



## 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 14th day of February, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2019

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Maria G. Marsh  
Deputy City Clerk

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Jill Adams  
City Clerk



Sierra Vista City Council  
Minutes  
February 14, 2019

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Mayor Mueller called the February 14, 2019 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 Gwen Calhoun – present  
Council Member Sarah Pacheco – present  
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present  
Council Member Kristine Wolfe – present

**Others Present:**

Chuck Potucek, City Manager  
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager  
Brian Jones, Interim Fire Chief  
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief  
Laura Wilson, Leisure and Library Services Director  
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director  
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director  
Jill Adams, City Clerk  
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney  
Tony Boone, Economic Development Chief Officer  
Linda Jones, Management Analyst  
Judy Hector, Marketing and Public Affairs Chief Officer  
Adam Curtis, Marketing Support Specialist  
Rob Hinderer, Leisure Services Manager  
Abe Rubio, Information Technology Chief Officer

Invocation – Reverend Chuck Carlson, Sierra Vista Community Church, led the Council and those present in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - Council Member Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mueller thanked Reverend Carlson for his good words and Council Member Wolfe, both for their service to the community. He announced that in 1912 Arizona became a state on February 14, wished everyone a Happy Statehood Day and Valentine's Day. He also commented that he was well taken care of both at Canyon Vista Hospital and Cochise Oncology as well as good minister visits. He added that he is doing very well and is confident that he will lick what is left of his cancer journey. He further added that he can rely on City Council, the management team and professionals on City staff to make sure that there is not a missed beat in the service to the community, whether he is present or not, which was proven during the week that he was in the hospital because most people did not have a clue. In closing, he thanked staff and everybody for all of their prayers and well wishes.

### Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda - Umphrey

Council Member Umphrey moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of February 14, 2019 be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0.

### Awards and Presentations

#### Sister Cities Association Youth Presentation

A Student Exchange Presentation was conducted by Jayden Brown, Maggie Yarbrough and Jonathan Sibley on their visit to Germany (report on file with the City Clerk).

Mayor Mueller thanked the students for being great ambassadors for the City and noted that this is a worthwhile program for the City to participate in. He also thanked the Sister Cities Association for all of the great work that they do in sponsoring this so that the community's students, future citizens can be more exposed to what is going on in the world.

Council Member Umphrey stated that it was a great presentation and thanked the students for sharing their experience and noted that she hopes that her children, who are studying German, will be able to participate in the future.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents' Day. The next regularly scheduled work session is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room on February 26, 2019 that will feature presentations by Public Works on transit and street maintenance. He then reported that the City's Crack Sealing and Patching Project was published on January 27 through 31, 2019, with bids being due on February 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the Procurement Lobby located at City Hall. The Library Concessionaires Café Project was published February 10 through 14, 2019 and a pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for February 21, 2019 with those bids due and scheduled to be opened March 14, 2019. The Asphalt Repair Services is scheduled to be published on February 15 through 20, 2019, with bids being due on March 13, 2019. In closing, Mr. Potucek stated that the Development Impact Fee Study Consultant bid closed on January 25, 2019 and that those bids are currently being evaluated.

### Old Business

#### Item 2 Resolution 2019-011, Declaring the necessity for and the expansion to the West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Area

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2019-011, declaring the necessity for and the expansion to the West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Area, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan stated that resolution proposes to expand the redevelopment area by 29 acres as depicted on Exhibit A. The Findings of Necessity Study was presented at a public hearing during the last Council Meeting and it was determined through that Study that a preponderance of the properties exhibit one or more of the statutory factors necessary to designate the expansion area as a redevelopment area. The boundary was drawn in consultation with the property owners, no additional comment has been received and if Council adopts the resolution,

staff will proceed to amend the Redevelopment Plan to address the expansion area. Hearing on that item will occur before the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 5, 2019 and be brought back to Council on March 14, 2019.

Mayor Mueller noted that this item has been presented a couple of times and asked if there are any questions/concerns.

Council Member Wolfe stated that she will be recusing herself from the vote since her business is included within the proposed area.

The motion passed, 6/0. Council Member Wolfe abstained.

### Item 3 Consent Agenda

Item 3.1 Resolution 2019-014, Appointment of Anastasia Dean to the Arts and Humanities Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2020

Item 3.2 Resolution 2019-015, Appointment of Steven Miller to the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2020

Council Member Calhoun moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of Resolution 2019-014, appointment of Anastasia Dean to the Arts and Humanities Commission and Resolution 2019-015, Appointment of Steven Miller to the Planning and Zoning Commission, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray noted that Mr. Miller is present and he recently spoke to the Planning and Zoning Commission and although, he is new to the area, he is jumping in with both feet and so she would like to publicly thank him. She added that Ms. Dean is also present. Mayor Mueller thanked them both for their service.

### New Business

Item 4 Approval of the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019

Council Member Benning moved that the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5/0, Council Member Calhoun and Mayor Mueller abstained.

Item 5 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019

Council Member Pacheco moved that the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6/0, Mayor Mueller abstained.

Item 6 Resolution 2019-016, Interagency Governmental Agreement with the Town of Huachuca City for Animal Care Services and declaring an emergency

Council Member Wolfe moved that Resolution 2019-016, Interagency Governmental Agreement with the Town of Huachuca City for animal care services and declaring an emergency, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Ms. Yarbrough stated that in December, Huachuca City suffered the misfortune of both a fire and flood at their animal shelter, which made it uninhabitable and unusable. Huachuca City approached Sierra Vista and asked if the City would be willing to help them out by accepting their animals at the City's animal shelter. The agreement proposed would accomplish that.

In 2019, their shelter accepted 50 dogs and 13 cats from its residents and those that were picked up inside their city limits. It would not present a burden or hardship upon the City's shelter and the agreement establishes the terms and costs at which Sierra Vista would accept these animals.

Council Member Calhoun asked if this will get dicey if an animal gets picked up outside of Huachuca City Limits; but belongs in a home in the city limits of Huachuca City. Ms. Yarbrough explained that the animal control officers with Huachuca City will not pick up animals outside of the city limits of Huachuca City. Those animals would be picked up by the County and would go to another animal shelter within the County, where hopefully the resident would be able to go there and pick up the animal. If the animals are micro chipped, they are scanned and the owner is contacted.

Council Member Calhoun stated that this clarifies another point that she was asked about and that is that Huachuca City Animal Control will be picking up the animals and not Sierra Vista Animal Control. Ms. Yarbrough stated that she is correct.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0.

Item 7 Resolution 2019-017, Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Huachuca City to provide human resources support

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2019-017, approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Huachuca City to provide human resources support, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion.

Ms. Yarbrough stated that Huachuca City is also experiencing a human resources situation that would benefit from an impartial third party evaluation. Huachuca City has asked for the City's Human Resources assistance. As requested during the Council Work Session on February 12, 2019, the Memorandum of Understanding was revised to reflect that the City's Human Resources staff would track their time individually and be charged at their individual rates.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0.

Call to the Public

Michael DeCarlo stated that government is square and life is circular; but since there cannot be trust in that everyone will get along, there has to be government to maintain order. He also suggested that people take the time to research the gold fringe along the outside of the state and city flags, the Cobra effect, the One Hundred nautical constitution free zone, the Hegelian and dialectic, Occam's razor and gaslighting. He then talked about recycling and refuse issues in the City and suggested using both cans for trash pickups and having trash picked up once a week.

Mr. DeCarlo asked that with regard to procedures and policies that the NCIC data base audits done by the Police Department be given to Council and located to the public on a monthly basis.

This way the public can be sure that their privacy is not being violated because the City has created an unelected bureaucrat and if every police officer is a sensor then his authority has been expanded beyond the County's range, let alone the City's as it is 33 miles from the Gate to the County line. He then mentioned the State of the State Address by the Government, proposing to get rid of immunities for politicians, water for Phoenix, Lake Meade and reducing the prison populations along with the farm bill and opportunities zones, Fry Boulevard, the hospital and road down to the river where no one lives. He then asked if the Vista News Circular could include the public meetings and if the Council, during their strategic planning, could look at Vista 2030's State's requirement with regard to elements for cities with Sierra Vista's population. He asked that Council focus on the land use, transportation circulation, growth, environmental, cost of development and water resources because those are the things that the City will get support from the State.

### Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Benning stated that he had the pleasure of attending a breakfast for the Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Vista and noted that after listening to four young adults, it moved him so he asked them to be present to introduce them. Aqib, Youth of the Year, who won \$500 will compete against other Boys and Girls Club members in the State. Jayden, Cindy and Jessica were also nominees and Detric, Jay and the rest of the staff do amazing stuff and he wanted to publicly thank them. He then wished a Happy Birthday to Arizona, welcomed Mayor Mueller back and announced the County Spelling Bee scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Cochise College and the Teacher of the Year Award scheduled for April 12, 2019. In closing, he encouraged people to nominate their favorite teacher.

Council Member Wolfe thanked the Sister Cities Association for a great program and for helping the children expand their horizons, the new commissioners and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Council Member Pacheco stated that she was thrilled to see so many youth present and encouraged them to join the Youth Commission. She noted that the Sisters Cities Association does a great job and added that it is good to see the City's youth is getting a broader perspective on the happenings in other parts of the world. She also voiced her pleasure at Council passing the two resolutions for assistance to Huachuca City and in playing a part at being a good neighbor because it is important to practice that principle. She then welcomed the new commissioners and thanked them for their willingness to serve on a City Commission. In closing, she wished a Happy Birthday to Arizona and welcomed back Mayor Mueller.

Council Member Umphrey welcomed the new commissioners and stated that the Arts and Humanities Commission will be happy to see their new commissioner so that they can have a quorum next month, noted that Mr. Miller is a perfect fit for the Planning and Zoning Commission as she was present at the Planning and Zoning Meeting and heard him speak, which pleases here to know that he is already so invested into the community. She then thanked all of the department heads for what they do and in taking time out of their schedule to meet with the new Council Members to brief them. In closing, she announced that the Fifth Annual Youth Arts Festival is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Cochise College from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., which will include a bunch of activities, performances and take-home projects for the whole family, geared towards children ages five to 13 years old.

Council Member Calhoun concurred with the previous Council Members' statements, announced that there are three more commissioners needed for the Commission on Disability Issues and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray echoed the sentiments of the Council Members about the commissioners that are coming on board, the Sister Cities Students, which always impress her because they are very composed in speaking to Council. She then reported on a meeting that she attended along with Ms. Yarbrough, Mr. Potucek and the Director of Installation Management Command of Training, who talked about the partnership with Fort Huachuca. His statement about the great partnership between the City and Fort speaks very highly of the staff's proactive approach and the Mayor's visits to the Fort to make sure that the City's issues are known and to let them know that the City can help. In closing, she wished a Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy Birthday to Arizona.


Mayor Mueller voiced his appreciation towards staff and noted that the illustration that Council Member Umphrey made about the staff's great job in preparing the new people on Council and incumbents to be prepared for their discussions for the next week bodes well for the future. He then reminded everyone that it is a long weekend and that means that there is going to be people travelling and there will be a potential for unsafe acts on the road. He cautioned people to be safe as State Police and others will be checking for people that are operating vehicles under the influence.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the February 14, 2019 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:46 p.m.

  
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Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

Minutes prepared by:

  
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Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk

Attest:

  
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Jill Adams, City Clerk