

**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 – THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017**

**Minutes**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Councilmember Bob Jones, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember Lynn Selby, Councilmember Jack Palladino (Phone), Councilmember David Shapera

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence  
Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

**III. PROCLAMATION**

P1. Proclamation to support Drowning Impact Awareness Month, August, 2017.  
(Fire)

Fire Chief Jim Wise reported for the past 14 years, Phoenix Children's Hospital has asked communities throughout Arizona to support August as Drowning Impact Awareness Month. Phoenix Children's Hospital hopes to bring media attention to the issue of child drownings and the steps that can be taken to prevent them.

Drowning is the third most common cause of accidental deaths and 100% preventable. The most effective interventions to avoid drowning are focused adult supervision, four-sided isolation fencing with self-closing/self-latching gate, and ability to swim by age eight.

This proclamation increases the awareness of watching children around water and promotes water safety as a whole. Proclamations will be on display at Phoenix Children's Hospital during the month of August, 2017.

Mayor Lana Mook proclaimed and recognizes August 1 through 31, 2017 as DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH in the City of El Mirage.

**IV. PRESENTATION**

P2. Presentation to the Mayor and Council of the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) award. (Finance)

Assistant Finance Director Christy Eusebio introduced Lindsay Duncan, President of GOFAZ. Ms. Duncan presented Council and the City of El Mirage with its sixth consecutive Comprehensive Annual Financial Report award for 2016. She explained the extensive review process and high standards required to achieve this distinction.

## **V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Citizens desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT on this agenda 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 respond to the matter, and/or (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

Resident Steve Gilliam addressed Council about the recent passing of Vice Mayor Ramirez and the passing of his wife Ann last year. In honor of them and their joint contributions to the City of El Mirage proposed a street be named after them. He spoke about several variations of their name as possibilities for a sign. He also considered streets that do not impact residences or businesses that would cause address changes and while several locations may be available, he proposed the one mile stretch of Acoma Drive and related the symbolism of the palm trees along that stretch of road.

## **VI. 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, June 20, 2017. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R.S. §41-151.19. (City Clerk)
3. Consideration and action to request, and accept if awarded, additional funds from GOHS in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for additional DUI enforcement. (Grants/Police)
4. Consideration and action to apply for a renewal of FY18, FY19 & FY20 DPS/VOCA grant funds for the Police Victim Assistance Unit. (Grants/Police)
5. Consideration and action to adopt a Notice of Intent to change Community Garden box fees not sooner than 60 days from the date of posting the notice pursuant to A.R.S. Section § 9-499.15. (Grants/Administration)

6. Consideration and action to amend the Council Adopted CITY OF EL MIRAGE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SCHEDULE - RANGE ORDER by adding a SENIOR POLICE PROPERTY TECHNICIAN. (Finance)

**Councilor Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 6 as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

## VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ewing for the FY 17/18 CIP irrigation controller conversion project in an amount not to exceed \$159,000. (Public Works)

Assistant Public Works Director Nick Russo presented the approved Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Project Irrigation Controller Conversion. Fourteen irrigation controllers will be replaced throughout the City system in parks, facilities and right-of-ways. The new “smart” controllers will automatically adjust to the environment, limit water loss through leak detection, shut down if run time is exceeded and automatically notify staff for maintenance. The test controller was placed at Gentry Park in the fall of 2016 showing a 25-30% water use savings. Estimated water use savings for other areas would mirror the Gentry Park results. The return on investment for this project is 1.7 years. Ewing Irrigation, Golf & Industrial Products is a West Valley vendor. The City will be utilizing the Mojave cooperative contract providing additional savings lower than list prices. The total project cost including 10% contingency is \$159,000.

Councilor Delgado asked if there would be controllers planned for new areas of the City and Mr. Russo confirmed new areas would also be fitted with these controllers.

**Councilor Jones moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ewing for the FY 17/18 CIP irrigation controller conversion project in an amount not to exceed \$159,000; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

- B. Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Redpoint Contracting to install 1,160 linear feet of sanitary sewer, 1,640 linear feet of water main and related appurtenances along Olive Avenue in an amount of \$521,777 including a 10% contingency only after an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement is successfully reached and executed between John F. Long Properties LLC and City of El Mirage; Notice to Proceed to Redpoint Contracting will not be issued until that time. (Development & Community Services)

Assistant City Engineer Bryce Christo reported the Engineering Department was tasked with installing water and sewer mains along Olive Avenue, west of El Mirage Road. This project is the first phase of the ultimate design of running both utilities between El Mirage Road and Dysart Road that was included in the Capital Improvements Plan.

The project includes approximately 1,640 linear feet of 16-inch ductile iron water main and 1,160 linear feet of 18-inch PVC sanitary sewer as well as fire hydrants. Wilson Engineers provided the design and the City advertised the project in May 2017. Five bids were received and Redpoint Contracting provided the lowest bid at \$474,343.00. Mr. Christo then pointed out the location on the map.

He then reported the total project budget for both water and sewer is \$1.8M with project costs of \$504,135.00 and a 10% contingency of \$47,434.00 bringing project cost including contingency to \$551,569.00.

The City has partnered with the John F. Long Family on this project with an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement currently under review. The agreement requests John F. Long reimburse the City for 60% of the design cost, 40% of the main line utilities cost and 100% of the services cost. The total reimbursement from John F. Long would be an estimated \$359,946.58 and the City portion would be an estimated \$191,428.42. Entering into the contract with Redpoint Contracting for the construction is contingent upon the execution of the Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with John F. Long Properties.

Councilor Shapera asked if there is natural gas lines along Olive Avenue and Mr. Christo answered there may be at the intersection but he did not believe there were any lines west of the intersection on Olive Avenue.

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- C. Consideration and action accept the recommendation of the Commission Review Board to re-appoint Frank Carnal and Martin Crosby and to appoint Chance Mikos to serve on the City of El Mirage Planning & Zoning Commission for the two year term July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019.  
(Administration)

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**Mirage Planning and Zoning Commission; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carried unanimously (6/0).**

**VIII. CITY MANAGER 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.

Dr. Isom introduced Development and Community Services Director/City Engineer Jorge Gastelum to update Council on the Grand Avenue/Frontage Road Project.

Mr. Gastelum reported on the US 60 (Grand Avenue) Frontage Road (Greenway Road to Thunderbird Road) project and provided background history. In 2012, a Grand Avenue/Thunderbird Road Intersection project assessment was done and in January 2014 the City made an official request to add the Frontage Road. In December 2016 Dr. Isom met with ADOT and MAG representatives regarding adding the Frontage Road to the MAG's Regional Freeway and Highway Program during the 2016 Rebalancing and in June 2017, MAG's Regional Council gave approval for this project.

This project provides for full replacement of existing pavement section, vertical curb and gutter, wider sidewalks, street lighting with APS "transit" style poles (same as on Thunderbird and El Mirage Roads), irrigation and landscaping, relocation of the existing frontage road access just south of Acoma Drive to the Acoma Drive intersection and screen fencing (northeast side of Grand Avenue). The project schedule shows 60% of the plans are complete, 95% of the plans will be completed by August 24, 2017 and the final plans will be completed by November 31, 2017. Right-of-way and utility clearance are projected for February 15, 2018. The bid will be ready by February 30, 2018 and be advertised March 30, 2018. The cost is \$0 to the City except for staff time spent on the project planning.

Dr. Isom commented that there is a lot of behind-the-scenes time and effort required to bring these types of projects to life and get them completed, often spanning many months and years and involved various staff. He stated he is very proud of this particular project and commended past and current staff for their work in bringing it forward.

**IX. 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.

Councilor Shapera reported he recently attended the Desert Diamond Casino West Valley update meeting and stated they are moving forward with their operation and will be adding approximately 2,500 jobs which is good for El Mirage

residents and the West Valley. He further inquired and requested an update on removing/relocating the APS substation on the NW corner of Cactus Road and Dysart Road which has been discussed in the past and wondered if it was being addressed; Mr. Gastelum responded that with the project recently approved with the City of Surprise for a median installation on Dysart Road, he will work with the City of Surprise to continue pressing APS in addressing this matter. Councilor Shapera asked and Mr. Gastelum assured that he will update Council as the project progresses. Councilor Shapera also thanked the Fire Department for recently conducting their Firefighter Charities Residential Smoke Detector Walk stating he had received a call from a very happy recipient of a free smoke detector.

Councilor Delgado reported he also attended the Casino meeting and reported the Casino provided approximately \$72-73M to the State. He also mentioned that the Casino recognized and acknowledged the support of the City of El Mirage.

Councilor Selby thanked the Fire Chief for the work of the Fire Department and recognized that response times will be able to improve once the Thunderbird Road and El Mirage Road projects are complete.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**


The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

  
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Lana Mook, City Manager

Attest:

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes of the El Mirage City Council regular meeting held on Thursday, July 6, 2017, was a true and accurate record and there was a quorum.

  
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Sharon Antes, City Clerk