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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, JANUARY 7, 2025**

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo; Vice Mayor Monica Dorcey; Councilmember Ryan Eldridge; Councilmember Scottie Gentry; Councilmember Anita Norton; Councilmember Jacque Parsons; Councilmember Donna Winston

2. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION PRESENTATION

1. Council discussion to provide staff direction on the following items:

1. City Facilities - Hours of Operation and Holiday closure (tabled on 12/5/2024)

Council discussed both hours of operation and holiday closure relative to overall employee cost between 5 days/8 hours per week vs. 4 days/10 hours per week and 30 hours between the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The City Manager is to review alternative employee incentives with a direction to return to 5 days/8 hours and eliminate the holiday break and office closure and bring back a proposal to Council.

2. Speed Cushion Policy (tabled on 11/13/2024)

Assistant City Engineer Bryce Christo gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining proposed changes to the Speed Cushion Installation Program with discussion centered on speed comparisons, traffic volumes, emergency and transit routes, and neighborhood approval requirements. Council consensus was that speed percentiles need to reflect the makeup of El Mirage more than other city comparisons, signature requirements should not consider no response as a no vote, and HOA approval should not be required. It was noted that speed cushions are effective and are needed but Council wanted more consideration to the above concerns.

3. El Mirage Cares Program (tabled on 12/5/2024)

Discussion centered on cost of programs, particularly staff time involved, whether at PD or under Council/Admin. Council members who participated in the recent Domestic Violence Walk believed that community support was abundant and that volunteer community involvement would help reduce costs. The City Manager will bring back to Council an informal Task Force plan to move forward with continuation of the programs.

4. City Council Chambers Technology/Audio Visual

Discussion on this item was postponed because I.T. Director Tom Bacome was out sick and unavailable to make the presentation.

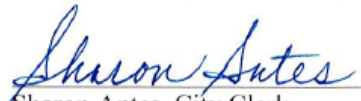
4. ADJOURNMENT - the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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, January 7, 2025 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk