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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, DECEMBER 2, 2025**

Minutes

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Alexis Herмосillo; Vice Mayor Jacquelyn Parsons (excused); Councilmember Monica Dorcey; Councilmember Ryan Eldridge; Councilmember Scottie Gentry; Councilmember Anita Norton; Councilmember Donna Winston

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Introduction of new City employees

Chief Marzocca introduced El Mirage Police Cadet Post #3227. The El Mirage Police Department ended 2024 with 3 cadets and 3 advisors. Advisors participated in numerous recruitment events and recruited youth through the El Mirage Police Department Summer Youth Academy. The Post has now grown to 14 registered Cadets and 6 Advisors. This valuable program helps prepare young people interested in a career in public safety while also developing skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Chief Marzocca gave a brief background and introduced: Police Officer Carlos Manuel Orozco, Police Assistant Marcos Villegas Landeros, and Police Assistant Logan Haviland.

3. **PRESENTATION**

1. El Mirage Elementary, Riverview Elementary, Thompson Ranch Elementary, and Surprise Elementary Schools Writing and Drawing Contest. (City Court)

Presiding Judge Michael Parascandola gave a presentation on the "What Justice or the Constitution Means to Me" writing and drawing contest for El Mirage Elementary, Riverview Elementary, Thompson Ranch Elementary, and Surprise Elementary Schools. The winners were Nina Marmullaku, Sara Rivera, Elyanna Gaytan, Daniel Moreno, Yeibelym Gonzalez, Makayla Beltran Orozco, and Kamila Mendoza.

4. 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.

Steve Gilliam, resident, stated the city should be spending money on projects that benefit the residents. He stated the revitalization program is three years old and outdated, and asked why there was no money budgeted to revitalize the North, South, and West portions of El Mirage.

Aaron Flannery, resident, asked if the Council could explain the \$90,000 being spent on three vehicles listed on the Consent Agenda. He also stated that the Council should consider adopting a resolution similar to the City of Surprise's, opposing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Project (BNSF) due to the traffic problems it would cause if built. He stated that El Mirage receives more money in taxes because the assessed value of homes is increasing, which should be used to offset property taxes for residents.

5. 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, November 4, 2025. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve purchase for the renewal of a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) solution, LogPoint, for an amount not to exceed \$43,558.88 (\$39,808.88 plus estimated taxes of \$3,750.00), from SHI utilizing OMNIA Partners cooperative contract 2024056-02. (Information Technology)
3. Consideration and action to adopt the 2026 update to the Design & Development Standards Manual as an official City document. (Development Services)
4. Consideration and action to approve the agreement between the City of El Mirage, the City of Tolleson and the City of Glendale to establish terms and conditions under which City of Tolleson discloses El Mirage data to Glendale for the West Valley Real Time Crime Center (WVRTCC) (Police).
5. Consideration and action to approve the purchase and installation of emergency equipment for three 2025 Ford F-150 patrol trucks (1431, 1521, and 1615) from Pride Outfitting under AZ State Contract CTR078497 for a cost of \$89,542.95, plus a contingency of \$1,457.05 for all three vehicles. Total cost not to exceed \$91,000 (Police).

Councilmember Dorcey moved, seconded by Councilmember Winston, to approve Consent agenda items 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3. Motion passed (5/1). Nay: Councilmember Gentry

6. REGULAR AGENDA**Consent agenda Item 5.4 was pulled and discussed as Regular Agenda Item 6.1.a**

Consideration and action to approve the agreement between the City of El Mirage, the City of Tolleson, and the City of Glendale to establish terms and conditions under which the City of Tolleson discloses El Mirage data to Glendale for the West Valley Real Time Crime Center (WVRTCC) (Police).

Mayor Hermosillo stated this item was pulled by Councilmember Eldridge. Councilmember Eldridge stated that he received the answers to his question prior to the meeting. Chief Marzocca gave background on the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Glendale. He stated this agreement is for the City of Tolleson, who dispatches for El Mirage, to give our computer-aided dispatch information to the City of Glendale to use as appropriate.

Councilmember Dorcey moved, seconded by Councilmember Winston. Motion passed (5/1) Nay: Councilmember Gentry

Consent agenda item 5.5 was pulled and discussed as Regular Agenda Item 6.1.b.

Consideration and action to approve the purchase and installation of emergency equipment for three 2025 Ford F-150 patrol trucks (1431, 1521, and 1615) from Pride Outfitting under AZ State Contract CTR078497 for a cost of \$89,542.95, plus a contingency of \$1,457.05 for all three vehicles. Total cost not to exceed \$91,000 (Police).

Mayor Hermosillo stated this item was pulled for discussion by Councilmember Norton-McDaniel. Councilmember Norton-McDaniel inquired about the change in vendors, whether other vendors were considered, and whether any of the equipment on the vehicles could be reused. Lieutenant Takashige stated there were three reasons why the vendor changed from LSH to Pride Outfitting: 1) the work product from LSH did not meet current standards, 2) the delay in the upfitting from LSH, and 3) business practices observed by LSH were less than ideal. Lieutenant Takashige stated that there are three outfitters with which El Mirage currently works: Pride Outfitters, LSH, and AEP. Pride Outfitters has the best reputation and has outfitted other vehicles, which makes it more consistent when one vehicle is inoperable to use another one. He also stated the equipment could not be reused for the current vehicles because the model of vehicles was different, and the used equipment could potentially cause unsafe conditions.

Councilmember Eldridge asked if Lieutenant Takashige could explain the term "upfitting" to the residents, who were unfamiliar with it. Lieutenant Takashige stated that upfitting is the practice of the installation of emergency lights and equipment that are required under the Arizona Revised Statutes for that vehicle to be used as an emergency vehicle.

Councilmember Dorcey moved, seconded by Councilmember Norton-McDaniel. Motion passed (5/1). Nay - Councilmember Gentry

1. Consideration and action to accept the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Robert Weddigen, Finance Director, introduced Ms. Crimson Singleton, HintonBurdick CPAs & Advisors Director, to present the results of the Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Audit and recommendations. He stated that, according to the Arizona Revised Statutes, an auditor is required to present the audit results and provide recommendations. He also stated that El Mirage has won an award for the 14th consecutive year from the Government Finance Officers Association for following precise standards in preparing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Ms. Singleton outlined the independent auditors' report, the report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting, the state compliance report, the annual expenditure limitation, and the report on compliance for each major program. She stated the objective of the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as government auditing standards.

Councilmember Dorcey moved, seconded by Councilmember Winston, to accept the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025; Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, as presented. Motion Passed unanimously. (6/0)

7. 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 Martina Longoria, Program Coordinator, who presented on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF), as well as the categorical allocations. Ms. Longoria reported that as of November 30, 2025, the City of El Mirage has fully expended ARPA funds.

8. 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 stated she hopes everyone has a great time at the Winterfest and sorry she is unable to attend.

Councilmember Eldridge thanked the El Mirage Emergency Department for helping him out. He also attended the tree lighting ceremony and looking forward to attending the Winterfest Celebration.

Councilmember Gentry attended the tree lighting ceremony and is looking forward to the Winterfest Celebration.

Councilmember Norton-McDaniel thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department for the lighting that was done throughout the city and thanks to the Apostolic Faith Church for the hot cocoa and cookies at the tree lighting ceremony. She stated she hopes to see everyone at the Christmas Parade.

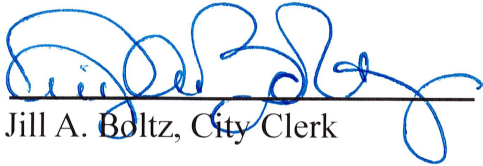
Councilmember Winston stated she agreed with her colleagues and, as a

reminder, don't drink and drive.

Mayor Hermosiilo also agreed with what her colleagues have shared and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winterfest Celebration and Parade.

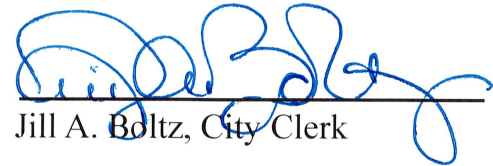
9. ADJOURNMENT - meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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, December 2, 2025, and a quorum was present.



Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk