



Sierra Vista City Council  
Meeting Summary  
[April 9, 2020](#)

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1. Mayor Mueller called the April 9, 2020 City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ

Roll Call (Due to health concerns related to COVID-19, the meeting was held remotely)

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  
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief  
Brian Jones, Fire Chief  
Laura Wilson, Leisure and Library Services Director  
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director  
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director  
Jeff Pregler, Senior Planner  
Jennifer Osburn, Interim Budget Officer  
Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager  
Nathan Williams, City Attorney  
Jill Adams, City Clerk

Invocation – Council Member Calhoun requested a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Pro Tem Gray 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 April 9, 2020 be approved as written. 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, Umphrey and Wolfe.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the next regularly scheduled City Council Work Session will be held virtually through WebEx on April 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. as well as the next regularly Council Meeting on April 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. He reported that the Oscar Yrun Community Center Remodel Quote deadline was April 3, 2020 and the lowest bid received was \$70,575, which was over the \$50,000 budgeted amount. Staff is working on details with engineering and on the capital project budget. Awarded was the City Hall Remodel Project to A5 Design at \$122,595.00, which is under the budgeted amount of \$150,000. The Big O

Driveway Project was awarded to B-R Constructors at \$18,321, under the budgeted amount of \$20,000. The Sierra Vista Animal Care Center Expansion Statement of Qualifications was awarded to The Architecture Company. The FAA just approved the grant regarding the airport taxiway sealcoat and apron rehabilitation. Also, C and S Engineering, the on-call for A and E at the Airport, will be awarded the design phase in the amount of \$95,205.00. Construction is expected in fiscal year 2021.

Council Member Wolfe inquired about the Oscar Yrun Community Center Remodel.

New Business

[Item 2](#) Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2020

Council Member Benning moved that the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2020, be approved as written. Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Calhoun, Pacheco, Umphrey and Wolfe.

[Item 3](#) Ordinance 2020-003, Approval and Adoption of Development Code Amendments to Section 151.08.002, Public Improvement Standards-General Regulations, Article 151.19, Subdivision Platting Procedures and Requirements

Council Member Wolfe moved that Ordinance 2020-003, Development Code Amendments to Section 151.08.002, Public Improvement Standards-General Regulations, Article 151.19, Subdivision Platting Procedures and Requirements, be approved. 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, Umphrey and Wolfe.

Mayor Mueller stated that staff is looking at ways to have people call into the meeting to participate in the Call to the Public.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Calhoun had nothing to report.

Council Member Umphrey wished everyone a Happy Easter, commented on all the murals in town.

Council Member Benning asked people to hang in there during these tough times. He also thanked Mr. Potucek and staff for sharing information.

Council Member Wolfe stated that she is aware of some people being against the Council Meetings being virtual and requesting public meetings and explained that this is the best and safest way to continue meeting because the City is continuing to do business. She thanked the Mayor for making the decision to hold virtual meetings. She reported that there is a movement out in the community to have people put teddy bears in their windows for the children, which they plan to count.

Council Member Pacheco echoed what everyone before her stated and encouraged people to give themselves a break in figuring things out due to having to work from home, and home-schooling children. Lastly, she read on of Fred Rogers' quote, "When I was a boy and I would

see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." To this day, especially in times of "disaster," I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world."

Council Member Pacheco stated that she is very impressed with the community, Police Chief Thrasher, Fire Chief Jones, first responders, Ms. Hector, Mr. Curtis, and the City's staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray had nothing to report.

Council Member Calhoun commended Officer Tuggle and gave a shout out to all the Police officers.

Mayor Mueller encouraged people to visit the City's web site that contains a video and information on what the City is doing concerning the Coronavirus. He stated that this is Holy Week/Passover and asked the community to take a moment and pray for the community, the first responders, doctors, nurses, technicians and store clerks. He asked that the people remember those that are ill, have passed as well as their families. Lastly, he encouraged people to help their friends, the elderly that may need assistance in order to make the community stronger.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the April 9, 2020 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:30 p.m.