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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minute summary of the regular meeting of the City Council of Sierra Vista held on the 14TH day of April 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28TH day of April 2022

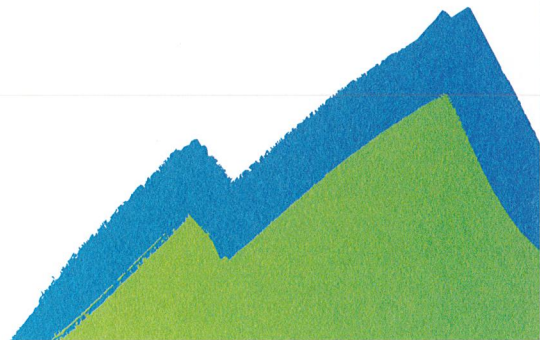
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Deputy City Clerk

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Jill Adams
City Clerk



Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022

Mayor Mueller called the April 14, 2022, 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
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Brian Jones, Fire Chief
Gabriel Squires, Public Works Internal Operations Manager
Laura Wilson, Parks, Recreation, and Library Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager
Dianna Cameron, Management Analyst
Jill Adams, City Clerk

Invocation – Justin McPeak, Thunder Mountain Church, led everyone present in prayer.

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

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Landry moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of April 14, 2022, be approved. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Presentations and Awards

2021 Fire Fighters Awards – Fire Chief Jones presented the 2021 fire fighter awardees: Shawn Mott, Special Achievement, Jennifer Flemming, EMT of the Year, Hannah Savar-Knox, Paramedic of the Year, and Captain Adam Saathoff, Firefighter of the Year.

2022 Water Wise Youth's Poster Contest Awards – Alex Kosmider, Community Outreach Professional for the Water Wise Youth Program, stated that this year's theme is that water choices matter, and proceeded to introduce the following awardees:

- Fourth Grade
- 1st Place and Grand Prize – Alyson Carillo, Pueblo Del Sol, Ms. Taylor
- 2nd Place – Jocelyn Wright, Pueblo Del Sol, Ms. Taylor

- Honorable Mention – Lorelai Faus, Pueblo Del Sol, Ms. Taylor
- Sixth Grade
- 1st Place – Corynn Haws, Huachuca Mountain, Ms. LaPaglia
- 2nd Place – Kyle Flaherty, Huachuca Mountain, Ms. LaPaglia
- Honorable Mention – Marcella Myers, Huachuca Mountain, Ms. LaPaglia

A Proclamation declaring the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month was presented to Sergeant Jordan Boltinghouse, co-chair for the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, and the Cochise County Family Community Coalition.

A Proclamation declaring the Month of April as Fair Housing Month was presented to Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director.

A Proclamation declaring April 12, 2022 as Education and Sharing Day was presented to Rabbi Benzion Shemtov.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek stated that the next regularly scheduled work session is on April 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers that will include the normal updates in preparation for the council meeting as well as the budget work session, which will occur at that time. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. also in Council Chambers. He reported that the transit system and refuse trucks are getting a couple of upgrades with onboard camera systems along with the cashless fare box ticketing and kiosk system for transit to assist customers there. Those bids were released on April 10, 2022 and are due back on May 11, 2022. The Annual Street Maintenance Project, the Cyr Center parking lot, and the Avenida Escuela and Charleston road improvements have all started and are currently going on; therefore, people should be careful when driving in the area where there is maintenance or street projects being completed. The EMS Substation is proceeding, but there are two outstanding supply issues that the City is waiting for delivery, which includes a backup generator, and the service entrance section as well. Therefore, the project is scheduled to be complete at the end of July. The Garden Avenue Improvements Design from Fry Boulevard to Buffalo Soldier Trail, next phase of improvements on the West Side, has been awarded to J2 Engineering and Environmental Services, and they were given notice to proceed effective May 2, 2022.

New Business

[Item 2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2022

Council Member Benning moved that the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2022, be approved. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-017, Authorization to Accept Arizona Department of Homeland Security Grant Funding-Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (Agreement #210426-01)

Council Member Johnson moved that Resolution 2022-017, authorization to accept the Arizona Department of Homeland Security Grant Funding-Operation Stonegarden Grant Program, Agreement #210426-01, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Police Chief Thrasher stated that the resolution before Council is to accept a grant from the Arizona Department Of Homeland Security for Operation Stone Garden. He explained that Operation Stone Garden is focused on supporting state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to prevent, protect against, and respond to all threats dealing with border security issues. State and local agencies that participate in Stone Garden enforce state law and coordinate enforcement efforts with federal partners to provide overlapping layers of public safety for the communities they serve. The agreement is to accept a grant in the amount of \$83,913 for overtime and employee related expenses, and \$12,460 for mileage for the vehicles in use. The Police Department does deploy regularly in conjunction with U.S. Border Patrol with Operation Stone Garden and these funds are also being currently used to participate in Operation Safe Streets that is currently operating the evenings.

Council Member Johnson asked if the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) is also included within the grant. Police Chief Thrasher stated that it is included within the employee related expenses.

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

Item 4 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-018, Restating the City's Commitment to Fair Housing in Sierra Vista

Council Member Rodriguez moved that Resolution 2022-018, restating the City's commitment to Fair Housing in Sierra Vista, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan stated that this is the City's policy of acceptance that goes into the official record as underscoring the City's commitment to affirmatively furthering fair housing in the community, that the City of Sierra Vista does not condone discrimination in the sale rental or financing dwellings, that all persons that feel that they have been discriminated against are referred to the Southwest Fair Housing Council and other state and federal agencies that may be appropriate, and that the City will publicize this resolution to heighten awareness and distribute fair housing brochures and posters at information kiosks across the City's facilities. This is a requirement for receiving Community Development Block Grant funds that the City receives each April to commemorate fair housing in the City.

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

Item 5 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-019, Accepting Warranty Deed for needed public right-of-way along the eastern side of Judd Street – Los Arcos Estates, LLC

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2022-019, accepting a warranty deed for needed public right-of-way along the eastern side of Judd Street – Los Arcos Estates, LLC, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan stated that the City is in the process of preparing a grant request to make accessibility improvements within the transit service areas. One of those locations is along the eastern side of Judd Street between Timothy Lane and Busby Drive where the City would install curb, gutter, and a multiuse path along the east side. He added that when the Sulger Subdivision was originally platted, it included a 1/2 street width on the west side, 25-feet wide.

The additional 27-feet will expand that total public right-of-way width to 52-feet which makes it closer to the City's standard and to provide the adequate room to make the desired improvements. The deed was conveyed to the City at no cost. It was donated and the contribution by Los Arcos, LLC is greatly appreciated.

Mayor Mueller commented that the subdivision was platted in the County and that is the reason why it was so small. The City annexed the subdivision after assisting in its area as well as the County's area with the sewer and the water so that the residents did not have to replace all their septic systems.

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

Call to the Public – There was no response.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Umphrey congratulated the firefighter and medical service award winners, the waterwise poster contest winners, reported that she attended the Police Department Volunteer Luncheon, and noted that one of the volunteers is Council Member Johnson. There was over 200,000 hours that these volunteers donated, which saved the City money and for which she is extremely appreciative. She added that it was great to see the volunteers getting recognized for their hard work. She announced that the City is putting on a trivia night at the Horned Toad on April 19, 2022, and the theme is the West End. Lastly, she wished everyone who celebrates, a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Council Member Landry stated that there are going to be a lot of things going on over the weekend, and encouraged people to check those out on Sunday, April 17, 2022. There is an Easter egg hunt at Veterans Memorial Park starting at 2:00 p.m., a mini hunt for ages one through ten in front of the stage, a big easter hunt for all ages, and the Easter Bunny will be in attendance. She further stated that mental health matters, and sometimes what is seen externally, is not necessarily what is going on internally. She encouraged everybody to reach out to one another and noted that it is not being weak when asking for help.

Council Member Johnson stated that he had the pleasure of attending the Volunteer Luncheon put on by the Police Department. He thanked Police Chief Thrasher, the Command staff, and Lilly Perry, who put it together. He reported that volunteer hours at the local Police Department totaled 8,132 hours in 2021 that resulted in a savings to the City in the amount of \$139,388.76. He further stated that he is proud of the organization, and that it has been a pleasure volunteering for eight years, which he feels is his way of giving back to the community, and helping his friends.

Council Member Benning thanked Justin McPeak for his blessing, reported that Kids World had 78 participants, and talked about Splishy Splashy Storytime for young kids who cannot swim. He also reminded everyone about the West Fest coming up on April 30, 2022 along Fry Boulevard between North Garden Avenue and North Avenue, and the local Chamber of Commerce's Annual Gala scheduled for April 29, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Rodriguez shared that there was a Salt River Fire Department firefighter death in Mesa, Arizona on April 8, 2022. Brendan Besse was a part of the City of Sierra Vista's Fire Department for a while. The other firefighter Tyler Packer, who was also involved in the incident

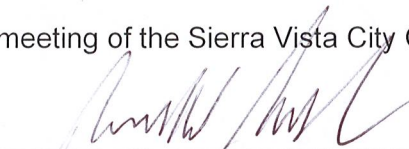
was critically injured, and there is a Go Fund Me Page for him. He thanked the local firefighters that are going out to support them during the weekend as they are doing the watch. He also congratulated them for getting their awards, noted that it was an honor to attend their banquet, and voiced his appreciation to the students participating and being awarded waterwise awards. He also thanked the local firefighters who assisted during the Middle March wildfire on Sunday, April 10, 2022, north of Tombstone, that affected 455 acres. In closing he mentioned that a local company got an award recently from the Small Business Development, which the Chamber of Commerce does a lot of good things with. He also voiced his appreciation at Village Meadows School because he is being able to go on a field trip with them.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray congratulated the firefighter award recipients and voiced her appreciation for their service, thanked Corporal Borgstadt, who took her out in the morning to show her the lay of the land on the homeless population. She stated that they contacted people, and she got to see some areas that had homeless camps that have been cleaned up and moved. She added that she was impressed with the cleanup and noted that the police officers contact the homeless in a humane way and never fail to treat the people that they meet exceptionally well. In closing she reported that she attended the West End Commission Meeting and noted that this group of people are the most enthusiastic commissioners that she has ever seen about the West End, and she left the meeting very excited about the West End and West Fest.

Mayor Mueller mentioned that not only do the police officers work with the homeless, but also the Community Development Department, which is involved with the cleanup of the homeless camps. He thanked the Police Department and the Community Development Department for their work, thanked Rabbi Benzion Shemtov, who reminded everyone of Passover and Easter weekend. He announced that there is a 6:00 a.m. sunrise service on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at Veterans Memorial Park for Easter, and cautioned everyone traveling over the weekend. In closing, he thanked the staff for their work in preparation of the Council Meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the April 14, 2022 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:55 p.m.



Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

ATTEST:



Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk



Jill Adams, City Clerk