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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, AUGUST 23, 2022

## Minutes

### 1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo; Councilmember Roy Delgado; Vice Mayor Monica Dorcey; Councilmember Anita Norton; Councilmember David Shapera; Councilmember Donna Winston

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

### 3. WORK SESSION PRESENTATION

#### 1. General Obligation Bond Presentation and Discussion.

City Manager Crystal Dyches presented information on the General Bond options available. The projects discussed were the Court Facility construction, Fire Station construction, Police Station expansion and Gentry Park improvements. Ms. Dyches also provided information on the tax impact on homeowners if the projects in the bond were approved. City Clerk Sharon Antes provided information on the timeline involved to have this added to the November 2023 election. **Councilmember Shapera** stated the police expansion is necessary as the City grows and the number of Police staff grows. **Vice Mayor Dorcey** stated she agreed with **Councilmember Shapera** regarding the need for expansion of these facilities. **Vice Mayor Dorcey** asked if it were possible to add a second floor to the current police facility and City Engineer Jorge Gastelum stated it was not possible, but there is space available to expand the first floor. **Councilmember Norton** stated now is not necessarily the time to ask taxpayers to be burdened with these costs. **Councilmember Norton** stated the Court project should be evaluated more before being brought to the voters. **Councilmember Delgado** stated he sees these projects in a different light and that the City needs these new facilities as the City grows. **Councilmember Winston** stated the new facilities are needed now and the need to plan for the future is also now. **Councilmember Winston** stated public safety needs expansion in the City and voters should be given the opportunity to decide what moves forward. **Mayor Hermosillo** stated she is in favor of the facilities being built based on the tremendous growth taking place in the City. **Councilmember Shapera** stated he does not vote in favor of spending money unless it is good for the community and the \$22.00 per month increase does not take into account the industrial building taking place in the City and that those buildings will help pay for these new City facilities. Ms. Dyches explained the options available regarding what to put on the ballot for voters to decide. **Mayor Hermosillo** stated she is in favor of separate questions on the ballot to achieve more buy-in from residents. **Councilmember Delgado** stated he is in favor of separate questions on the ballot. **Vice Mayor Dorcey** stated she is in favor of one question on the ballot which would include all facilities. **Councilmember Shapera** stated bundling questions does not always work but will agree with whatever decision Council determines. Ms. Dyches asked what kind of community engagement Council feels is appropriate to educate the

residents on this topic and **Councilmember Shapera** stated staff should educate in as many ways as possible in order to achieve voter approval. **Vice Mayor Dorcey** stated a committee can be formed at a later date to plan on ways of communicating the information to the voters.

4. **ADJOURNMENT - MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50 PM.**

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Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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, August 23, 2022, and a quorum was present.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk