

**WORK STUDY SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
5:00 PM – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor Bob Jones, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember Anita Norton, Councilmember Lynn Selby, Councilmember David Shapera

Excused: Councilmember Jack Palladino

II. WORK STUDY SESSION

W1. Work Study on transportation options to the El Mirage Senior Center and CDBG project options for FY 2019-20. (Grants)

Grants and Special Projects Administrator Autumn Grooms gave a PowerPoint presentation on the El Mirage Dial-A-Ride program and explained a potential partnership with the Town of Youngtown to provide a circulator bus for trips to/from the El Mirage Senior Center. She explained the current Dial-A-Ride program eligibility requirements and showed new boundary maps for Northwest Valley Connect and Valley Metro paratransit areas.

Councilmembers Shapera, Norton, and Selby all asked questions related to overall costs of the proposal, percentage of cost sharing with Youngtown, whether Youngtown was in agreement with the proposal, driver certification and liability impacts, and scheduling. Councilmember Delgado stated he believed the cost of a certified driver supervised by Northwest Valley Connect was very reasonable and a good deal for the City. Vice Mayor Jones inquired whether Youngtown had a Senior Center and was informed they do not. Mayor Mook clarified that the cost of this program was paid for from grant funding and not from the City's general fund. There was general interest in continuing negotiations with Youngtown for this proposal and Ms. Grooms will make contact and determine if Youngtown will take to their Council for consideration.

Ms. Grooms then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming CDBG FY 2019/20 round of grant applications that will be available October 17, 2018 and are due December 6, 2018; staff presentations to CDAC will be in January, 2019. Maricopa County anticipates awarding approximately \$1.7 million in CDBG funds from HUD in FY 2019/20 to achieve: 1) providing a benefit to low and moderate income persons, 2) preventing or eliminating slum and blight, and 3) meeting an urgent need that threatens health or welfare of residents. Ms. Grooms then showed the CDBG eligible area.

Ms. Grooms outlined four potential projects for Council to consider in applying for CDBG funds in FY 2019/20: 1) \$80,000 for additional upgrades to the El Mirage Senior Center; 2) \$250,000 for curb and sidewalks on the north side of Santa Fe Lane, 3) \$400,000 for additional ADA accessible sidewalks to add to the award received this year, and 4) \$350,000 for replacing 2" water lines between Palm and Alto Streets in a public utility easement area. She described each project and presented how they would meet CDAC priorities. Public Works Director Nick Russo also commented on the projects.

Councilors Shapera, Delgado and Selby commented on the projects and also mentioned another project to consider in the future (a sidewalk north of Myer Lane from Main Street to 119th Avenue for children walking to school). After further discussion and recommendation from CDAC Council representative Council Delgado, the waterline replacement project was chosen as the project to apply for in this round of grant funding.

II. ADJOURNMENT – Work Study adjourned at 5:33 pm.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
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10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 PM – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor Bob Jones, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember Anita Norton, Councilmember Lynn Selby, Councilmember David Shapera

Excused: Councilmember Jack Palladino

III. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

Introduction of new City employees – None were presented.

IV. PRESENTATION

P1. Presentation by Haidong Gumdo Master Greg Long on classes given and recent awards won by students at the Northwest Valley Family YMCA. (Administration)

YMCA Director Paul McKim introduced Master Greg Long. Mr. Long holds a black belt ranking in three martial arts, a 1st Degree Black Belt in Haidong Gumdo, and has taught at Ivy League universities and in law enforcement. He has 22 years of experience on the police force as a defensive tactics instructor and has trained riot control officers in Massachusetts.

Master Long explained that Haidong Gumdo is a Korean method of sword fighting. Participants begin learning with a foam sword then graduate to a wooden sword and finally to a dull metal sword. The discipline builds confidence, smooth continuous movement, responsibility, respect and the ability to focus. The Northwest Valley YMCA recently sent five students to the PanAm Mulimpia in Las Vegas where over 20 countries participated in the event. All El Mirage students returned with metals, including Master Long. A total of 12 metals, ranging from gold to bronze, were received. Several award winning students were present and addressed Council.

V. PROCLAMATIONS

P2. Proclamation to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October, 2018.
(Administration)

Deputy Director Intergov and PR Amber Wakeman presented the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness about the disease. This proclamation increases the awareness of the disease and unites all citizens to prevent breast cancer deaths through increased education and regular screenings.

Mayor Mook proclaimed October, 2018 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

P3. Proclamation in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month for October 2018 to promote awareness and education for victims of domestic violence. (Police)

Police Chief Paul Marzocca presented the proclamation in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month for October, 2018. Domestic violence is an epidemic affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background. Victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who leave their abusers face poverty, unemployment, homelessness and even death at the hands of abusers as a result of leaving. The El Mirage Police Department responded to 786 domestic violence calls in 2017. Stopping domestic violence requires uncompromised accountability of offenders. Enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community action and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships.

Mayor Mook proclaimed October, 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

P4. Proclamation to recognize Young Marines Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2018.
(Administration)

Ms. Wakeman presented the Desert Unit of the Young Marines who have asked cities to recognize the week of October 23-31, 2018 as Red Ribbon Week in support of the fight against illegal drugs and those that promote their use. The mission of the Young Marine program is to develop good citizenship and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Present were members of the Desert Unit of the Young Marines: YM/Gunny Sergeant Keelie McCain, YM/Sergeant Alexander Carleton, YM/Private First Class Jasmine Velasquez and Ms. Jennifer Carleton and Mr. Mark McCain Desert Unit Commander. Commander McCain commented that the Young Marines Red Ribbon Week started in 1995 to honor the death of Agent Ricky Tonorio who was captured, tortured and killed while fighting the war on drugs.

Mayor Mook proclaimed the week of October 23-31, 2018 as Young Marines Red Ribbon Week in the State of Arizona and urged all citizens to join in the education and promotion of a drug-free lifestyle.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens desiring to speak on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body 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 follow up on the matter, and/or (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

Resident and Veteran Dan Reilly stated that the US Air Force is celebrating its 71st birthday. He also noted that September is Suicide Veteran's Month and the week of September 24th is the VFW's 119th birthday, which is the oldest Veteran's group in the United States.

VII. 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 to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held Thursday, September 6, 2018. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to renew the retention of Pierce Coleman PLLC as the City's Contract Attorney for the period December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019 at an annual flat fee cost of \$225,000.

3. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Contract with Michael Baker International for the El Mirage 2020 General Plan Update in the amount of \$90,000. (Community Development)
4. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Willdan Financial Services and Pat Walker Consulting LLC (collectively the Willdan Team) to complete a water, sewer, and sanitation rate study. Willdan Rate Study Proposal (Finance)

Vice Mayor Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4 as presented; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R18-09-15 to temporarily suspend City Code §130.01 to allow alcoholic beverages to be served and consumed at specific City of El Mirage Special Events for the 2018/2019 event season. (Administration)

Ms. Wakeman introduced Special Events Coordinator Jeffrey Anderson and stated they are requesting to suspend City Code §130.01 in order serve alcohol at the special events for the 2018/2019 event season.

Mayor Mook asked how many events would liquor be served and Mr. Anderson advised there would be four events namely Fiesta de la Gente, El Mirage Salute to Veterans, El Mirage Street Fest and Cinco de Mayo.

Councilor Shapera asked if there had ever been a problem with alcohol consumption and Ms. Wakeman answered no; Mr. Anderson stated that a wrist band system is used for buying beer, the serving area is enclosed, professional bar tenders serve the alcohol, and all proper permits are obtained.

Vice Mayor Jones moved to approve Resolution R18-09-15 to temporarily suspend City Code §130.01 to allow alcoholic beverages to be served and consumed at specific City of El Mirage Special Events for the 2018/2019 event season; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

- B. Consideration and action to award a contract to Hunter Contracting using City of Peoria JOC No. ACON23114 for the purpose of constructing a 12-inch water main along Dysart Road in an amount of \$1,468,213 including a 10% contingency and to authorize the Finance Department to make necessary budget transfers. (Community Development)

Assistant City Engineer Bryce Christo presented the Dysart Road Water Main Improvements Project (EM18-W02). He provided background information regarding a partnership with John F. Long Properties (JFL) in an effort to support economic development south of Peoria Avenue.

Mr. Bryce explained this proposed project will consist of approximately 6,200 linear feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main and related appurtenances from Dysart High School to the Joe R. Ramirez Road alignment. All connections to existing services, hydrants and other mains will be re-established. Using a City of Peoria Job Order Contract (JOC), the City selected Hunter Contracting to provide construction services. The total cost of these improvements is \$1,334,739 with an additional \$133,474 in contingency for a total of \$1,468,213. The City's contribution will be \$587,285. The City is also requesting to enter into an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with JFL that outlines the funding requirements and general provisions of the partnership for this Phase. He also detailed the necessary budget transfers related to this proposed project which Finance would handle if approved.

Councilor Shapera asked why an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement was necessary and Mr. Christo explained it is an agreement with JFL that states the City will obtain the designer and manage the project and JFL will pay 60% for this specific project.

Councilor Delgado asked how many bids were received and Mr. Christo reported bids were not obtained for this project because it is a JOC; timing was an issue and the process is allowed. Councilor Delgado asked for the anticipated start and end date for the project and was advised the plan is to begin the first week of October and complete by the end of this year.

Councilor Selby asked if stub-outs to the various parcels would be included and Mr. Christo reported the project only involves lots along the Ranchettes so anyone with an existing service will be replaced with a copper line and vacant residential lots will get a 1" service line.

Vice Mayor Jones moved to award a contract to Hunter Contracting using City of Peoria JOC No. ACON23114 for the purpose of constructing a 12-inch water main along Dysart Road in an amount of \$1,468,213 including a 10% contingency and to authorize the Finance Department to make necessary budget transfers; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS & 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.

Public Works Director Nick Russo presented information regarding the Fall 2018 street projects; he identified specific streets scheduled and noted there would be emphasis on the "A" Street reconstruction which will be a full reconstruction with 4" pavement and 8" base. Disruptions will be intermittent throughout the project and the contractor will work with residents to maintain access. The projects are projected to be underway from mid-October through mid-November.

Mayor Mook asked if the project included sidewalks, curbs, and gutters and Mr. Russo confirmed that it does.

Councilor Delgado asked if the current rolling sidewalks would be maintained and Mr. Russo confirmed that they would be.

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.

Mayor Mook read a statement regarding Redflex and stated she had recently consulted with Police Chief Marzocca and asked him to provide a complete evaluation of the Redflex program from a statistical and police viewpoint and evaluating the need and placement of cameras in the City. She also noted that she has spoken with multiple franchises, independent business owners and developers with a consistent response that they have difficulty in justifying the expense of development (especially retail such as restaurants, major chain stores, and motels) in El Mirage when Surprise is so near and easily accessible for El Mirage residents; it is simply not economically feasible rather than they won't develop because of the photo enforcement cameras. She will be scheduling a workshop to go over all the pros and cons of the Redflex issue in the near future. City Manager Dyches recommended the second meeting in October prior to the regular Council meeting.

Councilor Shapera reported there was a Public Safety Sub-Committee meeting where there was discussion regarding speeding and speed bumps and humps. The Police Department is going to find the data for recent complaints received and locations will determine where there will be target enforcement. The matter will be reviewed again in eight months.

Councilor Norton reported on the El Mirage Cares forums. The first forum was held last June regarding drugs and a second forum is tentatively planned for October 23rd to combine this month's Suicide Prevention Month and next month's Domestic Violence Awareness month. The two focuses will be combined and addressed together. Speakers have been lined up to address these issues. Information will be forthcoming at the next meeting and notifications will be through fliers in the water bills, advertising on the electronic billboards, and social media. Councilor Norton commented that these are serious issues that need to be addressed. She noted that one of the speakers from Teen Lifeline said suicide is preventable, awareness is vital, and this is a community effort.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.



Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



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 Tuesday, September 18, 2018 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk