



Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
January 23, 2020

Mayor Mueller called the January 23, 2020 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 (arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

Council Member William Benning – present

Council Member Gwen Calhoun – present

Council Member Sarah Pacheco – present

Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Council Member Kristine Wolfe – absent

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager

Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager

Adam Thrasher, Police Chief

Brad Dever, Battalion Chief

Laura Wilson, Leisure and Library Services Director

Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director

Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director

Jeff Pregler, Senior Planner

Jill Adams, City Clerk

Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney

Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager

David Felix, Finance Chief Officer

Jennifer Osburn, Interim Budget Officer

Adam Curtis, Public Information Officer

Abe Rubio, IT Chief Officer

Commission on Disability Issues

Invocation - Pastor Chuck Carlson, Sierra Vista Community Church, conducted the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Umphrey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Pacheco moved that the Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of January 23, 2020 be approved as written. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

Awards and Presentations

Mayor Mueller, Council and Mr. Karl Hallsten, member of the Commission on Disability Issues and president of the Adult Loss of Hearing Association, awarded the Sierra VistAbility Award to the Sierra Vista Community United Church of Christ. Mr. Hallsten spoke about induction loops, the wheelchair ramp for the hard of hearing, the importance of loops and noted that churches have the most loops. Lastly, he stated that he is happy to have nominated the Sierra Vista Community United Church of Christ in recognition of providing access to the hard of hearing in Cochise County/Sierra Vista.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the next regularly scheduled City Council Work Session will be held at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on February 11, 2020. On February 13, 2020 there will be a Special City Council Meeting regarding an Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 3:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room followed by the regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He reported that the Animal Care Center Improvements Project is currently being advertised with those bid to close on February 27, 2020. A lease was signed for the Library Cafe with Book Nook Café, which will open on February 1, 2020. The contract for the Water Mural Tower Project has been signed and it is scheduled to begin March 9, 2020 because warmer weather is needed. Lastly, the draft Development Fee Study has been posted on the City web site. He explained that over the last few months, staff has been engaged with a firm to study the development fees.

Mr. Potucek added that the City is currently operating under a development fee moratorium, which was a two-year moratorium, that is scheduled to pass on June 30, 2020. On July 1, 2020, the development fees will kick in automatically barring any other actions by Council. There is a lengthy process prescribed by State Law that the City must go through to implement any new fees and that study and the posting was part of that process. He further stated that staff will schedule a work session next month to provide history and background on development fees and where the City is currently. He also stated that he envisions another work session with Council to go over the fees and the projects that are supported.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

Item 2.1 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2020

Item 2.2 Resolution 2020-003, Acceptance of Subdivider's Agreement and Improvement Security for Canada Vista subdivision

Council Member Calhoun moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2020 and Resolution 2020-003, acceptance of the Subdivider's Agreement and Improvement Security for Canada Vista subdivision, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

Public Hearing

Item 3 Resolution 2020-004, an owner transfer of a Series 6 Liquor License for Christopher Guinter and Christine Alonso on behalf of PC's Lounge, 4700 E Highway 90, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2020-004, an owner transfer of a Series 6 Liquor License for Christopher Guinter and Christine Alonso on behalf of PC's Lounge, located at 4700 E Highway 90, Sierra Vista, Arizona, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded

the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

Item 4 Resolution 2020-005, Request to rename a portion of Sherbundy Street to Watkins Way

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2020-005, renaming a portion of Sherbundy Street to Watkins Way, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

Item 5 Resolution 2020-006, Development Code Amendments to Section 151.22.006, Matrix of Use Permissions by Zoning District (Permitting of private general education schools) and Declaring a 30-Day Public Comment Period

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2020-006, Development Code amendments to Section 151.22.006, Matrix of Use Permissions by Zoning District, and declaring a 30-day public comment period, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

New Business

Item 6 Ratification of Resolution 2019-100, Modifications to Refuse Rates

Council Member Pacheco moved to reaffirm approval of Resolution 2019-100, modifications to the refuse rates as approved on December 12, 2019. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

Item 7 Ordinance 2020-001, Amendments to Chapter 52 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, City Code of Ordinances, to allow private recycling collectors

Council Member Calhoun moved that Ordinance 2020-001, amendments to Chapter 52 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, City Code of Ordinances, to allow private recycling collectors, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

Item 8 Resolution 2020-007, Approval of a Development Agreement with GL Mountain Vista LLC, Mountain Vista Mobile Home Park, 700 South Carmichael Avenue

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2020-007, a Development Agreement with GL Mountain Vista LLC, Mountain Vista Mobile Home Park located at 700 South Carmichael Avenue, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, and Umphrey.

Call to the Public – There was no response.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Umphrey stated that she had a great time at the spectacular event put on by staff for the Grand Re-Opening of the Domingo Paiz Soccer Fields where kids revealed the logo.

Council Member Pacheco congratulated the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on a wonderful Martin Luther King Day walk and ceremony with a huge turnout. She also announced that the City will have a lot of visitors during the weekend thanks to the Buena High School Student Council hosting a conference in Sierra Vista. She reported that the Buena High School's parking lot had a lot of busses from high schools all over the State and to her knowledge, every hotel is full, which means that restaurants will be full too. The Education Conference with Jackie Clay's visitors are also staying in town. She encouraged people to welcome the students to Sierra Vista, an incredible opportunity for Sierra Vista.

Council Member Calhoun had nothing to report.

Council Member Benning apologized to Ms. Wilson for not being able to attend the Grand Re-Opening of the Domingo Paiz Soccer Fields due to a family matter. He also stated that the Martin Luther King March was great and explained his vote on the modifications to refuse rates and noted that City has been working on this for a long time. He thanked staff for their time at Council Meetings and behind the scenes on one on one sittings with Council about what they believe, their ideas and showing the numbers. He also thanked the community for their input. Lastly, he stated that everything in the community is going up as well as in the country and the City cannot be expected to provide a service and not do the same. By doing nothing, the City is being put into a greater deficit. He challenged staff, Mayor Mueller and Council to look for ways to do refuse that is better for the community like low income housing. Things are starting to come together for Sierra Vista, it is a great time to be in the City, the fields are looking amazing, Schneider Project is looking good across the board.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray apologized for being tardy to the Council Meeting because it is not something that she likes to do, but it was unavoidable. She also apologized and thanked Adrian, Larry and Johanna that came to the Council Meeting to be appointed to the Industrial Development Authority, which were not on the agenda. She added that based on their applications, she believes that they will wonderful assets to the Industrial Development Authority. She also stated that the ribbon cutting at the Domingo Paiz Soccer Fields and the unveiling of the logo was adorable with little kids being lined up.

Mayor Mueller stated that everything that he wanted to say has been covered, Martin Luther King event, Grand Re-Opening of the Domingo Paiz Soccer Fields, which he was unable to attend due to being in Phoenix. He added that Schneider Electric is doing a great job for the City, which is appreciated. In closing, he thanked staff for providing him and Mr. Boone with a birthday. He also thanked staff for all their good work on the hard issues that Council had to deal with on recycling and budget. Staff provides Council with hard answers to their tough questions, which is appreciated so that Council can make good decisions that are best for the community.

Adjournment - Mayor Mueller adjourned the January 23, 2020 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:54 p.m.