



Sierra Vista City Council  
Meeting Summary  
[April 22, 2021](#)

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Mayor Mueller called the April 22, 2021 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  
Council Member William Benning – present  
Council Member Gregory Johnson - present  
Council Member Angelica Landry – present  
Council Member Sarah Pacheco – present  
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Others Present:

Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager  
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief  
Brad Dever, Deputy Fire Chief  
Laura Wilson, Leisure and Library Services Director  
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director  
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director  
Jill Adams, City Clerk  
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney

Invocation – Father Del McCune, Saint John the Divine Church, conducted the invocation.

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

[Item 1](#) Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Johnson moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of April 22, 2021 be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

City Manager's Report:

Assistant City Manager Yarbrough announced that there is one addition to the regular meeting schedule, an executive session scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on May 11, 2021 in the City Manager's Conference Room to discuss the Court Agreement with Cochise County and the potential purchase of the King's Court property. Immediately following that will be the regularly scheduled City Council Work Session at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers followed by the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on May 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. also in Council Chambers. She also announced that there are two proposals that are under review. Both are on call lists; one is for Professional Materials Testing Services and the other is for Professional Surveying Services. There is one project that has been awarded which is the Apron and Taxiway J Rehabilitation

Project. The FAA has approved the lowest bidder, J. Banicki Construction Inc., and approval for that grant is on the agenda.

Public Hearing:

[Item 2](#) Consideration of Draft Program Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Annual Action Plan - Mr. McLachlan briefed the item.

Mayor Mueller opened the public hearing to which there was no response.

New Business

[Item 3](#) Approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2021

Council Member Umphrey moved that the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2021, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 4](#) Resolution 2021-024, Accepting a Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for CARES Act Funding

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2021-024, accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for CARES Act Funding, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Ms. Flissar briefed the item.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 5](#) Resolution 2021-025, Accepting a Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Apron and Taxiway Rehabilitation Project

Council Member Pacheco moved that Resolution 2021-025, accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Apron and Taxiway Rehabilitation Project, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Ms. Flissar briefed the item.

Council Member Pacheco asked about the timeline and if operations would be affected. Ms. Flissar stated that the project would begin in August and be completed by the end of the year. She added that there would not be any effect to the operations and the Airport Commission is aware of this project.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 6](#) Resolution 2021-026, Acceptance of a 20-foot-wide sewer easement for the Plaza Vista Mall

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Resolution 2021-026, acceptance of a 20-foot-wide sewer easement for the Plaza Vista Mall, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan briefed the item.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Pacheco, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Call to the Public: There was no response.

Comments and Requests of the Council:

Council Member Benning stated that on Saturday, April 17, 2021, the Cochise County Superintendent Office in conjunction with the Cochise County Education Foundation hosted the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year competition results. He thanked and congratulated Krystaline Kimble from Carmichael Elementary School as the Teacher of the Year for the County, along with the rest of the winners for each school, who did an excellent year with everything going on with COVID. He announced that on May 1, 2021, United Way in conjunction with Dillards is hosting a Mother's Day Sale, where 10 percent of the proceeds will go back to United Way, which comes back to the community.

Council Member Johnson had nothing to report.

Council Member Umphrey mentioned that there are new murals behind the Library and on the wall facing east on Desert Inn. She added that the same artist who did the hummingbirds is doing a big one with hawks and barn owls. She encouraged everyone to go out while celebrating Earth Day and look at them, take selfies with them as artists like when they go online and showing appreciation. Lastly, she wished her mother a happy birthday.

Council Member Landry announced that this Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Animal Shelter they are having a celebration of animals from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be a petting zoo, food, various booths, and a rummage sale. Lastly, she stated that teachers definitely have a difficult job, especially over the past year with being virtual. A lot of the reward in part of being a teacher is being able to make those relationships and interact with students. She encouraged people to reach out to them and show them love, encouragement, and let them know that they do something very special.

Council Member Pacheco had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray announced that Ms. Patricia Olson who was on the Planning and Zoning Commission has submitted her resignation; therefore, there is one vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She thanked her for her hard work and dedication and noted that she was a valuable asset to the Planning and Zoning Commission. She further announced that the City is taking in applications for consideration and noted that the application can be found on the City's website. Lastly, she encouraged people to fill out the application and submit it to the City Clerk, who will pass them along for interviews, selection, and approval by Council.

Mayor Mueller thanked Ms. Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager, for providing a couple of lovely bouquets to the administrative assistants on Administrative Assistants Day on behalf of Council. He added that the ladies work hard, and they need to be shown a little love once a while. He

also announced Earth Day and encouraged people to do something to make the environment better in celebration of Earth Day.

Adjournment:

Mayor Mueller adjourned the April 22, 2021 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:21 p.m.