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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 18TH day of November, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9TH day of December 2021

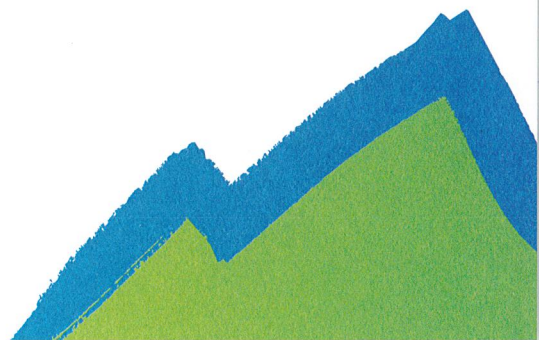
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Maria G. Marsh
Deputy City Clerk

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Jill Adams
City Clerk



Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
[November 18, 2021](#)

Mayor Mueller called the November 18, 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 Mark Rodriguez - present
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Brian Jones, Fire Chief
Laura Wilson, Parks, Recreation and Library Director
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Blake Fisher, Planner
Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager
Mike Cline, SEACOM Director
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Frank Moro
Mark Slania

Invocation – Council Member Landry led everyone present in prayer.

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 November 18, 2021, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek reminded everyone that the regular Council work session and meeting scheduled for next week have been cancelled because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. He announced that refuse service will move up a day. The Monday/Thursday pick up will be Monday/Wednesday and then the Tuesday/Friday will continue as normal. He also announced that the next regularly scheduled work session will be on December 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and the final meeting of the calendar year will be on December 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. also in the Council Chambers. Lastly, he reported on the SEACOM JPA

Board Meeting, noting that the primary discussion point was again staffing, which is reaching definite critical levels. The group discussed several contingency options, and they appreciate, especially those in the Fire Department that have stepped up to get trained to help over at SEACOM. He added that it is an all-hands-on deck situation, but he thinks that they have a pretty good handle on what needs to be done and they are proceeding with hiring; however, the process is slow and SEACOM is not the only one looking for dispatchers, so it is a tough situation. The JPA Board also approved looking at the pay scales and raising them based on State averages, which may be reflected in next year's budget.

Mr. Potucek reported that the Airport Project to take down Mount Dooley is ongoing, which is going to take a little while. The Airport's sign is under construction, and it is about 75 percent complete, that will certainly be an improvement out there. The EMS Substation is ongoing and is scheduled for April 2022. The police vehicles are in, but the parts for the outfitter are sitting on boats outside of Long Beach; therefore, it is going to be a little while until that is done. Lastly, on behalf of the staff, he wished everybody in Sierra Vista a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Council Member Johnson voiced his concern about staffing over at SEACOM. He added that he is aware that Fire Chief Jones and his crew have stepped up, but he would like to know how many people are in the pipeline. Mr. Potucek stated that currently SEACOM is down to eight full-time dispatchers, and there is one probably going out on maternity leave next month. There are three firefighters already trained, and he has authorized them to spend most of their time at SEACOM. There are three more in training as well, and there is other staff that are training people like Jen Osborn, who is also a very good dispatcher besides being a budget officer. He added that he would like to see some help from some of the other partners, the Sheriff's Office, and Fry Fire that would be helpful in this endeavor as well. There is also work on bringing in the National Guard because they are deployed in the City for another year, but there are some bureaucratic hoops to go through with them, but they think they can make up to 10 people available to SEACOM next year.

Council Member Umphrey asked why roof replacements were cancelled. Mr. Potucek stated that staff found out that it was not as bad as it had been thought to be. So, the City will save some money. Ms. Flissar stated that staff is taking another look at those projects based on some feedback from the contractors, and what really needs to be done on those projects; however, it will be coming back out in some form. Mr. Potucek stated that it may not be as extensive as it was originally thought.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

[Item 2.1](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2021

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-074, Acceptance of sewer easements for a sewer line extension to Veritas Christian Community School

[Item 2.3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-075, Dedicating Public Right-of-Way at Seventh Street and Buffalo Soldier Trail

Council Member Landry moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2021, Resolution 2021-074, acceptance of sewer easements for a sewer line extension to Veritas Christian Community School, and Resolution 2021-075, dedicating Public Right-of-Way at Seventh Street and Buffalo Soldier Trail, be approved.

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

Public Hearing

Item 3 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-076, Series 9 liquor license application for an interim permit, owner transfer, limited liability co.-type of ownership for Young G Kim on behalf of Pinnacle Enterprise LLC dba Vista Beverage House at 999 E Fry Boulevard, Suite 101, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Council Member Rodriguez moved that Resolution 2021-076, a series 9 liquor license application for an interim permit, owner transfer, limited liability company-type of ownership for Young G Kim on behalf of Pinnacle Enterprise LLC dba Vista Beverage House at 999 E Fry Boulevard, Suite 101, Sierra Vista, Arizona, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams stated that as moved by Council Member Rodriguez, this is a transfer of a Series nine liquor license for the Vista Beverage House. The notice of this public hearing is required by law that was posted on the premise, and to-date, no comments pro or con have been received from the public. The Police Department has done a background check on the applicant and has no objection to this license transfer moving forward. If approved, it will be returned to the State for final action.

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

Item 4 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-077, Series 12 liquor license application for a new license, interim permit, limited liability-type of ownership for Christopher Jinho Lee on behalf of KYJ Bros, LLC dba Hana Tokyo located at 1633 S. Highway 92, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2021-077, a series 12 liquor license application for a new license, interim permit, limited liability-type of ownership for Christopher Jinho Lee on behalf of KYJ Bros, LLC dba Hana Tokyo located at 1633 S. Highway 92, Sierra Vista, Arizona, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams stated that this is an application for a new Series 12 liquor license, and unlike the previous item, restaurant liquor licenses are nontransferable; therefore, if ownership of the operation changes, they must get their own liquor license and that is why this is a new license as opposed to a transfer. The notice of this public hearing was posted on the premise and to-date, the City has not heard anything from the public, pro or con. The Police Department has done a background check and does not object to this moving forward and if approved, it will be returned to the State for final action.

Council Member Landry made the comment that it was interesting to have a couple of liquor licenses in a row and added that she did not realize the different types, and how many types there are.

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

[Item 5](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-078, Amending City Code Chapter 30, and Declaring a 30- day public record

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2021-078, Amending City Code Chapter 30, and declaring a 30- day public record, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams stated that due to going through the process of updating the policy and procedure guidelines, it was a good time to go through this chapter of the City Code because this is the chapter that relates directly to City Council, and it is noted throughout your guidelines and some of the changes are in both. She explained that this is an update of the section to primarily clean up language and to bring it in conformance with the actual policy and procedures that are being used. The sections that were updated mostly have not been updated since the late 1990s, early 2000s, and so there was a lot of language that does not even come close to describing how business is currently conducted. This is mostly housekeeping and making it what it is that Council does. The main changes were to talk about meeting notices and the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem via resolution as opposed to previous language that was more of a dissent. This is an actual clarification that Council wanted that position to be appointed by resolution, which will be done in the future. Officially, even though that is how Council has always done it. The amendments also take out smoking prohibitions and penalties for them because that is no longer needed because it is in State Law.

Mayor Mueller noted that this action opens a public comment period for 30-days.

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

[Item 6](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-079, General Plan Amendment (Land Use Map 1 Designation Alteration): Industrial to Public for parcels 106-61-016, 106-61-002, 106-61-005, 106-61-003, 106-61-004A

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2021-079, General Plan Amendment (Land Use Map 1 Designation Alteration): Industrial to Public for parcels 106-61-016, 106-61-002, 106-61-005, 106-61-003, 106-61-004A, be approved. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Mr. Fisher stated that staff has initiated minor General Plan Amendments to change the land use designation of Cyr Center Park from Industrial to Public. The reason why this is being proposed, is that the City is applying for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant funds to carry out planned parking and access improvements to serve the growing needs of Cyr Center Park. During the application process, staff determined that the five subject properties that make up Cyr Center Park had industrial land use and zoning designations, which is inconsistent with its current master plan used by the City as a park. To eliminate this inconsistency and demonstrate conforming land use through the grant application process, staff is proposing an edit of map one in the land use section of the General Plan on page 20.

A map was displayed depicting how it currently appears today. The Vista 2030 indicated in pink is where Cyr Center Park is located, which represents industrial designated land. The amendment would replace this map image with this map image, which would turn that into the gray color that corresponds to a public designation, which is the corresponding designation that the City has for other parks throughout the City. This edit is required before any rezoning can be

done on the property as they are also inconsistently zoned. Parks are not permitted in industrial zoning districts. During public outreach, staff received no comments regarding the proposed General Plan amendment or the rezoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved both, the General Plan amendment, and the rezoning unanimously.

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

New Business

[Item 7](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Ordinance 2021-009, Rezoning: APN # 106-61-016 from Heavy Industrial to Open Space, 106-61-002 & 106-61-003 from Industrial Park to Open Space, and 106-61-005 & 106-61-004A from Light Industrial to Open Space

Council Member Johnson moved that Ordinance 2021-009, Rezoning APN #106-61-016 from Heavy Industrial to Open Space, APN #106-61-002 and APN #106-61-003 from Industrial Park to Open Space, and APN #106-61-005 and APN #106-61-004A from Light Industrial to Open Space, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Mr. Fisher stated this is the second part of what he mentioned in the previous presentation, for the rezoning to be approved, and to convert these from their industrial zoning designations to the corresponding open space that is the correct zoning for the parks throughout the City. First, the General Plan amendment would need to have been approved.

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

[Item 8](#) Resolution 2021-080, Proposed Expansion to the West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Area (WSVRA)

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2021-080, proposed expansion to the West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Area, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan noted that Mayor Mueller had mentioned earlier in the day to a roomful of realtors that the West End not only has historic significance, but also greatly contributes to the City's civic identity as a gateway district to the community. It is the City's downtown, and there will soon be a walkable main street accessible to everyone. Public private partnerships are a proven effective tool and approach to community and economic development. Council's approval will help to expand the City's reach to form new partnerships on the West End.

This represents the second expansion to the redevelopment area boundary. In 2017, the Council designated a 23-acre area along West Fried Blvd, then added 29 acres the following year. The resolution before Council expands the redevelopment area to include all commercially zoned properties west of N Fifth Street, which covers 162 parcels and 111 acres of property. This designation requires the Council to make a finding of necessity by a 2/3 vote. The study documenting the conditions in the proposed expansion area was carried out by Stantec who's the County's EPA Brownfield consultant.

The report provides an objective analysis following this statutory criterion used to define what constitutes a blighted area. The data was collected using secondary sources and analyzed

using GIS to arrive at the conclusions that are found on page 34. Factors that were looked at include building age, condition, parcel size and shape, pedestrian-vehicular access, sewer availability, flood planning, and vacancy status. The study finds that a significant number of parcels are vacant or underutilized and have potential to support new conservative community serving uses such as housing, retail, and entertainment spaces. There are also some gaps in infrastructure that need to be considered during the redevelopment area of planning process. Over 90 percent of the expansion area parcels exhibit one or more of the pertinent factors that were evaluated through the criteria.

The findings were presented at a properly noticed public meeting on October 27, 2021. The meeting was well attended by property owners. The staff also spoke with multiple interested parties ahead of the meeting, and some of whom provided letters to support that are included in the Council's packet. Staff went over the elements of the West Sierra Vista Partnership Program, how it is administered and answered questions. There was acknowledgment on the need for further City involvement on revitalizing the West End and carrying out additional capital projects.

As was mentioned at the work session, there was a call for property owners to step up their maintenance and band together on the West End to be more vibrant, part of the community by better coordinating business hours and leaving their lights on later into the night. The owner of Street Taco shared his experience on the West Sierra Vista Partnership Program on how beneficial the grant was to relocate his business to South Carmichael, to fill a longstanding vacancy there. Approval of this resolution fulfills a Council objective to expand the redevelopment area in West Sierra Vista Partnership Program, as appropriate. Once approved, staff will immediately begin work on the required update to the Redevelopment Area Plan to address the expansionary.

Council Member Landry commented that during the work session, she mentioned that she really loves the study, the breakdown and the analysis that was done. It really shows how great this is and how needed it is. This going to be a great way to provide more opportunities to those in the area, along with beautifying the City and meeting a lot of the different goals. Lastly, she stated that she is hopeful that a lot of the property owners will see this in a kind of a get the ball rolling and get things going momentum, to really make things great.

Council Member Benning thanked Mr. McLachlan, his team, and the rest of the staff members. He noted that four and a half to five years ago, when this was first introduced, there was a lot of pushback, and he remembers meetings that were held at the Horned Toad, but now there seems to be a change in what is happening, because now there are businesses coming to the City and asking to be a part of it. They are doing their part, and there are people going from food trucks to smaller businesses, to bigger businesses, i.e., J's that is moving into the to the old Peacock Restaurant. He further stated that watching the growth in the last four years in the West End has been amazing, and he thinks the same for those people that provided comments about the West End redevelopment, the streets, and everything going on in the West End. He asked people to wait to see, and to give it a year after it is done to see where it is going, as this is a change people have been asking for. Lastly, he stated that he is proud to be a part of it and watching everyone doing their job.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that the term "blight" is not being taken well by some people. He added that the City is not by any means saying that the whole West End is blight, and that is why this happened. He explained that there are some blight areas and buildings, but the West End is a great place. It has beautiful homes, and a lot of people take care of their property.

Unfortunately, there are some properties that have not been taken care of for a long time, and that is why these changes needed to happen. The term “blight” gets misconstrued in the media.

Mayor Mueller stated that it is not just a four-year effort, this is the continuance of a 20-year effort to work on the West Side to include the Fry Townsite area. As the City worked through the statutory requirements, which require the City to declare areas as blight to be able to assist, the City held the meeting that Council Member Benning mentioned, which was critical because everyone was concerned about the label. Lastly, over the last several years, decades, there has not been any investment in the West End and there have been additional ADA requirements for safety, fire, and for upgrading the electric so that they can handle electronics in those places. There are a lot of issues that the City is trying to resolve, business by business and that takes some time; therefore, it will not necessarily be a year from now, it will probably be a couple years from now when everyone can look back and wonder at what else needs to be done to make sure that the area is able to maintain itself without additional government help.

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

Item 9 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-081, Council Policy and Procedure Manual

Council Member Rodriguez moved that Resolution 2021-081, Council Policy and Procedure Manual, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams stated that as discussed at a couple of work sessions in the last few months, she felt that it was well past time that the policy and procedure guideline were pulled out, dusted off and updated. For the most part, there were not a lot of changes made. However, inserted were some new sections, primarily participation in meetings by electronic means, use of personal electronic equipment, and a social media policy for Council. The board and commission description section has been updated to reflect the changes that were made back a couple years ago with the swap of the non-regulatory versus regulatory commissions. Also included is a requirement for new council members to attend mandatory Open Meeting Law training at the beginning of, or around the beginning of their terms.

The amendments were all discussed, and thoroughly vetted by Council during the work sessions. If approved by Council, she will go through the manual to make sure that all the links to the statutory references work, as well as cleaning the code references. It will then be posted on the City’s website as a final product.

Council Member Benning thanked Mayor Pro Tem Gray, who took a stab at the social media policy. He added that he is aware that Council had been asking for this for a while of the League of Cities, and so, he appreciates her taking the time to sit down and trying to come up with something for Council in the meantime, until there is more from the State and higher.

Mayor Mueller commented for the folks out there that may not understand that the City’s friends in the Legislature, over the last couple years, have made specific requirements dealing with social media with elected officials and they are basically set up for transparency. It is critical when a new council member is elected or there has been changes, that the Council be educated on what those things are so that they do not get into legal wrangling with either the City’s attorney or somebody else’s attorney, which would tend to cost more money than what the City would want to spend.

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

[Item 10](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-082, Approval of the proceedings of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Sierra Vista regarding the issuance of its Charter School Refunding and Revenue Bonds, Harvest Preparatory Academy Project, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2021-082, proceedings of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Sierra Vista regarding the issuance of its Charter School Refunding and Revenue Bonds, Harvest Preparatory Academy Project, and declaring an emergency, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mr. Slania stated that the Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority (IDA) previously approved its resolution; therefore, this is a resolution brought before Council to approve the proceedings and to allow the issuance of those bonds. This is a charter school revenue bond issue. The Sierra Vista IDA does not have any financial obligation regarding its general credit, nor does the City have any obligation with regards to its credit on any bond issue that is issued by the Sierra Vista IDA. The charter school in this case is a nonprofit charter school that is looking to refinance an existing bond issue and to add additional debt to cover its administrative building. All charter schools are approved by the Arizona State Charter School Board. He further stated that this is a bank financing, unlike the second item, and so therefore, it is more reflective of a commercial loan transaction between the bank and the Industrial Development Authority and the school.

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

[Item 11](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-083, Approval of the proceedings of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Sierra Vista regarding the issuance of its Education Facility Revenue Bonds, AmeriSchools Academy Project, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2021-083, proceedings of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Sierra Vista regarding the issuance of its Education Facility Revenue Bonds, AmeriSchools Academy Project, and declaring an emergency, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mr. Slania stated that this is also a charter school transaction. In this case it has not previously had debt and they are currently leasing the facilities, the three facilities that they are in, and they are looking into acquiring them. This is a nonprofit charter school that is looking to acquire this. However, this is going to be a public offering which means that they are going through Robert W. Baird as the under writer, and it will be available to members of the public in a denomination of \$25,000 or more. Therefore, there will be an offering document associated with that transaction.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked about the declarations of an emergency. Mr. Slania stated that the declarations of an emergency are a way to deal with the statutory requirement that this be immediately effective as opposed to making it effective after a 30-day period. This is an Arizona

Statute, which requires that there be this window unless you have a declaration of emergency and making it immediately available.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that, for the public awareness, when things come across like this, and there is no familiarity with what the Industrial Development Authority does, it is scary when seeing the words, not to exceed \$20 million for the school in Yuma, not to exceed \$11 million for the second one. He noted that this is not City money. He added that the first question that is always asked by one of the council members is if the City liable for any default.

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

Call to the Public – There was no response.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Benning thanked all the people that came out and participated in the Veteran's Day parade and noted that it was amazing, and everyone looked good. He also thanked all those people that put on the uniform and protect everyone every day. In closing, he wished everyone a safe, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving.

Council Member Johnson mirrored Council Member Benning's comments about the Veteran's Day parade. He added that it was great to have it back, a lot of patriotism, a lot of fun, it was very inspirational, and he thinks that the community took well to it. He congratulated the Police Academy Class of 2021-2022 that had 16 graduates. He added that it is rigorous training and there were 26 people that started the class, but only 16 passed muster, and there are currently five coming on board. Lastly, he stated that Doctor Rottweiler and Cochise College have done a great job in getting that academy up and running as this is the sixth/seventh class that they have put on. Additionally, he gave a shout out to Public Works and shared that he is a part of a small homeowners' association that has a wash behind San Cristobal Street. Some of the people were concerned about having the wash cleared, and Public Works came out and mowed it, except for up against the various properties, but that was all squared away during the week. The crew came in with their trucks and cleared everything out, and so, they are not going to be in any harm's way if there is a brush fire, or anything of that nature. In closing he stated that Public Works does not get enough credit.

Mayor Mueller stated that they do a very good job and that is one of the things experienced this year with all the rain the City has had a little extra vegetation coming up, and the City appreciates it when people can maintain their own property as they know where their property lines are, because technically, if it is on their property, it is their job. If it is in the City right away, it is the City's job. If it is in the County, it is their job, and some people get a little irritated when City crews will not work in the County.

Council Member Landry thanked Mr. Slania and Mr. Moro for being present and available to answer questions and break things down. The IDA is difficult to wrap one's head around, so she really appreciates them answering questions. She shared that Thanksgiving is one of her favorite holidays, and announced that next Thursday, November 25, 2021, there is a Turkey Trot, a 5K and a kid's 2K on Fort Huachuca. Registration goes until November 22, 2021 at close of business, and it starts at 7:00 a.m. People can go to raceentry.com to sign up. It is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth, and then free for ages two through 11. This is a great way to start the day and get ready to fill up the tummy later with some good food and family time. Lastly, she noted

that it is a difficult time of year because the holidays are coming up. There are people that maybe have lost loved ones, do not have their family near to them, and therefore, people should be cognizant of that and reach out to these people, maybe invite them to hang out. In closing, she wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Rodriguez wished everyone a great holiday, whichever they observe during these times, encouraged people to remember those that are less fortunate, and if they have some leftovers, share them if you are not going to eat them and let them sit in your fridge all month because there are some people that are not going to have a good meal. He also asked people to remember those that are deployed or away from their families at this time. He shared that he has been there himself. He congratulated Sierra Vista Elite Cheerleading as they are going to be competing during the weekend in Anaheim, California; therefore, he will be making the drive to go support his daughter. He added that it is good to see the construction around the City, Station Four out on BST and 7th Street, noted that people still ask what is going on there, and the construction of Tombstone Brewery on Garden Avenue next to the hotel. Lastly, he stated that the month of November is his kids and mom's birthday, and he wished them happy birthday. In closing, he stated that he talked to Police Chief Thrasher about the military's skill bridge program for soldiers that are retiring/expiration term of service (ETSing), the Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP), and hopefully one of these local soldiers that is training can transfer over to be a police officer. The program is open to a lot of businesses, companies, and organizations where the soldier will use their last year working at whatever business it is or in this case to become a police officer. They still get their paycheck from the Army, and so whoever is going to hire them, does not have to pay them for that year; therefore, it is a good win for everybody.

Council Member Umphrey wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and announced that on Sunday, November 28, 2021, is the first night of Hanukkah, and wished everyone that celebrates, a Happy Hanukkah.

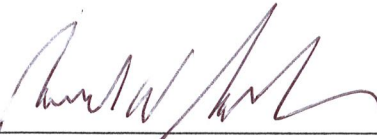
Mayor Pro Tem Gray announced that on Friday, November 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m., the Redistricting Advisory Committee will be voting on what to recommend to the Board of Supervisors, as far as redistricting is concerned, and the Board of Supervisors will vote on November 30, 2021. She also shared that Sierra Vista's area representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation reported that the \$10.6 million that Council has been wondering about, is going to go towards the area where Fry's and Target are, as far as they can stretch it because it is unknown yet if that is four miles, three miles or two miles; however, in a couple of weeks, she will be notified. The important thing is they are improving State Route 90 in the Fry's/Target area. She announced that Business at Twilight is currently taking place at the U of A College of Science and Technology, and Tombstone Brewery will be having samples there. She congratulated Council Member Umphrey as she just graduated from the Citizens Police Academy, wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and noted that she will not be having any leftovers because her son is bringing home eight soldiers.

Mayor Mueller announced that on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. the Salvation Army will have in their Red Kettle kickoff. This is a big event and people need to call and make a reservation. He reminded everybody that most of the money that is used to run the Salvation Army comes from red kettles because they do not really get any outside funds. He encouraged people to contribute, volunteer to ring bells and do those kinds of things. Lastly, he stated that there was also an issue within the last couple months about availability of turkeys and where to store them which has been resolved. Therefore, they will be feeding Thanksgiving at the building on Wilcox Drive. If people want to help, they would be more than happy to get a couple

extra helping hands, which is the best way to say happy Thanksgiving to everybody by helping their neighbor. For those people traveling, he asked them to be safe, do not leave late and expect to get there early, and the road because there will be other people that are not paying as much attention. He wished people a happy Hanukkah, and announced that on Friday, December 3, 2021, at twilight in Veterans Memorial Park is the lighting of the community holiday tree. On December 4, 2021, is the Christmas parade sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Adjournment


Mayor Mueller adjourned the November 18, 2021 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:45 p.m.




Frederick W. Mueller, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

Attest:



Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk



Jill Adams, City Clerk