



Sierra Vista City Council  
Meeting Summary  
July 9, 2020

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Mayor Mueller called the July 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:

Mayor Rick Mueller – present  
Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Gray – present  
Council Member William Benning – present  
Council Member Gwen Calhoun – present  
Council Member Sarah Pacheco – absent  
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  
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director  
Blake Fisher, Planner  
Nathan Williams, City Attorney  
Jill Adams, City Clerk

Invocation - Pastor Randy Youngblood Thunder Mountain Church, conducted the invocation.

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

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Benning moved that the Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of July 9, 2020 be approved as written. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, and Calhoun.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the next scheduled City Council Work Session will be held on July 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers that will feature a presentation by Police Chief Thrasher on the Police Department's procedures with possible discussion by Council. The next regularly scheduled work session will be held on July 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers followed by the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on July 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Quotes are due July 9, 2020 for the Rothery Center Survey for the land acquisition and the school land acquisition contract has been signed for the purchase price of \$981,000, the appraised value. Lastly, he reported that during the last Council Work Session, the audio-visual system stopped working and the process for a new one

has been expedited. The contract has been awarded for a cost of \$113,846 that was in the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray asked on the projected closing date on the Rothery Center property. Mr. Potucek stated that there is no date yet because all the paperwork has not yet been processed, but he imagines that once the survey is done, it should be done by next month.

## Item 2 Consent Agenda

Item 2.1 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2020

Item 2.2 Approval of the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2020

Item 2.3 Resolution 2020-041, Acceptance of a revised Ingress/Egress/Utility Easement, Plaza De Colibri Subdivision

Item 2.4 Resolution 2020-042, Pre-annexation Agreements for Parcel 106-71-201, 316 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Parcel 106-71-200B, 314 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Item 2.5 Resolution 2020-043, Pre-annexation Agreements for Parcel 106-70-097, 113 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Parcel 106-70-116A, 125 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Council Member Wolfe moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2020, City Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2020, Resolution 2020-041, acceptance of a revised Ingress/Egress/Utility Easement, Plaza De Colibri Subdivision, Resolution 2020-042, Pre-annexation Agreements for Parcel 106-71-201, 316 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Parcel 106-71-200B, 314 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Resolution 2020-043, Pre-annexation Agreements for Parcel 106-70-097, 113 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Parcel 106-70-116A, 125 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, and Calhoun.

## Public Hearing(s)

### Item 3 Resolution 2020-044, Approval of Big O Tires Annexation

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2020-044, authorizing staff to proceed with the collecting of signatures for the annexation of the subject property, Big O Tires annexation, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mr. Fisher stated that on September 12, 2019, the City did a pre-annexation agreement with Big O Tires in exchange for the construction and financing of additional access off Avenida Cochise. The decision was in line in line with ongoing annexation policy, which targets County enclaves like Big O Tires. During the completion of the driveway access, staff proceeded with the filing of a blank petition for annexation with the Cochise County Recorder on June 12, 2020. The decision to proceed with the signing of the blank petition may be decided by City Council, which, if approved, can be done upon the end of the 30-day filing period after July 12, 2020.

If annexed, the property zoning would change from the County's General Business designation to the City's General Commercial zoning and the property owners would then contribute property tax, sales tax, and license fee revenues to the City. Service costs i.e. police service should be minimal as this is a single parcel already surrounded by City right of way and there are no more proposed infrastructure improvements.

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, and Calhoun.

#### Call to the Public

Mayor stated that he received an email from Ms. Crandle, who has asked that her comments be placed on the record. There was no objection by Council.

Taylor Benning thanked Council and Mayor for everything they do for the City, and wished a Happy Birthday to her father, Council Member Benning, and an early Happy Birthday to Council Member Wolfe.

The following people voiced their support for the Sierra Vista Police Department, allowing the Department to maintain the tools that they need, shared their experiences/news, police transformation/de-escalation training and stereotypes: Kale Kiyabu, Richard Prew, and Jacqueline Moran.

Donna O'Daniel read quotes from a newspaper article and voiced her resentment at Council Member Wolfe for mischaracterizing her and leading others to believe that she does not care about the death of George Floyd. She asked for a public apology and a correction to be written in the Herald Newspaper. Lastly, she spoke about George Floyd's death, rioting and civilian police review boards.

Steven Odle and Ann Ghent relayed their personal experiences and voiced their opposition to the Executive Order mandating masks to be worn.

Michael De Carlo voiced his appreciation to everyone who came forth to speak and talked about accountability and praised Council Member Wolfe for requesting numbers from the County regarding the Court Services.

#### Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Umphrey wished Council Member Benning a Happy Birthday, thanked everyone that came out to speak to Council, and offered condolences to Rob Hinderer's family, who will be greatly missed.

Council Member Benning wished Council Member Wolfe and Council Member Pacheco's husband a Happy Birthday, reported on the meeting of the Sierra Vista Unified School District No. 68, where the land sale was approved, a win-win for both the City and the School District. He congratulated the candidates for the upcoming City Council Elections, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Angelica Landry, and Mathew Haupt. He thanked everyone that came out to speak to Council, reported on his personal experience regarding the Black Lives Matter March and the protest that took place at City Hall on a Sunday. He noted that he listens to everyone and apologized for his angry comments about social media during the last Council Meeting. Lastly, he stated that personal agendas should not change Sierra Vista and communication needs to take place as well as listening to each other.

Council Member Wolfe offered condolences to Rob Hinderer's family. She stated that she was misquoted and asked for an apology; therefore, she apologized because she has not been clear in what she has been trying to say. She stated that she finds it offensive that people do not care

that people are dying due to police brutality. She finds it offensive that people do not care about one man's life. Lastly, she stated that black lives matter.

Council Member Calhoun stated that those that spoke before her have said everything that she would have said and therefore, she had nothing to add.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray had nothing to report.

Mayor Mueller thanked everyone for coming out and exercising their right to address Council. Council needs to listen and hear from people and some of the decisions are extremely difficult and they will be difficult until such a time as there is a vaccine for the virus. Everyone must struggle through this together and listen and care for each other. He announced that heat warnings will be coming out, which has already started. The next several days will not have any precipitation and so it will be a very long hot and dry weekend. He encouraged people to pace themselves, stay indoors and if they are outside, to drink water, "if you are thirsty, you are already a quart low."

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the July 9, 2020 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:59 p.m.