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**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 -WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

**Minutes**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo; Vice Mayor David Shapera; Councilmember Monica Dorcey;  
Councilmember Bob Jones; Councilmember Anita Norton

Absent: Councilmember Roy Delgado (Excused); Councilmember Donna Winston (Excused)

**2. CALL TO ORDER - MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence

Introduction of new City employees

Deputy City Manager Robert Nilles introduced the new Parks and Recreation Department Director, Sean VonRoenn.

**3. 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 Susanne Hutchinson stated she is concerned about her neighborhood because it does not have a homeowner's association, and she believes the area is deteriorating. Ms. Hutchinson stated she is looking for a way to better care for their community and the police need assistance as well. Ms. Hutchinson asked to speak with someone from the city to discuss it further.

Resident Steve Gilliam stated he would like to know who made a sign at Surprise Elementary School stating it is a City Park when the principal does not want individuals on the property during weekends or at night. He also stated he is concerned about the homeless people living in the wash south of the church on Dysart Road. Mr. Gilliam then stated he assisted an elderly woman in his neighborhood who had been evicted at 9:00 pm and left on the sidewalk in front of the home. He was able to reach a crisis center for the woman who was taken to a safe place but asked that police coordinate with the sheriff on evictions to avoid this situation from happening again.

4. **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 Tuesday, December 5, 2023. (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 -15I.19. (City Clerk)
3. Consideration and action to request Arizona Lottery Funds (ALF) from Valley Metro in an estimated amount of \$90,694 for local and regional dial-a-ride services with Northwest Valley Connect, Valley Metro and/or another provider for FY2024 and authorize the Finance Director to transfer funds and make necessary changes. (Grants/Community Services)
4. Consideration and action to waive formal purchase requirements pursuant to El Mirage City Code 30.23 PURCHASING AUTHORITY section (B) (3) and authorize the purchase under the Tohono O'odham Grant, one upfitted 2023 F150 Police Responder Truck for K9 Officer, from Peoria Ford at the cost of \$80,012.77 (Police).
5. Consideration and action to approve a CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENT with Banner Health, an Arizona nonprofit corporation (d/b/a/ Banner Olive Branch Senior Center) in an amount not to exceed \$67,500. (Finance)

Vice Mayor Shapera moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Dorcey.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

5. **REGULAR AGENDA**

**No items for discussion.**

6. **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.

Deputy City Manager Robert Nilles stated staff are working with the vendors for the digital signs that are having issues. Mr. Nilles also stated there will be a free spay and neuter clinic in El Mirage on January 23rd.

7. **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.

Councilmember Dorcey thanked staff for the hard work at the Winterfest festival. Councilmember Norton stated January is Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Month and there will be a

proclamation on the next Council agenda. Mayor Hermosillo stated the Winterfest parade was amazing and she thanked staff for all of their hard work.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. Consideration and action to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.1. for the annual review of the Court Judge contract and performance evaluation. (Council)

Vice Mayor Shapera moved to adjourn into Executive Session; seconded by Councilmember Dorcey.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

9. **ADJOURNMENT - MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 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 Regular El Mirage City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, January 3, 2023, and a quorum was present.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk