



Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
July 23, 2020

Mayor Mueller called the July 23, 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 – present (5:02 p.m.)
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
Jeff Pregler, Planner
Blake Fisher, Planner
Nathan Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk
David Felix, Finance Chief Officer
Jen Osburn, Interim Budget Officer

Invocation – Sabra Albritton, President, Sierra Vista Women’s Club, conducted the invocation by reading the Women’s Club Collect.

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 23, 2020, be approved as written. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, Pacheco, and Calhoun.

City Manager’s Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the next regularly scheduled City Council Work Session will be held on August 11, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on August 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. also in Council Chambers. He reported that the Ft. Huachuca Joint Resource Utilization Study (JRUS) Grant is out on the street and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental

Clearance for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Substation, which is to be located across Seventh Street from Tompkins Park is also on the street as well. He reported on the sales tax numbers for the month May, which were up \$205,000 or 12 percent over last year putting the City at 4.4 percent for Fiscal Year 2020 over Fiscal Year 2019 and 6.6 percent over budget for that period. The local economy has responded well and that is a credit to all the people and businesses in Sierra Vista. Lastly, he stated that the Governor reported positive results from his recent Order over the past two weeks. The numbers seem to be dropping at a rapid rate, but there is a lot of work to do and monitoring on that. Cochise County's numbers were down by 361 active cases, and the 85635-zip code is down to 66 active cases, the 85650-zip code is down to 21 active cases.

Public Hearing

Item 2 Resolution 2020-045, Application for a Series 7 liquor license for Kevin Arnold Kramber on behalf of Delect Foods of Arizona LLC dba Pizza Hut #036994, 900 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2020-045, an application for a Series 7 liquor license for Kevin Arnold Kramber on behalf of Delect Foods of Arizona LLC dba Pizza Hut #036994, 900 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, Arizona, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, Pacheco, and Calhoun.

Item 3 Resolution 2020-046, Application for a Series 6 liquor license for Kevin Arnold Kramber on behalf of 1949 Investments dba Rookies, 2239 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Council Member Calhoun moved that Resolution 2020-046, an application for a Series 6 liquor license for Kevin Arnold Kramber on behalf of 1949 Investments dba Rookies, 2239 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, Arizona, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, Pacheco, and Calhoun.

Item 4 Ordinance 2020-004, Proposed Development Code Text Amendments Section 151.22.011(E)(2), Property Development Standards for Manufactured Home Parks

Council Member Wolfe moved that Ordinance 2020-004, proposed Development Code Text Amendments to Section 151.22.011(E)(2), Property Development Standards for Manufactured Home Parks, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, Pacheco, and Calhoun.

Item 5 Resolution 2020-047, Adoption of the Final Budget for FY 2020-2021

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2020-047, Final Budget for FY 2020-2021, be approved. Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, Pacheco, and Calhoun.

New Business

Item 6 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2020

Council Member Pacheco moved that the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2020, be approved as written. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, and Calhoun. Council Member Pacheco abstained.

Item 7 Ordinance 2020-005, Acceptance of Big O Tires Annexation

Council Member Benning moved that Ordinance 2020-005, Big O Tires Annexation, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Umphrey, Wolfe, Pacheco, and Calhoun.

Item 8 Resolution 2020-048, Court Consolidation Agreement with Cochise County

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2020-048, Court Consolidation Agreement with Cochise County, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Council Member Benning made a motion to table the item 8, Resolution 2020-048, Court Consolidation Agreement with Cochise County. Council Member Pacheco seconded the item. The motion failed by a 3/4 vote. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Umphrey and Calhoun casted the dissenting votes.

The motion passed by a 5/2 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members, Umphrey, Pacheco, and Calhoun. Council Members Wolfe and Benning casted the dissenting votes.

Call to the Public

Mathew Haupt talked about the police training brief on the use of force and what justifies use of force, but he believes that it dehumanizes and builds a barrier when referring to people as subjects. He suggested a policy on de-escalation and the two recommendations by NAAP to prohibit choke holds and initiate civil review boards.

Donna O'Daniel reported on the Garret Lewis Talk Show on KNST Radio Tucson, where she heard statistics regarding the transmission rates of COVID-19 and the wearing of masks. She also reported on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's July 15, 2020 report that states that people are likely to suffer from a higher infection rate of COVID in their homes than from outside the home, and Steve Spain's, Candidate for Pima County Board of Supervisors, citations on several papers about the use of masks. Lastly, she stated that Arizona Revised Statute Title 36, Section 787, which allows the Governor and his agencies to limit and even remove the constitutional rights under the guise of a state of emergency, should have been nullified or removed long ago by State Representatives and Senators.

Dr. Ira Jaffrey talked about COVID-19 and stressed the importance of wearing masks.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Umphrey thanked everyone that came before Council to speak.

Council Member Benning thanked Sabra Albritton for the invocation, everyone that came before Council to speak, Mr. McLachlan for his briefing on the issue with homelessness as well as Alicia Fanning, intern, who gathered information. He stated that it is nice to see the City being able to host people from the College.

Council Member Calhoun thanked Sabra Albritton for the invocation and Mr. Haupt for his comments, especially his praise for Police Chief Thrasher. She also announced that there is a drop box at City Hall in the atrium for people to drop off their mail-in ballots in a secured box.

Council Member Wolfe had nothing to report.

Council Member Pacheco reported that she met with Eric Homes, Superintendent of Schools, and noted that the schools are facing tough choices in trying to adapt to ever-changing situations. She shared that as a mother of four children in school, she understands what parents are going through because there is a lot of discussion going on Facebook, but at the end of the day, each parent must make the best decision for their family. Lastly, she asked that everyone be kind to each other, and get their responses to the School District by next week on what option is best for their children. In closing, she noted that the School District is doing the best that they can to adapt to the circumstances, which she appreciates.

Mayor Mueller reported that during the Governor's briefing, he had the State School Superintendent present. This is continuing to evolve, change and taking into consideration concerns of parents on other things that have come up. There are options that will be talked about next week and the following week as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray thanked Sabra Albritton for the invocation and sharing the Women's Club Collect. She thanked Alicia Fanning, intern, for her poise, knowledge and dedication demonstrated during the meeting on homelessness. She stated that while she was pleased to see the numbers on COVID-19 cases trending downward as well as the City's numbers headed in the right direction, she cautioned everyone and shared that her father, a pastor, had to preach a funeral for his closest friend who died due to COVID, and who will be preaching next week for a childhood friend of his, with two sons not expecting to live. In closing, she stated that this is not the time to let up diligence and get careless. The City needs to continue what it is doing because it is working.

Mayor Mueller thanked Mayor Pro Tem Gray for attending the Women's Club meeting on his behalf, and announced that there is a Primary Election taking place on August 4, 2020, with polls being opened from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. He noted that one of the issues that was experienced during the last election cycle was that there were a lot of folks going to vote. If people do not have their absentee ballot, which people should have already received, they can go vote at the following voting stations:

- Saint Andrews Church in Sierra Vista
- Shiloh Christian Ministries, east side of Sierra Vista
- United Methodist Church, south side of Sierra Vista
- Near Huachuca City Hall
- Mountain Baptist Church, Moson Road
- Palominas Fire District, south Kings Ranch Road

In closing, he encouraged people to participate in the Census, which has been extended because of COVID-19. The numbers in Sierra Vista are good, ahead of the percentage wise than where the City was last time, but there is still an opportunity to get counted. People will be

going door to door and it is important to be counted because it has to do with the federal tax dollars that the City can qualify for – getting back the tax dollars from the federal government and into the community to use them the way that is important for the City. He asked people to stay healthy, stay home when possible, wash the hands, social distance and wear a mask.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the July 23, 2020 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 6:04 p.m.