



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minute summary of the regular meeting of the City Council of Sierra Vista held on the 23rd day of April 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of May 2015

SEAL

Maria G. Marsh
Deputy City Clerk

Jill Adams
City Clerk

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2015

Mayor Mueller called the April 23, 2015 City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ

Roll Call

Mayor Rick Mueller – present
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Blanchard – present
Council Member Alesia Ash – present
Council Member Gwen Calhoun – present
Council Member Rachel Gray – present
Council Member Hank Huisking – present
Council Member Craig Mount – present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Mary Jacobs, Assistant City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Deputy Police Chief
Ron York, Deputy Fire Chief
Scott Dooley, Public Works Director
Richard C. Cayer, P.E., Operations Manager
Don Brush, Community Development Director
Victoria Yarbrough, Leisure and Library Services Director
Abe Rubio, It Director
Pam Weir, Management Analyst
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney

Invocation – Pastor Pastor Becky Preiss, Hope and Healing Christian Church conducted the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Pro Temp Blanchard led the Pledge.

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Mount moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of April 23, 2015, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Awards and Presentations

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Fire Chief Randy Redmond and Robin Redmond for 33 years of service.

A Proclamation declaring the month of April 2014 as Parkinson's Awareness Month was presented to Ms. Sarah Jones.

City Manager's Report - Mr. Potucek made the following announcements:

- Council Work Session on April 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers regarding the annual commissions updates for the Arts and Humanities, Commission on Disability Issues and the Youth Commission;
- Council Work Session on April 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers regarding debt service and capital;
- The Avenida del Sol Widening Project was awarded to KE&G in the contract amount of \$750,330;
- The City received payment in full for the public auction land on the Westside of the City in the amount of \$249,488;
- The Veterans' Memorial Park Parking Lot Overlay Re-bid Project is advertised and will close on April 27th;
- Congratulated Fire Chief Redmond on his retirement and recognized him for the Fry Fire integration, his leadership on the line during the Monument Fire, and the department's safety record during his tenure; and
- Recognized Acting Chief Ron York who will be heading the department.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

Item 2.1 Approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2015

Item 2.2 Resolution 2015-037, Special Event Liquor License for Calvert (Larry) T. Singer on behalf of the Elks Lodge No. 2065 for the Blues, Brews, Barbeque and Wine Festival on May 23, 2015

Council Member Gray moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2015 and Resolution 2015-037, a Special Event Liquor License For Calvert (Larry) T. Singer on behalf of the Elks Lodge No. 2065 for the Blues, Brews, Barbeque and Wine Festival on May 23, 2015, be approved. Council Member Huisking seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Public Hearing

Item 3 Resolution 2015-038, Approval of an Application for Acquisition of Control for a Series 7 Liquor License for Nicholas Carl Guttilla for Peter Piper, Inc.

Council Member Huisking moved that Resolution 2015-038, approval of an application for Acquisition of Control for a Series 7 Liquor License for Nicholas Carl Guttilla for Peter Piper, Inc., be approved. Council Member Gray seconded the motion.

Mr. Potucek stated that this is an application for an Acquisition of Control for a Series 7 Liquor License for Peter Piper, Inc. This means that the actual liquor license is changing hands from one party to this particular party, Mr. Guttilla. The Police Department has performed all of the necessary background checks and recommends approval by Council.

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

New Business

Item 4 Resolution 2015-039, Amendment to Sanitation Charges

Council Member Ash moved that Resolution 2015-039, an amendment to the sanitation charges, eliminating disposal fees for dumpsters that are used for the collection of recyclable materials, be approved. Mayor Pro Temp Blanchard seconded the motion.

Mr. Cayer stated that the item before Council will modify the City's solid waste rates by waiving the fees for the disposal of recyclables materials that are transported to the County's transfer station. The City's Strategic Leadership Plan includes an objective to implement the recycling program for multi-family housing and commercial customers. In response to that objective, staff has put together a commercial and multi-family recycling plan that is currently in the pilot stage. The City has four commercial and multi-family customers who are currently participating in the program so that the staff can evaluate the success of the program, work out the details and develop the logistics of that.

The City is not currently charged for the disposal of recyclables materials that are transported to the transfer station, the Department would like to incentivize the commercial and multi-family recycling process by passing the savings along to the customers. During the evaluation of the pilot program with the four businesses and multi-family apartments that the City has on, it was noted when working with the Finance Department that the current fee structure does not allow for the waiving of the disposal fees for recycling materials. The fees were developed for trash and there are two components to that, one is the collection fee and the second is the disposal fee. The plan is to continue to assess the collection fee during this recycling program but to not charge for the disposal of the items at the transfer station.

The proposal is to add the one clause into Table A of the City's sanitation rates, which would waive the disposal fees for any dumpster that is used for the collection of recyclable materials for the City's commercial customers.

Council Member Mount cautioned Council, especially with the legislation that is moving in that is going to open up more competition for the City within some of the businesses that are doing trash pickup, and asked if staff is incentivizing the recycle part to help customers offset the cost of their trash pickup.

Mr. Cayer stated that it would be a benefit to the commercial customers. Staff has found with the customers that are on the pilot program that the City has reduced the overall trash fee for all four of these customers by 7% per dumpster.

Mayor Mueller stated that his understanding is that the City is not charged a fee for dumping the recyclables; however, current structure has customers being charged for that fee.

Council Member Mount stated that he is right; but the overall benefit for doing this is that they get to remove the dumpster for trash and to put one in for recycle so they are offsetting their cost to total pickup. His concern is that, right now it is not an issue because there have not been a lot of people moving into this market space that the City currently has that the City provides as a service, depending on what the State does, as the State continues to push to have more and more private competition enter into these market spaces that the City cannot control by changing laws, that the City may find itself just outcompeted on cost because the City cannot continue to reduce its cost like they do. It is just a cautionary tale, that the City should keep an eye on that.

Mayor Mueller agreed and stated that the last two times, that the Legislature has passed laws, it has been a concern and it keeps coming up.

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Call to the Public

Mr. Andrae Newcomb, resident, voiced his concerns about the NITS picking regarding the digital signs.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Ash voiced her appreciation for Fire Chief Redmond, stated that when she went through orientation, she was impressed with Chief Redmond's work with the Fry Fire Station at how innovated that was and she looks forward to working with Chief York.

Council Member Calhoun announced the upcoming NAMI March, the West End Fair where the Council Meet and Greet will have a table, wished Chief Redmond and his family well and welcomed Chief York.

Council Member Gray announced the upcoming Airport Commission's movie event and the Mayweather and Pacquiao fight.

Council Member Huisiking thanked Chief Redmond for his stellar performance, encouraged people to sign up for the Citizen Fire Academy, welcomed Chief York and announced the upcoming Festival of the Southwest.

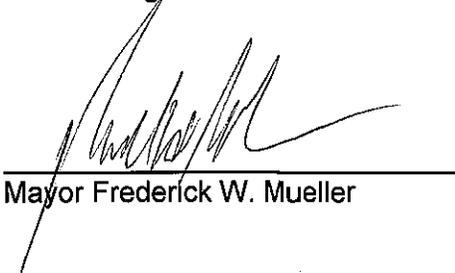
Council Member Mount congratulated Chief Redmond on his 30-year career, thanked Council and stated that he thought it was a good week with work sessions and he knows that there will be a lot more to talk about as Council gets closer to talking about the budget. He also stated that he gets a little frustrated at times because he is ready to go as fast as they can through it and get things done; but that is a character thing and he will work through it. He stated that he would like Council to recognize that they have the opportunity right now that if they don't take into account that Council has had a lot of feedback, input, and creative ideas on the floor, that how many opportunities will Council get to exercise those and to build those relationships back up with the businesses and really focus the budget around rebuilding Sierra Vista entirely and not just looking at what the City needs as far as City Hall needs in order to survive; but also what does the Council have to do to turn it around for the entire City. There are a couple of key things that happened when Council looks at these types of events especially economically. One is that the government can have an impact on economics especially local ones because the City can help control the markets and really, it is all about the markets. The City has a good opportunity to do something unique, special and paint with big bright red colors like it was talked about in the strategic planning sessions.

Mayor Pro Temp Blanchard congratulated Chief Redmond.

Mayor Mueller thanked Chief Redmond, congratulated Chief York, and announced the upcoming City Economic Outlook Luncheon, the Relay for Life at Veterans Memorial Park, Mother's Day, thanked guests and staff.

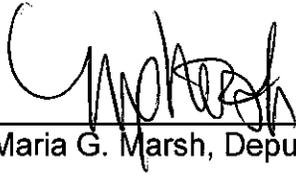
Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the April 23, 2015 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:32 p.m.



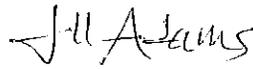
Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

Minutes prepared by:



Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk

Attest:



Jill Adams, City Clerk