

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
[June 24, 2021](#)

Mayor Mueller called the June 24, 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 Mark Rodriguez- present (virtual)
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Others Present:

Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Brian Jones, Fire Chief
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Laura Killberg, Parks, Recreation and Special Events Manager
David Felix, Chief Finance Officer
Jennifer Osburn, Budget Officer
Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager
Judy Hector, Marketing and Communications Manager
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney

Invocation – Reverend Greg Adolf, St. Andrews Catholic 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 June 24, 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, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

City Manager's Report: Ms. Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager, stated that since the end of the fiscal year is upon the city, there are currently no procurements published, posted nor in review. She reported that the rebid for the North Garden Avenue/Fry Boulevard Improvements Phase I was very successful and was awarded to KE&G Construction. The contract is pending while the final cost is worked out and construction will start as soon as possible, which is expected to last six months. She added that staff will working on notifying the affected businesses. She further added that the next regularly City Council Work Session is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on July 6, 2021, in Council Chambers and the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is on July 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. also in Council Chambers. Also, the offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day on July 5, 2021; therefore, trash pickup on Monday will be Tuesday, Tuesday trash pickup will be on Wednesday and there will be no special pickups during this week. Trash pickups at the end of the week will not be affected. Lastly, she wished everyone a

happy and safe Independence Day and asked the community to please refrain from using fireworks.

Mayor Mueller noted that Chuck Potucek, City Manager, is on well deserved leave, but Ms. Yarbrough is present.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

[Item 2.1](#) Approval of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021

[Item 2.2](#) Approval of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021

[Item 2.3](#) Approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2021

[Item 2.4](#) Resolution 2021-045, Approval of a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Veritas Christian Community School, 3992 S. Highway 92, Sierra Vista, AZ

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021, and June 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2021, and Resolution 2021-045, a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Veritas Christian Community School, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Mayor Mueller thanked Council Member Rodriguez for phoning into the Council Meeting. He had a family commitment that he was not able to change and so he is executing his duties through the internet, which is greatly appreciated.

Public Hearing

[Item 3](#) Resolution 2021-046, Amendment to City Code, Chapter 33, City Departments, and declaring a 30-day public comment period

Council Member Rodriguez moved that Resolution 2021-046, amendment to City Code, Chapter 33, City Departments, and declaring a 30-day public comment period, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

New Business

[Item 4](#) Resolution 2021-047, Declaration of Intent for the Increase of Sewer Connection Fees

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2021-047, declaration of intent for the increase of sewer connection fees, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 5](#) Resolution 2021-048 Approval of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2021-048, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 6](#) Ordinance 2021-005, Adoption of Development Code Text Amendment to Section 151.22.026, Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP) Overlay District

Council Member Johnson moved that Ordinance 2021-005, Development Code Text Amendment to Section 151.22.026, Recreational Vehicle Park Overlay District, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Johnson, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Call to the Public

Ms. Miranda Young voiced her concerns about Vista Transit's Orange B-line, which the city wants to delete. She stated that she is aware that this is a money situation, but the city should not consider money in this situation and consider the passengers that have greatly benefited from the second line with the orange busses. Nobody who has been riding them wants to see them gone.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Benning thanked Ms. Young, Father Greg, and stated that he looks forward to the construction to start and finish with KE&G. He cautioned people about fireworks while celebrating Independence Day because it is fire season. He shared that he was stuck in the middle of the Walnut Fire on I-10, which was scary. He encouraged everyone to come to Veterans Memorial Park or the field to watch the fireworks on July 4, 2021 and where there will be great events, chili cookoff, ceremony, a fun time. Lastly, he wished a happy birthday to all his fellow Cancers.

Council Member Johnson had nothing to report.

Council Member Landry thanked Ms. Young for her comments and announced that next weekend is going to be great because there are a lot of things going on, everybody is excited to get back out and celebrate together. She announced that on July 3, 2021, there will be a 5k red, white, and blue glow run around the Cove and ballfield during the evening. The runners/participants will be splattered with fluorescent paint, and the paths will be lit up with red, white, and blue. Afterwards, people can stay at the park for the festivities going on and the fireworks, or at the Cove, which will remain open until 10:30 p.m. She announced the Pets and People Promenade will be held at the park on July 4, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. Lastly, she announced that the Animal Shelter is near capacity and encouraged people to find their new best friend and if unable to adopt, people can foster or help in walking the dogs. The goal is to get every dog out every day. In closing she wished everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend.

Council Member Rodriguez welcomed Dr. Landry back and thanked the IT Department and Ms. Westbrook for making it possible for him to attend the meeting online. He added that it was good to see all the traffic that got diverted to the city when they closed I-10 and noted that there are a lot of 18 wheelers in the town and hopefully they got a nice view of Sierra Vista.

Council Member Umphrey welcomed Dr. Landry back and wished everyone a safe and Happy Fourth of July.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray welcomed Dr. Landry back and reported that the House and State passed the budget and maybe not everything that was wanted is included, but there is a budget. She wished her husband, Thomas a happy birthday.

Mayor Mueller announced that there are a lot of activities going on at the park on July 4, 2021 and encouraged people to be safe. He added that fireworks are only allowed within the city limits to be used on private property with the property owner's permission. They are not allowed on the streets nor the parks except for the authorized fireworks display on July 4, 2021. He encouraged people to be safe while traveling.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the June 24, 2021, meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:25 p.m.