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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 -TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024**

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Bob Jones (Excused)

2. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Introduction of new City employees

Police Chief Paul Marzocca introduced Police Chaplains Jose Valenzuela and Tyler Trusley.

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 Steve Gilliam asked anyone with questions regarding public officials to submit a public records request instead of believing gossip. Mr. Gilliam also discussed a 988 phone number residents can call for assistance and stated the Dysart School District will be having a bond election in the future.

Resident Ryan Eldridge asked Council to hold on the rate increase until residents can be educated on the reasons for the increases. Mr. Eldridge stated there are still issues with water meters not providing accurate readings for water usage and this should be corrected before rates are increased.

Resident Scottie Gentry stated she is still trying to get clarity on the posting of audio from Council meetings on the website. Ms. Gentry asked why the recordings need to be paid for now when they were previously free. Ms. Gentry stated the audio and transcripts should be on the website for residents to access for free.

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 Wednesday, February 21, 2024. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the addition of five Body Worn Cameras (BWC) to the current five-year purchase agreement from Axon Enterprises Unlimited 7+Plan BWC Bundle for an additional cost of \$7,058.89 for the first year and a total cost of \$29,975.38 (Police).
3. Consideration and action to approve a contract with M.R. Tanner for FY24 pavement maintenance work for an amount of \$479,070 and authorize finance to make any necessary transfers. (Public Works)

Vie Mayor Shapera moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1-3 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Dorcey.

Vote: 6 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

5. REGULAR AGENDA

1. A public hearing, closure of public hearing followed by a discussion and action on a conditional use permit and site plan for an industrial use for a gas and oil refinery located at 12126 W Olive Ave, El Mirage Az 85335 submitted by Fuel Processing Operators, LLC. (Development Services - Planning and Zoning)

This item was tabled for a future agenda at the request of the applicant.

2. Consideration and action to adopt a notice of intent to change certain fees, which could include adding, deleting, increasing or decreasing fees, not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice pursuant to A.R.S. Section § 9-499.15. (Administration)

Budget and Program Manager Macy Walker provided background information on the notice of intent to change fees. **Councilmember Norton** expressed concern for the fee regarding audio recordings and stated staff should make those recordings available to residents without a fee. **Councilmember Norton** then asked why the fees for Development Services had been deleted. **Vice Mayor Shapera** asked the City attorney if discussion on these items is appropriate at this time when the item is only a notice of intent to change fees and Attorney Justin Pierce stated there will be a future meeting where the discussion would be had in detail about all the changes. **Councilmember Dorcey** stated it is not appropriate to discuss the changes now when this is only a notice of intent.

Vice Mayor Shapera moved to adopt a notice of intent to change certain fees, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Dorcey.

Vote: 6 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

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.

City Manager Crystal Dyches introduced City Clerk Sharon Antes, who provided important information on the current and upcoming elections.

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.

Vice Mayor Shapera stated he enjoyed reading to the students at Thompson Ranch Elementary school and encouraged the students to get library cards. **Councilmember Delgado** stated there will not be a CDAC meeting this month. **Councilmember Norton** stated El Mirage Cares is hosting a teen dating violence discussion on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm at the El Mirage Library. **Councilmember Winston** stated she enjoyed reading to a kindergarten class and discussed service animals with the children. **Councilmember Norton** added that she read to students at all four of the local elementary schools. **Councilmember Dorcey** stated she also enjoyed reading to students at two elementary schools. **Mayor Hermosillo** stated the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) asked her to represent El Mirage at a semiconductor delegation from Japan. **Mayor Hermosillo** also stated she enjoyed reading to students.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Consideration and action to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.5. pertaining to discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body. (Administration)

Vice Mayor Shapera moved to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to State law to discuss or consult on negotiations with employee organizations, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Dorcey.

Vote: 6 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and a quorum was present.


Sharon Antes, City Clerk