

Sierra Vista City Council  
Meeting Summary  
September 23, 2021

Mayor Mueller called the September 23, 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 - absent  
Council Member Angelica Landry – present  
Council Member Mark Rodriguez - present  
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager  
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager  
Jon Kosmider, Deputy Police Chief  
Brian Jones, Fire Chief  
Laura Wilson, Parks, Recreation and Library Director  
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director  
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director  
Jeff Pregler, Planner  
Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager  
Mike Cline, SEACOM Director

Invocation: Council Member Rodriguez conducted the invocation.

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

[Item 1](#) Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Landy moved to remove item 2.3 from the Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of September 23, 2021, and the agenda to be approved as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

City Manager's Report: No discussed

Item 2 Consent Agenda

[Item 2.1](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2021

~~[Item 2.3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-063 Acceptance of Sewer Easements for Veritas Christian Community School~~

Council Member Benning moved the Consent Agenda consisting of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021, and the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2021, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

#### Public Hearing

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-064 Submission of the US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) PY (Program Year) 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Council Member Umphrey moved Resolution 2021-064 approving submission of the US Housing and Urban Development Program Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

#### New Business

[Item 4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Ordinance 2021-008, Adoption of Development Code Amendments to Section 151.02.004, Definitions; Section 151.06.008, Communications Facilities Section; and 151.20.002, Architectural and Design Review Applicability

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that Ordinance 2021-008, amending City Code Title XV, Chapter 151, Development Code Section 151.02.004, Definitions; Section 151.06.008, Communications Facilities; and 151.20.002, Architectural and Design Review Applicability, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray and Council Members Benning, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Call to the Public – There was no response.

#### Comments and Requests of Council

Council Member Rodriguez announced that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for a new church in town, New Jerusalem Community Church, on Wilcox, and relayed that there is great story about the church because the building was a gift, and it has community space in the back that could be possibly used for future engagements. He also asked that the local youth be supported and announced that the Buena High School Swim Team is currently swimming it out against Cienega High School over at the Cove; the Buena High School Varsity Football Team is traveling on Friday, September 24, 2021 to Tucson to play against Sunnyside; announced that the 9th annual Oktoberfest is on Saturday, September 25, 2021, a fundraiser that helps that Sister Cities with proceeds going towards helping them out. He reported that he attended a Redistricting Meeting hosted by the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission where they discussed legislative districts and congressional districts and recommended that people investigate it at <https://maps.azredistricting.gov/redistricting> because this affects everybody in the county. Lastly, he stated that the fencing is up for the new fire station, which can be seen if travelling down Seventh Street and BST so that they can break ground next week and announced that there are new paramedics that recently graduated. He congratulated them and wished them luck on their final test.

In response to Mayor Mueller, Council Member Rodriguez stated that the Oktoberfest will take place at 2243 E Sapling Lane and the taps open at 4:30 p.m. and the toast is at 5:30 p.m. he noted that Oktoberfest is a wedding ceremony, and if people would like to get married for cheap - go to the Oktoberfest. To celebrate the marriage of a Bavarian principally we had started OK history there

Council Member Umphrey had nothing to report.

Council Member Benning had nothing to report.

Council Member Landry announced that it is the midst of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which starts on September 15 through October 15, and it is a great time to find out more and celebrate. On Tuesday, September 28, 2021, there will be a National Hispanic Heritage Month observance on Post. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m., with the event starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Murr Community Center, where there will be a display from the Henry Hauser Museum. She also announced that next weekend there are a lot of things going on, i.e., the Sky Island Tour that will take place on October 2, 2021 that will have a lot of different options for miles, 5, 20, 30, 44 and 62 miles. Registration is open until September 30, 2021 and people can register at <https://skyislandtour.com>. The proceeds benefit the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Southeastern Arizona Programs. The funds go towards the continuation of programs for those that are affected by mental illness and to increase awareness of the advances that are made in mental health. They provide free programs and workshops to educate, support, and advocate for those affected by mental illness because mental health matters. Also, on this same day, there is Art in the Park and Vineyards in the Park.

In response to Mayor Mueller, Council Member Landy stated that she will be speaking at the National Hispanic Heritage Month observance.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray had nothing to report.

Mayor Mueller mentioned that the carnival is still in the park, and it will be there during the weekend to support the Morale, Welfare and Recreation for the Post, an organization that uses the profits to help with programs for soldiers and their families on Fort Huachuca. He stated that the city welcomes them to come down and hold the event at the park because this way they can get more folks to participate than they would if they did it on Post. He encouraged people to attend because this helps the soldiers. Lastly, he asked people to prepare themselves for all the other great events that are coming up in the next several weeks.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the September 9, 2021 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:18 p.m.