

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
[August 12, 2021](#)

Mayor Mueller called the August 12, 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
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Brian Jones, Fire Chief
Emily Duchon, Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Jeff Pregler, Planner
Blake Fisher, Planner
David Felix, Chief Finance Officer
Jennifer Osburn, Budget Officer
Judy Hector, Communications and Marketing Manager
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney

Invocation – Reverend Greg Adolf, St. Andrews Catholic Church, led everyone present in prayer.

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 August 12, 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: Mr. Potucek reported that the RFP for the 100' aerial fire ladder truck was posted on July 25, 2021, with a due date of August 16, 2021; in progress is the North Garden Avenue/Fry Boulevard Improvements Phase I. Staff is working with the businesses to ensure that people can still make it into them and enjoy the services that they provide, and the project is still anticipated to be finished at the end of the year. Core Construction delivered their guaranteed maximum price on August 10, 2021 for the EMS Substation Design Build Project, which came in at \$2,972,364, slightly over, but the city is running a tight timeframe and the

project must get started by September. This project will start towards the end of August, 2021 with completion scheduled for late February 2022. He added that he received the year over year FY21 sales tax report, and the city is up 11 percent year over year, which is amazing given COVID. Lastly, her reported on the SEACOM JPA Board Meeting where staffing issues were discussed along with the review of the intergovernmental agreement with Cochise County and the Bylaws, which will come before Council for amendment in the future.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

[Item 2.1](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021

Council Member Landry moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021, and July 26, 2021, 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.

Public Hearing

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-054, New License, Interim Permit, Limited Liability-type of ownership for a Series 12 Liquor License for Jung He Matranga on behalf of the Tasty Wok and Asian Market

Council Member Rodriguez moved that Resolution 2021-054, a new License, interim permit, limited liability-type of ownership for a series 12 liquor license for Jung He Matranga on behalf of the Tasty Wok and Asian Market, 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.

New Business

[Item 4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Ordinance 2021-006, Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Property Tax Levy

Council Member Umphrey moved that Ordinance 2021-006, Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Property Tax Levy, 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](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Ordinance 2021-007, Amendment to City Code, Chapter 33, City Departments

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Ordinance 2021-007, amendment to City Code, Chapter 33, City Departments, 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.

[Item 6](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-055, Adoption of the Parks Master Plan

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2021-055, Parks Master Plan, 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 7](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-056, Development Code Amendments to: Section 151.02.004-Definitions; Section 151.06.008-Communications Facilities; and Section 151.20.002- Architectural and Design Review Applicability, and Declaring a 30-day public comment period

Council Member Johnson moved that Resolution 2021-056, amendments to the Development Code Section 151.02.004, Definitions; Section 151.06.008, Communications Facilities; and Section 151.20.002, Architectural and Design Review Applicability, 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.

[Item 8](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-057, Accepting a Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2021-057, accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for the American Rescue Plan Act funding, 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.

Call to the Public – There was no response.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Benning thanked Father Greg for his blessing and stated that it is good to see people out doing things and going to more events. He announced that the Real Wishes Foundation's Dancing like the Stars will take place on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center in Fort Huachuca and the Sierra Vista Symphony's Men Who Cook event is on September 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia Hall.

Council Member Johnson stated that he had the honor of attending the memorial service for Nacho Valenzuela, who was truly Mr. Sierra Vista and his contributions to the city will live forever. He announced that the Huachuca Area Republican Women (HARW) is hosting an art gala on September 10, 2021 in the Tandem Lounge at the Windemere Hotel. Tickets are available at We Frame It, Windemere, and Dillards. Admission is \$10 per person, and it is from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with hosted hors d'oeuvre, a cash bar and piano music by one of the famous musicians that always plays for the Forgach House. On September 11, 2021 the Warrior Healing Center and the Keepers of Liberty, an organization that teaches civics within the community, are hosting an event at Veterans' Memorial Park. The headliner will be Don McLean, famous for American Pie, the Gatlin Brothers, Keith Anderson, and Trey Taylor, youngest African American in Country Music History. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased on cochisefreedomfest.com.

Mayor Mueller stated that the Warrior Healing Center does a lot to support veterans in the community and they work with veteran organizations. Council Member Johnson added that they have over 50 organizations within the Warrior Healing Center to help veterans.

Council Member Landry stated that everyone has noticed that there is work going on Fry Boulevard in the West End, but once it is finished it is going to be great; however, in the meantime, the businesses are still open and even if people must do a u turn, she encouraged people to go and support them. She announced that on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Sierra Vista Mall, there is the Home and Business Expo at 10:00 a.m. where people can go out and meet various businesses and organizations, a Shred Athon where it is \$5 per banker's box, and some raffles.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked Fire Station 201 who came out at a very last-minute notice to fill up the dunk tank for the Rec and Roll and the IT Department for all their hard work in trying to get everyone back online. He announced the Medical Responder and Public Safety Hiring Fair on August 27, 2021 at the Sierra Vista Mall. Lastly, he encouraged people to purchase from the Buena High School Football Team one of their gold cards for \$20 to support the youth athletes.

Council Member Umphrey had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray thanked Father Greg for his invocation and the community for supporting the businesses located on the Fry Boulevard area where the construction is taking place.

Mayor Mueller announced that Bert Purcellio, pianist, will be playing at the concert at Veterans' Memorial Park taking place at 6:30 p.m. on August 12, 2021; the Tip a Cop at Vinny's to help support the Special Olympics is on Monday, August 16, 2021; the Veterans Resources Fair is on August 20, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Sierra Vista Mall; the Miss Sierra Vista Pageant is on August 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kline Center at Buena High School. In closing, he thanked staff for a great Spotlight Breakfast, where they represented the city very well.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the August 12, 2021 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:37 p.m.