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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD  
6:00 PM -TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025**

## Minutes

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo; Vice Mayor Jacquelyn Parsons; Councilmember Monica Dorcey; Councilmember Ryan Eldridge; Councilmember Donna Winston (phone)

Absent: Councilmember Scottie Gentry (excused); Councilmember Anita Norton (excused)

### **2. CALL TO ORDER** - meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence

### **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.

Philip Bynum, resident, defined civil service and stated that elected officials are elected to exhibit this type of leadership for the good of the citizens. He stated that continuing the renovations to City Hall after citizens rejected it is ridiculous. Mr. Bynum stated there were no grounds for the action on October 7th.

Steve Gilliam, resident, stated a resident expressed concern at a previous council meeting about the entrance to the emergency room for individuals traveling north on El Mirage Road. He stated they would have to make a U-Turn at Cactus Road, and if someone was injured, the city would get sued. He stated there should be a 20-foot space to let people in and out of the entrance. Mr. Gilliam also stated surplus funds need to go to the Public Works Department to clean up the washes that are filled with debris and are currently unusable.

Aaron Flannery, resident, stated that on October 7th, the Council embarrassed themselves and El Mirage. He stated that an employee was used as a pawn, that censures are political, and human resources should be used for employee disputes. He stated the rank of the chamber is that the Council is in charge of the City Manager, and the Council works for the citizens. Mr. Flannery stated the Consent Agenda is filled again with spending items that need to be discussed openly and thanked the Council for the 5:00 p.m. Work Session meeting and open discussion. He stated the tax rate is increasing, and there should be more money given back to the residents.

Jim McPhetres, resident, concurred with Mr. Falannery's comments and the need to move forward. He stated the Work Session was very informative, and he was glad to see the Council take some of the ideas suggested by residents. He stated the amount of money proposed for renovations is absurd and asked the Council to mind the budget. Mr. McPhetres stated there was a shooting at Sundial Park, and it is very dangerous. He stated the sprinkler systems are broken, and there are holes in the ground, and someone could get hurt. In addition, the river wash is overgrown with trees, and there are people living in them. He stated that money needs to go to take care of the inner city parks.

#### 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 authorize the City Manager to sign a one-year contract with BizConnectPro to provide business licensing services for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. (Administration)
2. Consideration and action to approve a purchase of goods and services from Empire Pump Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$244,365 for the rehabilitation of well site equipment as part of Capital Improvement Project 62065 and authorize the finance department to make any necessary transfers. (Public Works)
3. Consideration and action to approve a final plat to accept and record public right-of-way, utility, and access easements for El Mirage RV and Boat Storage on a 10.3-acre property located at the southeast corner of El Mirage Road and Cactus Road, submitted by Nimble Consulting, LLC. (Development Services)
4. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of three 2026 Police Ford Explorers through the vehicle replacement program at a total cost not to exceed \$249,000 (\$243,427.71 plus \$5,572.29 contingency) from Peoria Ford under AZ State Contract CTR059322 (Police).

***At Councilmember Eldridge's request, this item was pulled from Consent for consideration and action on the Regular Agenda as 5.1.a. Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey, to approve the purchase of three 2026 Police Ford Explorers through the vehicle replacement program, as presented. Motion passed (5/0).***

5. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of two 2025 Toyota Camry dual-purpose vehicles through the vehicle replacement program at a total cost not to exceed \$68,000 (\$65,732.96 plus \$2,267.04 contingency) from Larry H. Miller Toyota under AZ State Contract CTR070729. (Police).

***At Councilmember Eldridge's request, this item was pulled from Consent for consideration and action on the Regular Agenda as 5.1.b. Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey to approve the purchase of two 2025 Toyota Camry dual-purpose vehicles through the vehicle replacement program, as presented. Motion passed (5/0).***

6. Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

***At City Clerk Jill Boltz's request, this item was pulled from Consent for consideration and action on the Regular Agenda as 5.1.c.  
Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey, to approve the minutes as amended.  
Motion passed (5/0).***

***Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey, to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3.  
Motion passed (5/0).***

## 5. REGULAR AGENDA

**Consent Agenda Item 4.4 was pulled and discussed as Regular Agenda Item 5.1.a.**

Consideration and action to approve the purchase of three 2026 Police Ford Explorers through the vehicle replacement program at a total cost not to exceed \$249,000 (\$243,427.71 plus \$5,572.29 contingency) from Peoria Ford under AZ State Contract CTR059322 (Police).

Mayor Hermosillo stated this item was pulled by Councilmember Eldridge. Councilmember Eldridge asked what vehicles were being replaced, the maintenance cost for those vehicles, and the mileage. What is the plan for the vehicles that are no longer being used, and how long will it take for the auction process? Lieutenant Takashige stated there are three vehicles that need replacement. These vehicles have high miles, idle hours, and total mileage, with high vehicle maintenance and repair costs over the last three years. Lt. Takashige stated the city has a procedure in place where vehicles would be sent off to an auction house once all sensitive and emergency equipment has been removed. The process of auctioning off vehicles can be prolonged to get paperwork in place and remove equipment.

***Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey, to approve the purchase of three 2026 Police Ford Explorers through the vehicle replacement program, as presented.  
Motion passed (5/0).***

**Consent Agenda Item 4.5 was pulled and discussed as Regular Agenda Item 5.1.b.**

Consideration and action to approve the purchase of two 2025 Toyota Camry dual-purpose vehicles through the vehicle replacement program at a total cost not to exceed \$68,000 (\$65,732.96 plus \$2,267.04 contingency) from Larry H Miller Toyota under AZ State Contract CTR070729. (Police).

Mayor Hermosillo stated this item was pulled by Councilmember Eldridge. Councilmember Eldridge asked what these two vehicles would be used for. Will these vehicles be replaced, and is there an estimate on how many miles these vehicles would be driven per year? Lt. Takashige stated these vehicles would be unmarked, dual-purpose vehicles that would be utilized by administrative staff and for covert, non-enforcement needs. He stated they would be equipped with emergency vehicle lights and sirens so that they could be used in a covert surveillance-type operation in and around the city and would serve a multitude of operations. He stated the previous vehicles had almost 190,000 miles on they would not be driven as often as regular patrol vehicles.

***Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey to approve the purchase of two 2025 Toyota Camry dual-purpose vehicles through the vehicle replacement program, as presented.  
Motion passed (5/0).***

**Consent Agenda Item 4.6 was pulled and discussed as Regular Agenda Item 5.1.c.**

Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council

Meeting held Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Jill Boltz, City Clerk, stated this item was pulled by her due to a comment that was received from Councilmember Norton-McDaniel due to a minor clarification on page 16. She stated the edits were made and a copy provided to the councilmembers.

***Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey, to approve the minutes as amended.  
Motion passed (5/0).***

1. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to implement a Utility Payment Deferral Plan for those military and federal employees impacted by the Federal Government shutdown. (Mayor/Council)

Vice Mayor Parsons stated this item is to defer city water payments for federal and military employees impacted by the shutdown until the government is back up and running. Impacted residents would have 60 days to pay the deferment that was provided to them once the government reopens.

Council discussion included residents needing to provide federal employment identification as well as, Arizona Public Service could possibly be providing some type of deferment during the federal government shutdown.

***Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey, to authorize the City Manager to implement a temporary utility payment deferral program effective immediately and to remain in effect until 60 days following the opening of the Federal Government.  
Motion passed (5/0).***

2. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance O25-10-09 setting forth and fixing dates, times, and location of the 2026 City Council Meetings. (Council)

Ms. Boltz presented an Ordinance setting forth and fixing the dates and times and the location of the 2026 City Council meetings.

***Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey, to approve Ordinance O25-10-09 setting forth and fixing the dates, times, and location of the 2026 City Council Meetings, as presented.  
Motion passed (5/0).***

3. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Shade N' Net to install six shade structures at park and recreation locations for a cost of \$312,326.61 plus a contingency of \$30,000, and authorize the Finance Department to make any necessary transfers. (Parks and Recreation)

Sean VonRoenn, Parks and Recreation Director, provided background on the shade structures proposals. This project contains three budgeted items for six shade structures, four at pocket park locations throughout the community, one at Gateway Park Splash Pad, and one replacement shade structure at the YMCA. In the 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Survey, respondents ranked shade areas as the highest demand/interest for park amenities. Mr. VonRoenn stated shade extends the useful life and desirability of playground and splashpad features.

Council discussion included the lifespan of shade structures, how quickly the structures will be put in place, and warranty on the new structures. Mr. VonRoenn stated that shade structures will need to be repaired from time to time. The hope is to have the structures in place before next summer and there is a 15-year warranty on the fabric and 20-year warranty on the steel.

***Vice Mayor Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorcey to approve the contract with Shade N' Net, as presented. Motion passed (5/0).***

**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 comments or questions.

Crystal Dyches, City Manager, introduced Kari Sliva, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, who gave a presentation on the Mass Notification System.

**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.

Mayor Hermosillo stated this week marks the 24th Annual Arizona Cities and Towns Week and acknowledged the contributions from employees, volunteers, and colleagues who help make El Mirage a welcoming place to work, live and play. She stated she signed an official proclamation recognizing Arizona Cities and Towns Week. Mayor Hermosillo announced that there are less than 30 days to submit parade entry applications for the Winter Fest Parade.

Councilmember Dorcey stated that she has worked through the Council Code of Conduct process with the Mayor. She publicly apologized for using offensive language in the last meeting and assured that it would not happen again. She also stated that she wanted to congratulate the staff who worked on the 5th Avenue Sewer Project, which is now complete.

Councilmember Eldridge thanked Regan for a great job with the Domestic Violence Walk, which was a success. He also mentioned the Trick or Trunk event at the YMCA on the 27th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. He stated on Saturday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, the Vice Mayor, Mayor and himself would be hosting a small business luncheon at the library.

Councilmember Winston thanked Regan and the team for doing a wonderful job with the Domestic Violence Walk. She reminded everyone of the Fall Festival this Friday at 5:00 pm.

**8. ADJOURNMENT - meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.**

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Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jill A. Boltz, 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, October 21, 2025, and a quorum was present.

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Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk

