



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 28th day of March, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2019

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Maria G. Marsh
Deputy City Clerk

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Jill Adams
City Clerk



Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2019

Mayor Mueller called the March 28, 2019 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
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney
Tony Boone, Economic Development Chief Officer
Mike Cline, Management Analyst
Judy Hector, Marketing and Public Affairs Chief Officer
Abe Rubio, IT Chief Officer

Invocation - Father Del McCune, St. John the Divine, conducted the invocation.

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

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Umphrey moved that the Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of March 28 be approved as written. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the CDBG project regarding the construction of sidewalks and ADA sidewalk ramps is out to bid and those bids will be opened on April 2, 2019, the City's Invitation to Bid for CDBG Timothy Lane Park Improvements Project is also out right now and will be opened on April 4, 2019. There are two bids that were awarded to BNR Paving: Streets Annual Project for crack sealing and patching and the Asphalt Repairs Services Project. In closing, he cautioned people to be careful as BNR Paving is out working on the streets and doing good work.

Public Hearing

Item 2 Consideration of funding applications for FY 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan

Council Member Calhoun moved that the consideration of funding applications for FY 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan be removed from the table for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0.

Mr. McLachlan stated that the Department is at the tentative selection stage for next year's allocation of CDBG funding. Staff will take the feedback and direction received from Council in preparing the Annual Action Plan and presented together with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan at a second public hearing followed by a 30-day comment period in May.

Mr. McLachlan stated that he has asked the Assistant City Manager to have this item added to a work session in April to continue the discussion on establishing the priorities Council wants to pursue with the Consolidated Plan Update. The Department is currently working with a grant estimate of \$260,000 as a basis for developing the Annual Action Plan for 2019, which is the same amount that the City received for this program year. In addition to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Southeastern Arizona's request, the Department received an application from the Boys and Girls Club to cover after school program scholarships for the low income youth of the community. They are requesting \$15,000, which is the same amount that Council approved last year. The Boys and Girls Club state that they were able to increase the number of youth that they serve each day by 10 percent and that they were able to leverage the City's previous grant award to raise an additional \$15,000 with more funding currently pending (email was provided to Council to demonstrate that they are showing a quantitative increase in the level of service as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)).

Mr. McLachlan stated that if Council wishes to fund the service request by the Boys and Girls Club, staff recommends that the amount be deducted on an equal basis across the proposed City projects. Those City projects are \$175,000 for Soldier Creek Park improvements, \$25,000 for improvements to James Landwehr Plaza and \$40,000 for ADA ramps and sidewalks in the target areas.

Mayor Mueller noted that this is a public hearing and that there were no requests to address the issue. He then asked Jay Hamwright if he wanted to address Council. Mr. Hamwright, Boys and Girls Club Chief Professional Officer, stated that the numbers that he provided via email were flipped from year to year as the 2018 and 2019 are backwards. He also stated there was a 10 percent increase. He added that 100 percent of the youth served from the grant during the current year qualify for free or reduced lunch. Over 70 percent are minorities and research indicates that kids that qualify for free or reduced lunch have a lower progression rate through grade levels, but 100 percent of the kids that were affected by the grant are on track to progress to the next grade.

Mayor Mueller thanked Mr. Hamwright and stated that it is good work. He noted that Council will provide staff with guidance so there can be another public hearing with the draft plan.

Council Member Calhoun asked Ms. Norris, Executive Director of NAMI, to clarify the area of

need for their request. Ms. Norris stated that the request is under the suitable living section.

Council Member Calhoun asked if NAMI expects to serve children of low income. Ms. Norris stated that the majority of them will be in the low income community; however, they will not turn any child away because of the level of mental health issues and suicide issues that are growing in the community and in the communities around Sierra Vista.

Mr. McLachlan stated that the requirement is that a majority, 51 percent, are documented as low to moderate income and that the Department talked to Ms. Norris about screening the applicants to ensure that they qualify.

Council Member Calhoun stated that this looks like an area that could almost be a crisis area because of the nature of the presentations that NAMI wants to do and from what is being seen across the nation on children being in such danger for suicide. She also asked if NAMI expects to have some of the presentations in the areas of town where they might find more lower income children. Ms. Norris stated that they are going to make sure that they hit the most demographics because there is a large majority that do not have vehicles or transportation. Every month NAMI will have a project in a different location to make it easier, so eventually, they will hit every area in the City.

Council Member Benning stated that he works with both Jay and Kelly and he appreciates what both organizations do. He added that he looks forward to actually seeing what NAMI is doing, if their request gets approved.

Council Member Pacheco asked Ms. Norris to explain the nature of the service that NAMI will provide. Ms. Norris stated that they will be providing therapeutic art projects with the children and their parents. The children will receive resource information from NAMI and they will be made aware of the resource use support group at Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health Service, Inc. (SEABHS). There will be a group support therapist facilitating the art project and talking about the resources that they have along with the resources that NAMI has. She added that she would like to bring on board Chiricahua's behavioral health group to show the members of the community the mental health resources that they have in Sierra Vista and the number of people in Sierra Vista that want to help them. Children can be helped even if they do not have parents willing to help them.

Mayor Mueller stated that he is concerned about a federal requirement and noted that there was discussion about qualified therapists. He then asked Mr. McLachlan if there are any standards based on the grant to make sure that when a therapy program is done that there are certified/qualified therapists. Mr. McLachlan stated that as long the low to moderate income participants are benefiting from the public service that is being provided they will be in compliance with the HUD regulations.

Council Member Wolfe stated that during the Council's last meeting, NAMI's presentation stated that the children, regardless of age, would be in one group. Ms. Norris stated that they would all be able to attend the art program. They would not all be together, i.e., a five year old next to a 17 year old, as they would be split up. They would all be in the same area so that they could all receive services from the specialist and they will also have different people helping with the art project as well.

Council Member Calhoun asked if NAMI is following a particular curriculum. Ms. Norris stated that it is being devised in partnership with the different organizations. There will be various

curriculum from various organizations in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked Ms. Norris about NAMI's plan to continue the program. Ms. Norris stated that there are multiple fund raising events throughout the year and there are different organizations that want to partner with NAMI in the future to fund specific programs. This can then be a program that NAMI can show numbers, how it worked and advertise to other organizations in the community in order to continue funding the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked if the organizations partnering with NAMI would be able to provide letters to indicate their intent to partner in conjunction with this program. Ms. Norris stated that they would.

Mayor Mueller thanked Ms. Norris for being present.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked if the Boys and Girls Club would have to cut services that help children that are on free and reduced lunch if the funding was not provided this year. Mr. Hamwright stated that they will be able to provide the service that they have now. The funding request for next year is being used to leverage more funds so that they can have funding next year to reach a different group of kids and to serve more kids from that demographic.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked if they are using the money to grow and not maintain. Mr. Hamwright stated that she is correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray stated that she is aware that with CDBG funds the administrative requirements are burdensome and asked Mr. McLachlan who is responsible for the grant reporting and requirements. Mr. McLachlan stated that the responsibilities are laid out in the sub recipient agreement and are on both parties. They are defined through that agreement and it is the City's job to monitor the compliance with the terms of the agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked Mr. McLachlan if the City has someone dedicated to monitoring the compliance with the terms of the agreement. Mr. McLachlan stated that he is responsible as well as Ms. Velasquez.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked Mr. McLachlan to lay out in more detail how the funding will be affected for the City projects if Council decides to fund the \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Club and the \$5,000 to NAMI. Mr. McLachlan stated that there would be a smaller budget for the three projects the Department is recommending and added that \$5,000 would be taken out of each project to make up the \$15,000.

Mayor Mueller asked where the other \$15,000 is coming out of. Mr. McLachlan stated that it is up to Council. The Department would recommend that \$5,000 be shaved off from each of the three projects the Department is proposing: ADA ramps, improvements to James Landwehr Plaza and Soldier Creek Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked if that would decrease the scope of those projects, i.e., not having as many ADA ramps. Mr. McLachlan stated that it would be the extent of the improvements to be defined through a master planning process.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray stated that those projects would shrink. Mr. McLachlan stated that she is correct and explained that there would be a smaller budget to develop improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked if there is a way to prioritize, in particular the ADA ramps, so that Council may know which ones would not be done. Mayor Mueller stated that Mr. McLachlan is recommending splitting evenly the \$15,000. If Council wants to tell Mr. McLachlan that Council wants to make sure that all of the ramps get done and take 7.5 from each of the other two projects or whatever amount out of the other projects, then that is what Mr. McLachlan needs to be told so that he can make a recommendation.

Council Member Calhoun suggested that the two programs, Boys and Girls Club and NAMI, work with a little less than what they requested.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked Mr. McLachlan if he needs a decision now. Mr. McLachlan stated that he is seeking direction. It can be refined during the next public hearing if Council has a change in position. Staff will then amend the draft for the 30-day public comment period, but he is looking at what to include in the draft.

Mayor Mueller noted that Council needs to provide guidance to Mr. McLachlan so that he can come up with a draft to present to Council. Since the \$5,000 is being taken out of the administrative fee, the discussion is to decide if there will be a reduction in the Boys and Girls Club' request.

Council Member Calhoun asked if it can be said in a way that the City would be negotiating the various amount without being specific on the amounts. Mayor Mueller noted that if there is going to be another public hearing, Council needs to have a specific amount to put out to the public. Mr. McLachlan stated that hopefully the CDBG funding is higher than last year's allocation, but staff does not know that yet and will find out probably in the next 30 to 60 days.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked if there is any indication that it will be increased. Mr. McLachlan stated that there is not.

Council Member Benning asked if a price was put on the projects that were sent out via a request for proposal. He also asked if the \$175,000 is an estimate for the park and if the City is accepting the lowest price when the request for proposals comes back. Mr. Potucek explained that it is not large sums of money and it is possible that staff could include the projects as they are requested in the draft plan. Staff can refine some of the numbers with regards to the other projects because they are estimates at this point. He added that it may all come out in the bid process and work out just fine, but he does not think that Council needs to be concerned over the \$15,000 because some of the projects are in Ms. Wilson's area. Work can take place with her staff and engineering to refine the numbers on the park and be able to satisfy all of the needs.

Mayor Mueller asked Mr. Potucek if guidance to Mr. McLachlan is to have him include the \$15,000, \$5,000, have staff go back and review how to rework the other three major projects and then come before Council with the numbers for the other three projects. Mr. Potucek stated that he is correct.

Council Member Wolfe stated that she does not have any problems with the request by the Boys and Girls Club because they have given Council numbers and she hopes that they are growing. She thinks that what NAMI is talking about approaching is a huge issue and further thinks that it is something that can be done. However, her major concerns are that NAMI is not going to have a therapist and will have ten year olds and 17 year olds in the same room, which opens the City up for a liability. She understands that \$5,000 is in the budget and that it is not

very much.

Mayor Mueller stated that Ms. Norris stated that NAMI will have enough adequate adult supervision in the area. Even though there may be only one qualified therapist. He added that he does not share the same concern as Council Member Wolfe.

Council Member Benning stated that in working with NAMI, he knows that many times people worry about age, but NAMI and a lot of other organizations actually use the older teams as peer groups. A younger teen will be listened to and others will see their perception and reaction and try to emulate that instead of hiding their feelings and what they are trying to get through. He added that he understands Council Member Wolfe's concerns, but having them together is a good idea. It is a difficult spot, but with adult supervision, he does not believe that it is an issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked Mr. Hamwright if he had any issues with the Boys and Girls Club meeting the reporting requirements. Mr. Hamwright stated that he did not as it is daily life for them.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray stated that she has no issue with either of the programs except with the stipulation for NAMI to have a plan as to how the program will be able to continue past this year. She explained that the reason why she asked for letters of intent from other partner organizations is that she would like to see a detailed program statement of work to let Council know what it looks like before making a final decision.

Mayor Mueller stated that he believes that he heard that this is a one-time ask for this year from the City and next year, if this is successful, they hope to have other people fund it. Mayor Pro Tem Gray stated that he is correct as that is what she also heard, but she would like to see the organizations' specified intent to help fund that. She does not want to have the City give them the money and after the year, it does not continue to be successful.

Mayor Mueller asked Mr. Potucek and Mr. McLachlan if they had their guidance and when this would come back up. Mr. McLachlan stated that staff is looking at May with a work session in April to continue discussion for authorization of the Five -year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan will be wrapped into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan as the first-year funding application.

Mayor Pro Tem Grays asked to see the letters for NAMI's program before April 11 so that Council may review them.

Item 3 Resolution 2019-027, Approval of Proposed Substantial Amendments to West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Area Plan

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2019-027, approval of the proposed Substantial Amendments to West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Area Plan, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan stated that there are essentially three phases. The first phase is setting the geographic scope of the redevelopment areas based on existing conditions assessment relative to the statutory factor to establish the need for redevelopment. Redevelopment can conjure up different things for people. The City's definition of success is to bring down the relatively high commercial vacancy rate and to increase private sector investment in dealing with building site

deterioration issues in order to create a more attractive and appealing environment. The second phase is how to get there and that is through the Redevelopment Plan.

The West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Plan was first approved on March 22, 2018. The document was formatted to follow the content requirements set by the State Statute. The City has provided a description of the boundaries, information on existing uses, conditions of real property and painted a picture on how the district can evolve over time in accordance with the current Land Use Plan and zoning regulations. The Plan lays out a course of action describing the activities, estimated cost and method of financing of the projects and activities that the City intends to undertake over the ten years to effectuate the outcomes desired. The initial premise upon which it is based is that the private sector is going to be the lead actor with the City playing a supporting role.

The strategy for revitalizing the area consists of two prongs, providing matching grant assistance for building and site improvements that support economic development and renovating the streetscape to function more like a main street that supports a more compact mixed use environment. This effort is supported by the West End Commission previously known as the Downtown Neighborhood Commission, which indicated that this has been going on for a long time.

Mr. McLachlan stated that he thinks that Council recognizes that there is a deep yearning in the community for revitalizing the West End and that is why the City is going through this process. He further stated that the third phase is the hardest and that is the implementation, getting the private sector to buy-in to the communities' vision. First, the work is planned and then the plan is worked. On that front, the City is marketing the program to existing and perspective businesses, partnering with the real estate community and networking at the local and state level to draw more attention to the City to entice more people to the West End.

The City is in the procurement phase on the engineering design services for the renovation of a section of West Fry Boulevard and North Garden Avenue to get that project off of the books. Currently, the Department is at consideration of substantial amendments to the Redevelopment Plan to address the 29-acre expansion area that was approved on February 14, 2019. The designation process or Phase I is complete. The City is now in Phase II, which involves adjusting the maps, data and analysis in the Redevelopment Plan to account for the amended boundary. The two-prong redevelopment strategy is essentially the same as to what was first approved with language being added to include North Garden Avenue to the project. Based on the feedback that the Department received at the March 26, 2019 work session, staff has rescinded its recommendation to pursue the development of a business incubator from the redevelopment strategy. Staff understands that Council wants staff to continue to play a supporting role in economic development and staff is exploring the potential for outside partnerships to take the lead on this endeavor. Staff understands that there is more leg work that needs to be done before setting that as community redevelopment objective.

The recommendations contained in the Plan align with the goals and strategies of Vista 2030 as determined by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The General Plan places importance on maintaining, improving and revitalizing older areas of the community, promoting infill development and adaptive reuse of buildings. The supporting strategies will be carried out through the implementation process.

In summary, the amendments primarily pertain to the background information in the Plan to adjust properties in the expansion area. No significant changes are being proposed to the City's

redevelopment strategy or the amount of funding that is being recommended over the next ten years and staff will take an incremental approach to promoting community reinvestment. Also seen is the growing interest in the West End and staff is doing their best to clear the path to guide that interest into beneficial projects as Council's support is making a difference. On a procedural note, State Law requires a 2/3 vote on approving the plans and five yes votes will be needed for the document to be approved.

Mayor Mueller commented that he has had some conversations with some business owners and there are a couple of them that regretted not being able to get in on time, but he assured them that the City will continue to look at this on an annual basis and if the area needs to be expanded again, the City will go through the process to amend and add additional properties as the program goes forward and shows its worth. He added that these folks made up their mind a little late and it is not fair to those folks that have already committed to becoming a part of this area to stop the process and restart it as that would take another several months.

Russell Ward, owner of the Horned Toad, stated that he sent the email and noted that he was not trying to slow down the process. He wanted to show solidarity on the West End, but he was upset because he was left out. Initially, he had put his property in at the beginning of the process and was one of the few that battled against the, "we don't want this" group. He added that he should have been approached at some point and asked if he wanted to be in on it again.

Mayor Mueller thanked Mr. Ward for his comments, patience and for allowing the City to use his facility when they held a very contentious meeting about two years ago to talk about the process. He added that his property will be added in future.

Council Member Wolfe stated that since all of this is wrapped into the possibility of getting grants and due to the fact that the property that she rents is in the area and there is a possibility that she could receive money from the City in the future, she will recuse herself from the vote.

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

New Business

Item 4 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019

Council Member Benning moved that the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 14, 2019 be approved as written. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Council Member Umphrey asked if she should abstain if she was not in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Mueller stated that it is fine as all she did was put the item on the table.

The motion carried, 4/0. Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Calhoun and Umphrey abstained.

Item 5 Resolution 2019-028 Approving the Renewal of a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Arizona Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (AZWARN)

Council Member Wolfe moved that Resolution 2019-028, approval of the renewal of a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Arizona Water / Wastewater Agency Response Network, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Ms. Flissar stated that this agenda item is an update to an existing agreement with the Arizona Waste Water Agency Response Network (AZWARN). The City has been a member of the Network for a number of years and basically what it does is that it provides for emergency response from other municipalities or agencies in the event of a large scale emergency. The City can either request or offer assistance in that kind of a situation. This is not an agreement that the City has had to activate nor has the City been in the position yet where they have had to respond to someone else who is having that type of emergency. The agreement provides some redundancy in the City's system and a way to get aid in the event that a situation were to overwhelm locally available resources.

The updated agreement is a result of changes being made by AZWARN and primarily that change is to include private utility companies into the agreement as previously only municipalities were allowed to enter into the agreement. Council knows that many water companies, in particular locally, are privately owned companies.

Council Member Wolfe referenced Section 5.3 of the procedures for requesting assistance and asked that if the City is asked for assistance is it within the City's power to decline or accept. Ms. Flissar stated that she is correct. The City always has the ability to decline.

Council Member Calhoun asked if there are any dollars involved in helping or requesting help as she is concerned with the public water companies that are involved. Ms. Flissar stated that the way that the funding works is that it is all done based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) rate schedule for a declared emergency. The requesting agency would be responsible for all costs of response including reasonable costs to housing any responding agency members, any equipment and personnel.

The motion unanimously carried, 6/0.

Call to the Public

Michael DeCarlo complimented new Council Members on the last couple of work sessions as there has been good interaction between them and staff. He also thanked City staff for their presentations, thanked Mr. McLachlan for reducing the administrative fee with regards to CDBG and his briefing on streets and asked if there are any abnormalities with the ground premeditating radar. He added that he is not complaining about the bus service and thanked the City for what is being done, but since the busses are all going to Wal-Mart, he would like to know if there should be more response and because it is a public bus system, the busses should be leaving City Hall after Council Meetings are over. He further added that having the busses go to the school is good and wonders if all of the bus drivers should be fingerprinted. He then stated that he understands why the City is improving the parking with regard to recreational vehicles (RV) due to property values, but 2/3 of the properties in town are probably represented by a Home Owners Association (HOA) and this would only apply to the folks that do not live in HOAs. This is a tax on the poor because if someone has a nice RV, they can pay enough to have it parked somewhere else. If the neighborhood has no problem with it, then what is the government doing. In closing he stated that he had requested a couple of police officers' records a couple of years ago that he did not intend to make money on, but through his analysis and ability to explain to others through drawing pictures, linking diagrams in metrics association and etc., someone offered him money to buy these from him. He explained that he would like a waiver of the fees from the City. Lastly, he pointed out to the new Council Members that there are three members on the panel that approved the FY 2015 budget and referenced pages 109 and 110 of the 2015 budget. The sales taxes to be used for energy

improvement are tied directly to people's property because they are utility taxes, which have been reallocated to the General Fund, but tie back to when the recycling did not add up. The columns were switched in 2015 for franchise fees and were made General Fund taxes. Those franchise fees are on utilities, i.e., cable and they are tied to people's houses that are tied to property value.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Umphrey announced that the Youth Arts Festival that did not take place last month due to the weather has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Cochise College from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for all school aged children. There will be vendors, activities, arts and crafts, music, dancing and she hopes to see everyone there. In closing, she stated that she missed Council Members who did not attend the conference in D.C., which was great and she hopes that everyone has a chance to read her report.

Council Member Pacheco thanked everyone in the audience as it is good to see a full room and noted that she is glad to have them present.

Council Member Wolfe had nothing to report.

Council Member Benning stated that he had the opportunity to fill in for the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem at a ribbon cutting ceremony during the weekend and he would like to pass on the congratulations for a good job to Mr. McLachlan and Mr. Cline. The owner of the property stated that it was a great experience working with the City and that between Mr. McLachlan and Mr. Cline, they were both extremely open and easy to get a hold of. He added that he wanted to pass on good stuff to people because sometimes the good comments are not heard. He further added that he is blessed and thanked the people that elected him and noted that he met people at the Public Works Award Ceremony that are great. There are so many different sections at Public Works and is thankful to Ms. Flissar for inviting him. In closing, he congratulated Susan Quimby from the Transit Section, who won Employee of the Year for Public Works. He also thanked Mr. Nitschke and Ms. Heck from the Buena High School Student Council who invited him to the Buena High School Student Council, where instead of talking to them, he fielded questions from them. The City's youth is amazing and the questions and ideas that they have cannot be obtained anywhere else and he had to switch gears to talk to the young adults.

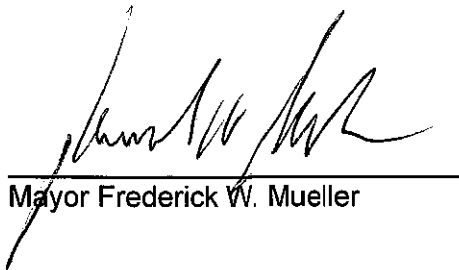
Council Member Calhoun recognized Ms. Barbara Blakenship, in addition to all of the folks in the audience, for their interest in the community. Ms. Blankenship is a 65-year resident of the City, almost the amount of time that Sierra Vista has been a city. She also stated that Council Members received an invitation from Ms. Blakenship for a special event that will be talked about closer to the date and asked everyone to save the date of May 25, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray had nothing to report.

Mayor Mueller announced that the Vietnam Veterans are going to celebrate an event on March 29, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Flagpole in Veterans' Memorial Park. They will have a number of things, a proclamation and Native American Folks there as well to help celebrate. This should be a great event and people are encouraged to come out and celebrate the end of the Vietnam War and the great things that the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard did during that conflict.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the March 28, 2019 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:53 p.m.



Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

Minutes prepared by:



Maria G. Marsh, Deputy City Clerk

Attest:



Jill Adams, City Clerk