

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 PM – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Bob Jones, Councilmember Roy Delgado,
Councilmember Anita Norton, Councilmember Jack Palladino (via phone),
Councilmember Lynn Selby, Councilmember, Councilmember David Shapera
Absent: Mayor Lana Mook

2. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was convened at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

Introduction of new City employees - Public Works Director Nick Russo presented Derrek Castineda, the City's new Environmental Compliance Coordinator.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jim Miller, from John F. Long Properties, thanked Councilmembers and Mayor Mook for building the new Police Station, the YMCA and the new City Hall over the past eight years. He congratulated Mayor Mook, Vice Mayor Bob Jones, and Councilor Jack Palladino for their service to the community and stated he is looking forward to working with the new Council. Vice Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Miller for all that the John F. Long Foundation has done for El Mirage.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, October 16, 2018 (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R.S. §41-151-9. (Fire)

3. Consideration and action to renew the Maricopa County Community College (MCCC) District Agreement for a supervised EMT/Paramedic preceptorship program through partnership with the City of El Mirage Fire Department. (Fire)
4. Consideration and action to renew the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management IGA to provide contractual agreements, guidance and rate structure for reimbursement for emergency response personnel and resources that are dispatched to or from the City of El Mirage if need were to arise. (Fire)
5. Consideration and action to approve addendum #5 and proposed membership rates for the agreement between the Northwest Valley Family YMCA (YMCA) and the City of El Mirage. (Public Works)
6. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R18-11-19, declaring and adopting the results of the General Election held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. (City Clerk)

Councilor Delgado moved to approve items 1-5 on the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilor Norton. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

Councilor Delgado moved to remove Item 6 to the Regular Agenda Item 1A; seconded by Councilor Norton. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

7. REGULAR AGENDA

1A. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R18-11-19, declaring and adopting the results of the General Election held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. (City Clerk)

Councilor Delgado congratulated all who ran for public office for the City of El Mirage and reminded all new incoming Councilmembers to always keep the City in mind when making policy decisions.

Vice Mayor Jones stated he was pleased with the excellent voter turnout.

Councilor Delgado moved to approve Regular Agenda Item 1A; seconded by Councilor Norton. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

1. Consideration and action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Youngtown for El Mirage Senior Center transportation for FY 18-19. (Administration)

Grants and Special Programs Administrator Autumn Grooms presented this item explaining that it is the IGA that will provide transportation from the Town of Youngtown to the El Mirage Senior Center. The cost will be \$2.00 each way and lottery funds will be used to pay El Mirage's portion.

Councilor Delgado moved to approve an IGA with the Town of Youngtown for El Mirage Senior Center transportation for FY 18-19; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

2. Consideration and action to update the Northwest Valley Connect (NVC) contract to include van service to the El Mirage Senior Center and make identified administrative adjustments. (Administration)

Grants and Special Programs Administrator Autumn Grooms presented this item which is an update to the NWV Connect contract to include the Youngtown transportation shuttle and make identified administrative adjustments to the contract.

Councilor Delgado moved to update the Northwest Valley Connect (NVC) contract to include van service to the El Mirage Senior Center and make identified administrative adjustments; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

3. Consideration and action to reject all bids received for the City of Surprise Original Town Site Water Main Replacement Project (Project No. EM18-W01). (Community Development)

Assistant City Engineer Bryce Christo presented this item noting that on October 25th a bid opening was held with four bids received. All bids were in excess of the Engineer's estimate and therefore staff is requesting all bids be rejected and the project scope be adjusted and put back out to bid.

Councilor Shapera asked why the bids were so high and Mr. Christo responded that costs of materials are rising; the sizing of the pipe will not be reduced, but rather the quantity and project scope will be reduced.

Councilor Delgado moved to reject all bids received for the City of Surprise Original Town Site Water Main Replacement Project (Project No EM18-W01); seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

4. Consideration and action to approve the Senior Center Congregate Meal Program Service Agreement with Banner Olive Branch Senior Center in amount not to exceed \$25,000 for FY 18/19. (Administration)

Deputy Director-Intergovernmental & PR Amber Wakeman reported that the City previously contracted with an organization to provide meals to the Senior Center and budgeted \$32,000 a year. After a poll of the seniors revealed poor food quality and inadequate portions, the City requested quotes from three food service providers. The following quotes were received:

Banner Olive Branch	Banner Health – Sun City Meals On Wheels	Benevilla – Birt’s Bistro
\$6.75 Per Meal	\$8.50 Per Meal	\$11.06 Per Meal
City Picks Up	City Picks Up	City Picks Up

From the three quotes received, Banner Olive Branch was the most qualified and cost effective providing good, nutritious food with generous portions. Banner Olive Branch currently provides meals to the City of Surprise Senior Center and follows the guidelines of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council. They also were recently awarded an A+ from the CBS 5 News Dean’s List for the week of September 24, 2018. Staff drafted a one-year agreement with 4 one-year extensions for Council consideration and approval.

Councilor Shapera asked if guests from Youngtown were considered and Ms. Wakeman stated two Youngtown residents currently come to the El Mirage Senior Center for lunch and hopefully more with the approved transportation service.

Councilor Delgado asked when meals are served and Senior Administrative Assistant Ruby Arvizu reported they are served at 11:00 am. Orders for lunches must be received by noon of the previous day. The age requirement is 55 and over.

Vice Mayor Jones asked how the food is delivered/received and Ms. Arvizu stated the City picks up the food and they are packaged in insulated bags to remain hot.

Councilor Delgado asked for the phone number to call to order a lunch and Ms. Arvizu responded by giving the phone number of 623-876-4232.

Councilor Norton asked what happens if someone paid but cannot eat or if someone did not pay but wants to eat and Ms. Arvizu explained they always have food on hand just for such emergencies. She then explained their donated commodities program.

Vice Mayor Jones asked what happens if someone orders a meal but is unable to attend the next day when delivered and Ms. Arvizu stated they are saved for the individual for later (as much as possible).

Ms. Wakeman also reported that the Senior Center Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018 and invited all Council to attend.

Councilor Delgado moved to approve the Senior Center Congregate Meal Program Service Agreement with Banner Olive Branch Senior Center in amount not to exceed \$25,000 for FY 18/19; seconded by Councilor Norton. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

5. Consideration and action to procure the consultant services of James Vincent Group for completion of a Certificate of Necessity Feasibility Study, waiving the competitive bid process, and authorizing a transfer from Council Contingency. (Fire)

Fire Chief Christopher DeChant reported this item is a follow up from Council direction provided at last Thursday's workshop.

Councilor Delgado asked if this is going to be a \$30,000 or \$60,000 transfer. Chief DeChant reported this approval is for the first phase of consulting only at \$29,000 for the initial study. When the study is done, the consultant will present Council with the findings of the study and whether an application might be warranted which would be the additional estimated \$30,000 as was discussed.

Councilor Norton asked if the proposed group is the same as discussed at the workshop and Chief DeChant confirmed that it was.

Councilor Delgado moved to approve the procurement of consultant services of James Vincent Group for completion of a Certificate of Necessity Feasibility Study, waiving the competitive bid process, and authorizing a transfer from Council Contingency; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

6. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R18-11-18 amending Title II, Chapter 73 of the Code of the City of El Mirage by adding Section §73.03 relating to the use of mobile communication devices. (Councilmembers Shapera and Delgado)

Councilor Shapera presented this agenda stating the purpose is to make El Mirage a safer city for both drivers and pedestrians. The code language is very similar to what was recently passed in the City of Surprise. He commented it is proven that texting and driving is dangerous but allows for hands free technologies.

Vice Mayor Jones asked if the Police and Fire Chiefs had reviewed the proposed language since a few years back this matter was discussed and the Police Chief

expressed concern because of their use of mobile devices; he questioned whether a study was required. Councilor Shapera said a study was not required since Police had input and the language of the code change specifically excludes Police and Fire to allow them to function in their official capacity.

Councilor Norton stated the City of Surprise ordinance has a period of time before the law takes effect and Councilor Shapera stated this ordinance also has a mandatory 30 day waiting period before becoming effective. Information will be made available to residents in order to provide advance notice of the new law.

Councilor Delgado moved to approve Resolution R18-11-18 amending Title II, Chapter 73 of the Code of the City of El Mirage by adding Section §73.03 relating to the use of mobile communication devices; seconded by Councilor Shapera. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

7. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance O18-11-14 amending Title II, Chapter 73 of the Code of the City of El Mirage by adding Section §73.03 relating to the use of mobile communication devices. (Councilmembers Shapera and Delgado)

City Clerk Sharon Antes reported this is relative to the approved Resolution above and state law allows the City to publish only the one page Ordinance making reference to the detailed Resolution.

Councilor Shapera moved to approve Ordinance O18-11-14 amending Title II, Chapter 73 of the Code of the City of El Mirage by adding Section §73.03 relating to the use of mobile communication devices; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).

8. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS & SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

City Manager Crystal Dyches stated the Northwest Valley Family YMCA YTD, Third Quarter Operating Statement was handed out to each Councilmember.

Ms. Dyches wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and noted City facilities will be closed November 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENT and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilor Delgado stated the new sign board located at El Mirage and Thunderbird Roads looks very nice and would like to see it used to advertise Senior Center meals.

Councilor Shapera commented he would like to see standard messages regarding holiday drunk drivers, etc. on the electronic sign boards during the holiday season. He also stated he would like to see an education campaign with signs placed throughout the community, and notices on the electronic message boards and through social media during the 30-day waiting period on the new distracted driver law just passed at this meeting.

Councilor Norton stated the October "El Mirage Cares" event focused on suicide and domestic violence was successful and reported that one significant outcome from the event is that Dysart Unified School District has agreed to host teen presentations in the schools.

Councilor Selby reported that during the last two days of the State Fair the Government Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) brings in various safety agencies to meet with the public; this year 56 agencies participated. The El Mirage Explorers Group was represented and he attended with Operation Lifesavers.

Vice Mayor Jones stated he will be in California for the December 4, 2018 meeting and expressed his thanks to Council, citizens and top notch employees for all that he experienced as a Council member during the past four years.

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.




Robert (Bob) Jones, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the El Mirage City Council Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 and a quorum was present.


Sharon Antes, City Clerk