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WORK 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, APRIL 19, 2022

Minutes

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo; Councilmember Roy Delgado; Vice Mayor Monica Dorcey; Councilmember Anita Norton; Commissioner Mike Hutchinson (via phone); Councilmember David Shapera; Councilmember Donna Winston

2. **CALL TO ORDER - MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM**

3. **WORK SESSION PRESENTATION**

1. Presentation on Foreign Trade Zone magnet sites. (Economic Development)

Economic Development Manager Tom Doyle introduced Curtis Spencer, President of IMS Worldwide, Inc. who gave a PowerPoint presentation on Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) and the distinction between magnet sites and user driven sites. **Vice-Mayor Dorcey** asked what the cost of this program would be to El Mirage and Mr. Spencer stated there is no cost. **Councilmember Shapera** stated this kind of partnership is important for planning the future for residents. **Councilmember Norton** stated the savings from this program are good incentive to participate and Mr. Spencer stated Macy's eventually offered a discount on their products due to the savings from participating in this program. **Councilmember Shapera** stated the BNSF railroad has done a lot for El Mirage by opening the city up to more companies utilizing the railroad. **Councilmember Winston** asked how this program would help smaller organizations and Mr. Spencer stated smaller organizations are able to take advantage of the larger operators benefits by amalgamating them into a common operatorship. **Mayor Hermosillo** asked Mr. Spencer to elaborate on tax reclassifications, and he explained the benefits of reclassification.

4. **ADJOURNMENT - MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:30 PM.**

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the El Mirage City Council Work Session held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and a quorum was present.


Sharon Antes, City Clerk