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**WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF EL MIRAGE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
5:00 PM -TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025**

Minutes

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Alexis Hermsillo; Vice Mayor Jacquelyn Parsons; Councilmember Monica Dorsey; Councilmember Ryan Eldridge; Councilmember Scottie Gentry (excused); Councilmember Anita Norton (excused); Councilmember Donna Winston (via phone)

2. **CALL TO ORDER - meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.**

3. **WORK SESSION PRESENTATION**

1. Work Session to discuss potential renovations to the City Hall Building.

Bryce Cristo, Assistant City Engineer, gave a presentation on City Hall and Council Chambers renovations. Mr. Cristo stated that due to limited space within the existing City Hall building, the City hired an architect to identify areas for renovation to create additional offices, workspaces, and meeting spaces for the next five years. The architect focused on six areas of City Hall: human resources, front lobby, administration, finance, second floor lounge area, and development services. The results of the design would add up to ten rooms with a loss of two workspaces and three storage rooms. The total estimated cost of the remodel would be \$798,000.

Jorge Gastelum, Development Services Director, outlined the Council Chambers improvements that would include: lowering the dais, bullet-proofing the dais, carpet around the perimeter wall, floor carpet in the public seating area, new upholstered chairs, blinds on the east wall and audiovisual improvements. The estimated cost of the Council Chamber improvements would be \$306,000.

Mr. Gastelum also presented an outline of the Council Chambers audiovisual refresh. Mr. Gastelum stated the consultant's recommendations included: concrete on the roof of Council Chambers, acoustical treatment of the Council Chamber's ceiling, and fabrics to absorb sound. Additional requested enhancements included: camera close-ups, jet noise reduction, closed captioning, room configurations, voting buttons, display options, and microphone audio controls. He stated the estimated cost of the audiovisual refresh was \$220,000, along with a closed caption system running \$8,000 annually. The microphone system and voting system have not yet been quoted.

Council discussion included why an asbestos survey is needed, the number of employees who currently do not have a singular office or workspace, if the cost of furniture was included in estimates received, the need to receive multiple

proposals for work, and the current number of people working in a combined capacity. Mr. Gastelum added that currently, there are several employees who are doubled up in spaces designed for one person. No proposals have been received at this point, and the asbestos survey is required by state law.

The Council reached a consensus to move forward with preparing designs to receive bids for the proposed renovation, not including bullet-proofing the dais and an itemized list of the audiovisual equipment. In addition, the Council would like additional research on the voting systems discussed during the meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT - meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.**

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk