

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Business Owner Jimmy Farley thanked the Police Dept. for quickly responding to the incident regarding the hit and run on El Mirage Road. The Police Department received a round of applause.

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 regarding the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as determined by the State of Arizona and/or the City of El Mirage. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to accept the award of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Victim Assistance Grant. (Police)
3. Consideration and action to create a Victim Assistance Coordinator position within the Police Department. (Police)
4. Consideration and action to pay for police radio upgrade. (Police)

5. Consideration and action to purchase 508 acre feet (af) of Central Arizona Project (CAP) sub-contract water and authorize \$88,392.00 for FY 2014/15 budget for this item. (Public Works Admin and Operational Services)
6. Consideration and action to approve a contract with NEC Corporation of America for the design, purchase, implementation and support of the network infrastructure and phone system at the new Police Department facility in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00; and to utilize the cooperative clause option in Tempe Contract IT11-048-01 pursuant to the City Code § 30.23. (Information Technology)
7. Consideration and action to authorize the Finance Director to make the appropriate budget transfers in FY 13-14 to account for the Dysart Road/Peoria Avenue Traffic Signal project. (Development and Community Services)
8. Consideration and action to grant a request to change the address on parcel 501-44-094B from 11238 N. 125th Avenue to 12501 W. Varney Road. (Development and Community Services)
9. Consideration and action to approve the City of El Mirage as a co-sponsor of the Electronics Recycling Event to be held in El Mirage on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Fire Station Annex by waiving the special use permit fee and allowing for public notices to be placed within the City's no-cost advertising venues, subject to the approval of the City Manager. (Administration)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 9 as presented; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to amend Section 52.18 of the City of El Mirage City Code prohibiting removal, collection or disturbance of solid waste and recyclables stored in containers not owned, leased, entitled or assigned and to declare an emergency in implementing this amendment. (Police)

Chief Steve Campbell addressed the increased services and problems with dumpster diving enforcement. Dumpster diving creates a public safety issue: possibility of ID theft, health issues, etc. This ordinance gives the police officer authority to address these issues with the public. The public will receive notification of this ordinance in the City of El Mirage Newsletter.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding making a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control on the license renewal request from the Star Mini Mart at 11817 W. Thunderbird Road, El Mirage, AZ. (Police)

Chief Steve Campbell provided a slide presentation addressing the issue of the transfer of license for Star Mini Mart owned by Cin Trin. New owner's application checks out and there are no outstanding warrants.

No comments from public.

- C. Consideration and action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control on the license renewal request from the Star Mini Mart at 11817 W. Thunderbird Road, El Mirage, AZ. (Police)

Vice Mayor Ramirez made a motion to recommend approval of this Series 10 – Beer and Wine Liquor License; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Consideration and action to approve Addendum "A" to the Northwest Valley Family YMCA lease agreement – rates and discounts. (Finance)

Finance Director Robert Nilles provided a slide show to explain the breakdown of the comparisons for the NW Valley Family YMCA and other communities in the valley. The YMCA is going to waive the joining fee of \$100 and will bill the city a one-time fee of \$75 for each resident who participates. Established rates will be in effect through 2019. Mr. Nilles stated the budgeted \$125,000 cost to the City is the projected cost for the first year and should drop substantially thereafter. The hiring, training and maintenance of the facility is the responsibility of the YMCA which is a substantial cost savings to the City to be able to provide such a facility.

Dr. Isom pointed out the YMCA is a 'not for profit' program and not a private business rather, a public facility providing excellent services. Property values typically increase when this type of facility is added to a community which provides a wide variety of programs for individuals of all ages.

Resident Jennifer Tanner came for clarification of cost, many of which were addressed in the slideshow presentation. She expressed concern that there did not appear to be a break out of the costs to the City by age. Discounts are being made available to participating citizens but all citizens are paying for the discount.

Resident Jason Tanner has a great appreciation for the YMCA but feels the City needs to look at fiscal responsibility. Current placement of the YMCA is not accessible to residential areas. She hopes there was a good cost analysis so that, in fact, El Mirage residents benefit.

Resident Tamara Lies expressed offense that all citizens, in her opinion, are being forced to pay for those residents who choose to join the YMCA. She pays for her own gym membership and does not believe she should have to pay for others.

Dr. Isom reported the bond was voted on and approved by the residents. The construction costs are less for the YMCA and Police facility because the bond money was borrowed at lower rates due to the downturn in the economy. Scenarios and studies have been done

of the West Valley are and determined the location of this facility was perfect in this area. The property was donated so there was no cost to the City for the land which is next to Gateway Park and citizens use this facility on a regular basis. He is a proponent of education and all citizens working on the behalf of each other. The Y does not turn anyone away due to race, creed or ability to pay. The City of El Mirage has worked on a regular basis to be sure to keep the public informed on all issues regarding this project. Previous costs to the city were much greater in the past, just for the employment and benefits of a minimal staff without including program costs. This council has worked diligently to keep the cost to the taxpayer at a minimum. Negotiations have been going on for some time, including with previous Councils.

A resident survey was done and it was very clearly determined that the citizens of El Mirage want recreational services for the citizens.

Councilor Shapera moved to approve Addendum "A" to the YMCA Lease Agreement; seconded by Vice Mayor Ramirez. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. 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 on the YMCA Groundbreaking on August 1st. When completed, the 26,500 square foot facility will be a full-service recreational venue with gymnasium, swimming pool, fitness studios, a teen room and child watch area. It is truly a regional project which will serve El Mirage, Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise, Youngtown, portions of Peoria and the unincorporated areas of Maricopa County. Completion is anticipated for summer of 2014.

The Community Action Program (CAP) is scheduling appointments in El Mirage for Monday, August 26th. Residents need to call the CAP hotline at (6002)372-0728 to leave contact information.

The City hired Rod Wettlin as the new Director of Court Services. Mr. Wettlin reported he is from Detroit and is military retired (22 yr.) and a product of the YMCA. He is pleased to be working in El Mirage and assist in moving the Court forward.

The Fire Department received special recognition August 1st during the Guinness International Champions Cup soccer game at the University of Phoenix Stadium. The Leary Firefighters Foundation's selection was for its role in responding to and resuscitating a two-year-old drowning victim.

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

Mayor Mook and the Council Members had no comments.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Regular Council Meeting held August 20, 2013 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk