



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 25th day of February 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24th day of March 2016

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Maria G. Marsh
Deputy City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Adams", is written over a horizontal line.

Jill Adams
City Clerk

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2016

Mayor Mueller called the February 25, 2016 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, Police Chief
Ron York, Fire Chief
Victoria Yarbrough, Leisure and Library Services Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Pam Weir, Management Analyst
Marcus Johnson, Management Analyst
Abe Rubio, IT Manager
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Nathan Williams, City Attorney

Invocation - Pastor Atticus Register, Shiloh Christian Ministries, conducted the invocation.

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

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Ash moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of February 25, 2016, be approved. Council Member Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Awards and Presentations:

Fire Chief York announced the Sierra Vista Fire and Medical Services Employees of the Year:

- Mike Quarto, Special Award;
- Brett Scheib, EMT of the Year; and
- Captain Brad Dever, Firefighter of the Year and Paramedic of the Year.

Council Member Ash announced Hoppin Grapes as the City Council Business of the Month.

Mayor Mueller presented Pam Weir with the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award.

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

- City Council Work Session on March 8th at 3:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers;
- City Council Members might be out and not sure on March 10th Council Meeting;
- City Council Work Session on March 15th at 3:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers;
- Origin and Destination Study due date for RFSOQ responses is March 10th;
- IFB for Portion of Kings Court Property proposals are due February 25th; and
- Annual Street Maintenance responses are due March 4th.

Council Member Huisking noted that the Sister Cities Commission presentation has been rescheduled to a later date in April.

New Business

Item 2 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2016

Council Member Huisking moved that the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2016, be approved. Council Member Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Item 3 Ordinance 2016-002, General 2015/16 Update to Sierra Vista Development Code

Council Member Gray moved that Ordinance No. 2016-002, Amending Section 151.02, Definitions; Section 151.04, General Regulations; Section 151.05, Performance Standards; Section 151.21, Mixed Use Development; Section 151.22, Establishment of Zoning Districts; Section 151.25, Temporary Use Permits; Section 151.26, Conditional Uses; and Section 151.29, Home Based Businesses, together with additional modifications as shown on Exhibit "A", be approved. Council Member Huisking seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan stated that the ordinance adopts by reference the proposed text amendment to the Development Code as adopted by Resolution 2016-001 at the Council Meeting of January 24, 2016. The scope of the amendments primarily relate to standardizing, defining and permitting conditional uses across all zoning districts, expanding the range of authorized uses in the general commercial district to provide for attached and multifamily housing types and light manufacturing industrial workshop type uses, consolidating special regulations for particular uses under one article and amending the permitting process and standards for cell towers and accessory equipment.

The Ordinance includes additional amendments in response to public input received during the comment period and they are shown in Exhibit A attached to the Ordinance. They include adding developed camp grounds as a conditional use in the Recreation Vehicle Park District and as a permitted use in the Open Space Public Facilities District, should the City ever decide to designate a property for such use.

Primitive camping which is essentially and unimproved camp site would only be authorized on State Trust Land located in the General Commercial District with a State issued recreation permit subject to certain setback requirements being met.

Mr. McLachlan stated that after the work session held on February 23rd, he spoke with John Whettic of the Cochise Bicycle Advocates Group and he indicated that long range cyclists would only need a small and secure area to pitch a tent and close to restroom facility. After further review the application for the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation does not require a campground to be located in the community.

Mr. McLachlan stated that he conveyed Council's desire for more information/deliberation prior to proceeding on either of these goals and they understand and want very much to be engaged.

Also the additional amendments define and provide standards for mobile food vendors. Currently mobile food vendors are classified either as itinerant vendors that are two hours at a single location or permitted as a temporary use limited to 14 days at one location and no more than 30 days per quarter. The Ordinance provides a process for permitting a longer term arrangement at a single location or multiple locations in the City with consent from the property owner.

Lastly, the Ordinance provides an amendment to the home based business regulations to allow a home based business to take place within an approved accessory structure. Currently home based businesses are confined to the principle structure subject to a 25 percent floor area limitation.

Mr. McLachlan stated that if Council chooses to adopt the Ordinance, the amendment will take effect 30 days from February 25, 2016.

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Item 4 Resolution 2016-012, Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Sierra Vista and Cochise County for Critical Mission Use of H5 Productions Aircraft

Council Member Mount moved that Resolution 2016-012, an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cochise County for critical mission use of H5 Productions Aircraft, be approved. Council Member Gray seconded the motion.

Police Chief Alinen stated that the item is an update to a previous agreement with Cochise County with regard to Sheriff's Office helicopter program. The agreement spells out obligations for both the City and the County in regards to the Police Department ability to use the helicopter for law enforcement missions. The City's obligations include providing:

- Sufficient hangar space for both storage and maintenance of the helicopter;
- One certified Sierra Vista Police Office for flights utilized by Sierra Vista Police;
- Certified Police Officers to serve on a rotating on-call basis along with Cochise County Deputies for all law enforcement missions; and
- Time logs to Cochise County for reimbursement purposes.

The County's obligations include:

- Making the helicopter available for Sierra Vista for critical missions;
- Reimbursing the City for any wages that the officers are paid by the City while serving as flight officers.

Council Member Calhoun asked if flight duty requires any different type of insurance. Police Chief Thrasher stated that the City is listed as an additional insured by the H5 Helicopter Company.

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Call to the Public

Kara Haymore, resident, voiced her concerns for the lack of family-friendly places and activities, the Cove's fees, schedule and the fact that the outdoor pool area is rarely open. She also suggested alternatives, i.e., yearly/family passes to the Cove as well as making it more accessible to families, a splash pad area at Veterans' Memorial Park and noted that if installed correctly the result would conserve water. These would require minimal long term costs and they would increase traffic at park held events and at the cove and make the park a more family friendly environment. These things would also help increase revenue for the Cove and enable the City to be focusing on expanding it to a community recreational center.

Mayor Mueller thanked Ms. Haymore for bringing the subject to Council's attention and introduced Victoria Yarbrough, Library and Leisure Services Director and suggested that Ms. Haymore meet with Ms. Yarbrough.

Mayor Mueller explained a splash pad and stated that it is one of the things that were looked at for the west side.

Carly Daines, resident, stated that she and her husband recently moved to Sierra Vista due to her husband being hired as a surgeon at the new hospital. The problem that she is encountering in recruiting friends and in assisting the hospital with recruitment of professionals is the lack of businesses and amenities for young families. Her group would like to know what the City is willing to do to recruit more family friendly businesses. The group understands that the private sector is far more able to set up these things; but the problem is that if Sierra Vista wants a medical professional to come to the community, that professional will most likely be young and have a family. She also stated that her group has spoken to entrepreneurs who have opened businesses in similar size communities and they were told that they looked at the taxes – low taxes, tax incentives and in some cases taxes elimination all together. This allowed them to get off the ground and keep running and then they would begin paying their regular taxes.

Mayor Mueller thanked Ms. Daines and stated that Council is with her on most of what she said and introduced Marcus Johnson and suggested that Ms. Daines and her group meet with Mr. Johnson and provide him with the list of businesses.

Trisha Gerrodette, resident, voiced her concern with the work sessions taking place on Tuesday going into a lot of information. There are no minutes or a record that is easily available to the public to find out what was reported by council members and it seems more appropriate to her that this be done at a council meeting.

Ms. Gerrodette voiced her concern with State Senate Bil1 1268 and the Mayor's comments at the hearing that occurred in front of the Senate Water and Energy Committee. The Mayor in response to some questions stated that there is adequate water supply and there is absolutely no argument or disagreement whatsoever with that statement. There is an adequate water supply for years; but ADWR decides how the decision is made, not the County and not the City and the regulations are very clear. The Mayor also assured the Senators that there is an adequate water supply with the flowing San Pedro and she is not sure what the basis is for his statement as she is not aware of a plan to keep the San Pedro flowing at the same time that there is adequate water supply. ADWR says that there is either adequate water supply or inadequate water supply; the current situation is that there is the additional word of "mandatory" and mandatory has nothing to do with adequate or inadequate. Subdivisions can go in with inadequate water supply as counter intuitive as that may be and that is where Sierra Vista and Cochise County is headed by eliminating the word "mandatory".

Ms. Gerrodette also stated that the City is saying that it is going to be willing in the future to allow a subdivision to go in with inadequate water supply. Water is not adequate, ADWR decides that and the City is simply saying that the City is going back to a situation that existed here and is existing in other parts of the state that will allow subdivisions to build even though there is inadequate water supply and she is not in favor.

Comments and Requests of the Council:

Council Member Mount congratulated the fire fighters for their awards and Hoppin Grapes for the business of the month. He also stated that he is looking for more of what the Council is now starting to see. Earlier this week the Council had the opportunity to engage with the public on some of their issues, needs, priorities and wants. Council has a budget session that is coming up and it keeps bringing him back to the concept of opportunity cost - the cost of the alternative that must be foregone in order to pursue another action. When there is a finite budget with limited resources and there are a lot of good things and Council talks about its priorities and the public's priorities, what he is looking for through the budget session is Council's priorities and what is Council willing to give up. What are those things that when Council starts to go down through that, they can say that this is not really the priority because it might be a roof for the library, HVAC system that is needed, splash pad, paying for the tax incentives that are needed to get businesses in or the closing fund for everybody else that the City is trying to get in as well.

Council Member Mount closed by stated that he absolutely agrees with the concept that the City has to grow its local business space out and expand out that tax revenue that would be coming in order to continue to fund some of the other things.

Council Member Calhoun congratulated the Fire Fighters, Hoppin Grapes and commented on how pleased she was to hear the young children in the audience reciting the Pledge as she was a school teacher and misses those sounds, and even the crying baby. She closed by stating that she will wait to respond on budget issues until the budget meetings.

Council Member Gray also congratulated the Fire Fighters, paramedics, Kristin and Eric of Hoppin Grapes and stated that she is happy to see people coming to the Call to the Public and speaking to Council and letting them know how they feel about things.

Council Member Huisiking thanked the Sister Cities Commission and City staff for the great job in preparing for the visiting students from Radabeul and Cananea, Sonora, Mexico; announced that they will be coming back on Saturday for a party at the Cove; congratulated Ethan Johnson, an 8th grader at Center for Academic Success, who has won not once but three times consecutively the Cochise County Spelling Bee; congratulated the Fire Fighters, Hoppin Grapes and Ms. Weir who was in the City and Town Magazine, "The Men and Women that make Arizona Cities Work". In closing, Council Member Huisiking reminded everyone of the 23rd High Desert Garden Conference on March 10th and 11th at Cochise College.

Council Member Ash stated ditto on the congratulations to all those who won awards and reported that she was able to attend for a brief time the first Sierra Vista Teen Leadership Conference and thanked Ms. Weir, Ms. Yarbrough and Ms. Scherrer for such an awesome event as she believes that the Leadership Forum was a response to a need; thanked Mr. Johnson and Ms. McFarland for their help with the Sierra Vista Business of the Month and announced the upcoming Youth's Art Festival that comes out of the Sierra Vista Arts and Humanities Commission. The event was born out of the knowledge that in Sierra Vista there are a lot of schools that no longer have arts programs. The event is free on the 27th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Cochise College.

Council Member Ash added that she is always amazed at the irony of her position as she grew up in Sierra Vista and she knows what it is like to be young, growing up and feeling like there are not a lot of opportunities; but one of the ironies is that she would not be surprised if she receives an email condemning the City for offering something like the Youth Leadership Forum. In closing, she encouraged people to use their voices when the City goes through the budget process because for every person that speaks up about youth there are probably two or more persons who do not see the value in that and that is just a reality.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanchard congratulated Ms. Weir for making the Arizona City and Town Magazine.

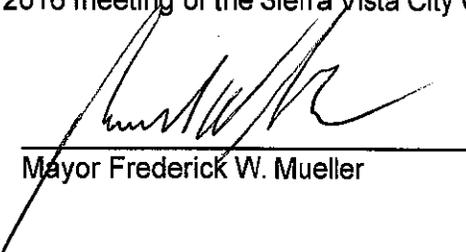
Mayor Mueller asked staff if the work session meetings are broadcasted and rebroadcasted. Mr. Potucek stated that they are broadcasted and Ms. Jacobs added that they are not rebroadcasted; but they are available through the City's web site.

Mayor Mueller stated that the information needs to get out to people so that people know how to connect with that.

Mayor Mueller stated that with regard to Senate Bill 1268, he thinks that a number of people in Phoenix are making some assumptions. One of the assumptions is that the City Council will not do some type of action once that law is corrected and if they make that assumption, they are going to be like most assumptions.

Adjournment

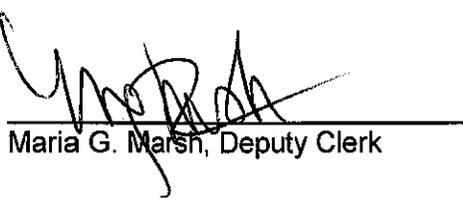
Mayor Mueller adjourned the February 11, 2016 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:43 p.m.



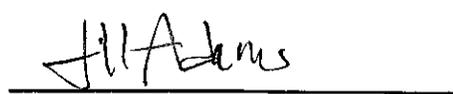
Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

Minutes prepared by:

Attest:



Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk



Jill Adams, City Clerk