Center.
- Councilor Selby stated that book sales for the Friends of the Library have been good at several recent events and extended an invitation to check their excellent selection.

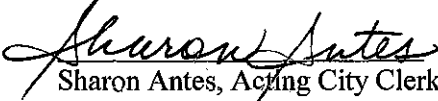
#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Sharon Antes, Acting City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Regular Council Meeting held January 22, 2013 and a quorum was present.

  
Sharon Antes, Acting City Clerk