

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
[February 25, 2021](#)

Mayor Mueller called the February 25, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Roll Call:

Mayor Rick Mueller – present
Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Gray – present
Council Member William Benning – present
Council Member Gregory Johnson - present
Council Member Angelica Landry – present
Council Member Sarah Pacheco – present
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Jeff Pregler, Planner
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney

Invocation – Reverend Chuck Carlson, Sierra Vista Community Church, conducted the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Benning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Johnson moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of February 25, 2021, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the next regularly scheduled City Council Work Session is scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, reported that the annual street maintenance bids are out and due on March 5, 2021, and the Community Development Block Grant Solider Creek and James Landwehr Plaza improvements was awarded to KE&G Construction and the Riverstone Recharge Project was awarded to JE Fuller/Hydrology and Geomorphology.

In response to Mayor Mueller, Mr. Potucek stated that the Riverstone Recharge Project is on behalf of the Cochise Conservation and Recharge District of which the City serves as a fiscal agent.

Public Hearings:

[Item 2](#) Resolution 2021-013, Development Code Text Amendment, Reasonable Modifications, Section 151.02.004 – Definitions and Section 151.06.011 - Reasonable Modification, and Declaring a 30-day Public Record

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2021-013, Development Code Text Amendment, Reasonable Modifications, Section 151.02.004, Definitions, Section 151.06.011, Reasonable Modification, and declaring a 30-day public record, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion.

Mr. Pregler briefed the item.

Mayor Mueller opened the Public Hearing. There was no response to the call for comments.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 3](#) Resolution 2021-014, Development Code Text Amendment, Public Hearing Process, Article 151.26 - Conditional Use Permits, Article 151.31 - Amendments, and Declaring a 30-day Public Record

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2021-014, Development Code Text Amendment, Public Hearing Process, Article 151.26, Conditional Use Permits, Article 151.31, Amendments, and declaring a 30-day Public Record, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Mr. Pregler briefed the item.

Mayor Mueller opened the Public Hearing. There was no response to the call for comments.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

New Business:

[Item 4](#) Approval of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021

Council Member Umphrey moved that the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021, be approved. Council Member Pacheco seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, and Umphrey voting in favor. Council Member Pacheco abstaining.

[Item 5](#) Approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2021

Council Member Umphrey moved that the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2021, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The

motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Item 6 Resolution 2021-015, Authorizing the City of Sierra to Submit a Grant Application Through WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

Council Member Pacheco moved that Resolution 2021-015, submittal of a grant application through WaterSMART Grants, Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Ms. Flissar briefed the item.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Call to the Public: There was no response.

Comments and Requests of the Council:

Council Member Benning thanked Reverend Chuck Carlson for his blessing, encouraged people to continue to be vigilant, stay the line as we get through COVID because it looks like it is winding down.

Council Member Johnson had nothing to report.

Council Member Umphrey had nothing to report.

Council Member Landry stated that over this past year, it has been difficult and mental health is something that should be addressed, talked about, and normalize talking about it. She added that there is a crisis text line that people can use, 741741 for abuse, anxiety, depression, self-harm, substance abuse, and suicide, where they will be directed to a person. They also provide a lot of different resources, which can be found at crisistextline.org/resources. In closing, she stated that it is important to reach out and ask for help, and it does not mean a person is weak. It is important to overcome the stigma.

Mayor Mueller agreed and asked Council Member Landry to share the information with the Public Relations Department.

Council Member Pacheco wished well to the schools and teachers as in-person learning will start on March 1, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray had nothing to report.

Mayor Mueller stated that every year in the fall he cautions people to be aware that there are going to be students, excited about getting back to the classroom and waiting for busses, etc., out on the street. He encouraged people driving to be aware that youngsters will be out on the street, and they do not always think about safety.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the February 25, 2021 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:22 p.m.