

1. Mayor Mueller called the May 28, 2020 City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ

Roll Call:

Mayor Rick Mueller – present
Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Gray – present
Council Member William Benning – present
Council Member Gwen Calhoun – present (5:06 p.m.)
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
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, Planner
Nathan Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk

Invocation- Mayor Mueller conducted the invocation.

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

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that the Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of May 28, 2020 be approved as written. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Pacheco, Umphrey and Wolfe. Council Member Calhoun not present.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek explained that the reason why the Council Meeting is through WebEx is largely since an employee is in the testing mode for COVID. As a result of that, it was determined to have all City lobbies closed; however, the outdoor activities will continue. The employees that were coming back to work, will continue to telecommute. As a result of this, the status of future meetings is unknown. There is a work session scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 and a Council Meeting for 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2020. Also scheduled are budget work sessions on June 16, 17 and 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. He announced that the Governor had a press conference, where he announced that they are still in Phase I and there are no guidelines in terms of going to Phase II. He is pressing

forward in trying to open the schools on time, which will require a lot of work with the various school districts and State Superintendent of Schools.

He also reported that the State received \$2.8 Billion in CARES Act funding. The City has been in contact with the Governor's Office to see how that money is going to be disbursed and at long last, the City was notified that it will receive approximately \$4.9 Million in allocations to assist the City through the challenging time. The City will be able to use that funding to pay for police/fire salaries and burden directly as of March, when the pandemic started and in moving forward. This will help the City with the budget going into next year. The proposal on how these funds will be used will be presented to Council during the budget work sessions. He also reported that he and Ms. Yarbrough met with the School District Board to make the City's proposal regarding the Rothery property, which will be presented to Council during a meeting in June. Lastly, he reported that the City is out for quotes due on June 12, 2020 for the house that has been vacant and gutted at 3064 Quail Run Drive to be demolished.

Mayor Mueller announced that Council Member Calhoun has joined the Council Meeting, 5:06 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray stated that she has picked up her budget book and announced that if Council call Ms. Mathias, she will set a budget book out on the wall for them to pick up. Mayor Mueller noted that due to the recent change of the \$4.9 Million and proposed plan by staff, there are changes in the first section that will be affected. He added that hopefully the changes can be clarified when meeting with staff during one on one session to find out how next year's budget will be affected.

In response to Council Member Benning, Mr. Potucek stated that staff plans to proceed with the one on one meetings with Council Members.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

Item 2.1 Approval of the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2020

Item 2.2 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2020

Council Member Benning moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2020 and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2020, 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, Umphrey and Wolfe.

Public Hearing: There was no response.

Item 3 Resolution 2020-025, Request for a Conditional Use Permit, Haven Health of Sierra Vista, 660 S Coronado Drive

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2020-025, a Conditional Use Permit, Haven Health of Sierra Vista, 660 S Coronado Drive, 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.

New Business

Item 4 Resolution 2020-026, Accepting a Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Pavement Sealing and Rehabilitation

Council Member Pacheco moved that Resolution 2020-026, acceptance of a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Pavement Sealing and Rehabilitation, 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, Umphrey and Wolfe.

Item 5 Resolution 2020-027, Authorization to take legal action against Jodi Silva

Council Member Calhoun moved that Resolution 2020-027, Authorizing legal action against Jodi Silva, 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, Umphrey and Wolfe.

Item 6 Resolution 2020-028, Dissolution of the City Council Advisory Bodies known as the Airport Commission, Arts & Humanities Commission, Cultural Diversity Commission, Commission on Disability Issues, Environmental Affairs Commission, Library Advisory Commission, Tourism Commission, Youth Commission, and the West End Commission and Re-establishing them as Departmental Commissions of the same names

Council Member Wolfe moved that Resolution 2020-028, dissolution of the City Council Advisory Bodies known as the Airport Commission, Arts & Humanities Commission, Cultural Diversity Commission, Commission on Disability Issues, Environmental Affairs Commission, Library Advisory Commission, Tourism Commission, Youth Commission, and the West End Commission and re-establishing them as Departmental Commissions of the same names, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6/1 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Pacheco, Umphrey and Wolfe. Council Member Calhoun voted no.

Call to the Public – There was no response.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Calhoun stated that she is saddened in having someone near Council having been affected by COVID-19 and she wishes them and others in the area quick recoveries.

Council Member Wolfe she asked everyone to be safe and hopes that all had a good Memorial Day and that all were thinking about what the holiday is about.

Mayor Mueller wished Council Member Wolfe a Happy Anniversary.

Council Member Benning sent prayers to Minneapolis and anyone affected by the Ash Canyon Fire. He asked everyone to be careful, safe and to listen to authorities as far as COVID and having another staff member having to go through the testing process. He further stated that the pandemic is not over, people must be patient in everything that they do and to be respectful for each other.

Council Member Umphrey had nothing to report.

Council Member Pacheco thanked the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery and Fort Huachuca for the great virtual ceremonies during Memorial Day to remember those who have passed fighting for the country. In closing, she asked everyone to safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray thanked Mayor Mueller for speaking to the Governor about the State Care Act funding. She added that she is pleased with the way that this was rolled out and happy to see that the cities will get some direct funds to help with costs.

Mayor Mueller stated that he briefly looked at the budget book and noted that there will be changes on the \$4.9 Million. He further stated that he spoke Fire Chief Jones about the Ash Canyon fire and he stated that Fire Chief Savage stated that the fire is under control. He added that this is fire season and cautioned everyone since it is going to get hot/dry and watch where cigarettes are thrown and to make sure that if there is a fire that there is adequate devices to control it should the wind pick up. He also stated that it is regrettable that the City had a situation where the lobbies had to be closed again. They will reopen and this is nothing to worry about, it is more an overabundance of caution. This is to make sure that the City employees are taken care of as well as anyone that comes into the City to do business. The City is doing what the business community is doing. They are doing a great job in taking care of their customers and protecting their workers and providing service. This is going to be the way that the community will live for several months. Lastly, he stated that he has heard discussions about schools opening, which will be a challenge. He recommended that when the School Board has their plan together that they get together with the parents and explain what is going to happen and why in detail so that everyone can be prepared when the schools open.

Council Member Pacheco stated that the School Board has put out a survey to all parents of children in Sierra Vista schools regarding reopening. They are currently gathering that feedback. She encouraged parents of school children to participate. Mayor Mueller added that they have started and there will be a discussion and education process to make sure that they are successful in protecting the kids, teachers, bus drivers and others. Lastly, he voiced his appreciation at everyone's efforts and noted that when they meet again at the next work session, the next step on the commissions will be added for discussion, policy and procedure guidelines for boards/commissions that fit the new situation.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the May 28, 2020 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 6:00 p.m.