

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2022

Mayor Mueller called the August 11, 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
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
Laura Wilson, Leisure, Library and Parks Director
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Jennifer Dillaha, Budget Officer

Invocation – Randy Youngblood, 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 the Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of August 11, 2022 be approved. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek stated that the next regularly scheduled work session is on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers which will feature the City's Lobbying Group, Triadvocates, that will be providing an update on the last Legislative Session and information on what they see coming next year. He added that currently the regular meeting scheduled for August 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. also in the Council Chambers is to be determined because he is not aware of any agenda items for that meeting; however, he will know more during the staff meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, and will certainly let Council know. He further added that the new restrooms budgeted for the Sports Complex area are currently being evaluated; however, the primary concern is making sure that they are placed near sewer lines for easy tap in and lowering of cost for getting them operational. The Garden Avenue Improvements Design (Fry to BST) services are under way and anticipated to be completed by April 2023, but unfortunately the City has received word that the City did not receive the Raise Grant because those went to Tucson and Phoenix, with a couple of the Tribes receiving the rural runs. However, this will not hold the City up because staff contingently budgeted for Garden Avenue, and there are other grants out there that the staff hopes to get more of this

year. The Cyr Park Shared Use Path Project is underway with KE&G that is scheduled for completion next month around the Labor Day period. He announced that the new EMS Substation Number Four is operational as of Monday, August 8, 2022, and an open house and dedication will probably take place during the last week of September, first week of October. Lastly, he stated that the sales tax report for June came out that represents the end of the fiscal year. From June of last year to June of this year, the sales tax receipts were up, still robust with an 8.36 percent year over year. In comparison with what was budgeted last year and the actuals, the receipts came in just over 21 percent for the year, an outstanding number for the City.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

[Item 2.1](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2022

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2022

[Item 2.3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2022

[Item 2.4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-058, Designating David J. Felix, Chief Financial Officer, as the person authorized to sign and submit the City's Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for FY 2021

[Item 2.5](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-059, Designating David J. Felix, Chief Financial Officer, as the person authorized to sign and submit the City's Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for FY2022

Council Member Rodriguez moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2022, the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2022, and August 4, 2022, Resolution 2022-058, Designating David J. Felix, Chief Financial Officer, as the person authorized to sign and submit the City's Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for FY 2021, and Resolution 2022-059, Designating David J. Felix, Chief Financial Officer, as the person authorized to sign and submit the City's Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for FY2022, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Public Hearing

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-060, a location transfer of a Series 6 Liquor License for Zameer Mallal on behalf of ADANAC, LLC, 325 W Fry Boulevard, Suite F, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2022-060, a location transfer of a Series 6 Liquor License for Zameer Mallal on behalf of ADANAC, LLC, 325 W Fry Boulevard, Suite F, Sierra Vista, Arizona, be approved. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Mayor Mueller opened the public hearing. There was no response.

The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

New Business

[Item 4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Ordinance 2022-003, Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Property Tax Levy

Council Member Johnson moved that Ordinance 2022-003, Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Property Tax Levy, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Ms. Dillaha stated that the City held a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023 primary property tax levy on July 28, 2022, in accordance with State Statute. With Council's approval of the Ordinance, the rate will be set at .1090 per \$100 of assessed value which will generate an estimated \$379,068 for Fiscal Year 2023. This will finalize the budgeting process for Fiscal Year 2023 and the final budget book will be available to Council in early to mid-October.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked Ms. Dillaha for all her work and stated that Council could not do this without people such as Ms. Dillaha and other staff that do all the hard lifting; therefore, all Council needs to do is to look at the book that is given to them.

The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 5](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-061, Appointment of Marta Messmer to the City Council, said term to expire December 31, 2024

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2022-061, appointment of Marta Messmer to the City Council, said term to expire December 31, 2024, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Mayor Mueller stated that out of the eleven applicants, four of them were interviewed. The interviews were all strong, which made it tough for Council, but they selected Ms. Messmer to join the Council - the right decision. Lastly, he added that Council went through the regulatory process.

The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Ms. Adams, City Clerk performed the Oath of Office. Council Member Messmer was seated on Council.

Call to the Public - There was no response.

Comments and Requests of Council

Council Member Umphrey thanked City staff for the excellent work they did in putting together the Spotlight Breakfast and stated that everyone left that day feeling good about the future and excited for what is to come. She added that it was a fantastic way to start the day and she is proud of everything that has been done. She announced the pancake breakfast on Saturday,

August 13, 2022, from 07:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Landmark Cafe to support the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra for a cost of \$5 (pancakes only). She also announced Tip-A-Cop on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at Vinny's to support the Special Olympics. In closing, she congratulated Council Member Messmer and stated that she is looking forward to collaborating with her and shared that an unwise decision could not have been made as all the candidate interviews were impressive, but she believes that Council made a great decision and welcomed Council Member Messmer.

Council Member Landry thanked everyone who turned in an application and filled out their packet for City Council and stated that it is nice to see the number of people that care about Sierra Vista and want to serve. She welcomed Council Member Messmer and stated that it is nice to have all the seats filled on the dais. She encouraged everyone to get out there and support Tip-A-Cop at Vinny's for pizza and wings or one of their good sandwiches. In closing, she thanked all the teachers in getting through the first week of school as well as the school staff because the first week is hard. Lastly, she stated that there are novel places to go, i.e., Urban Axe Yard and Doc's Water Hole for date night in the City.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked the applicants for City Council and stated that he loves that people are interested in being on Council and running for City seats. He shared that this is special for him because he went through the process as well over a year ago in getting appointed. He congratulated Council Member Messmer and thanked her for applying. He wished good luck to students trying out for sports throughout the District. He reported that during the back-to-school event, he was pleased to hear that the District is trying to give teachers a raise in the area, reported on the MAC Lunch where he learned that Fort Huachuca is thinking about opening the TMAC bar so that people that live on Post can go to the bar and not have to leave the base. There was also discussion about making the pedestrian gate more accessible to connect to the City's paths. He noted that the Spotlight Breakfast was formidable and the West End movement, where businesses were spotlighted, illustrating that there is traction there and movement of businesses going into the area; therefore, if anyone says that is not happening, it is happening and there is proof of that. He pointed out the City's population is almost at 46,000, but employment is low at a 3.9 percent. However, there are about 780 jobs out there in various fields, and there is still a housing shortage, about 90 percent full that means that thirty-five units are available in the City. In closing, he congratulated Michelle Knodle on her promotion, first female engineer for Sierra Vista.

Council Member Benning thanked Randy Youngblood for his blessing, recognized Father Greg in the audience, stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is happy to know that the restrooms are forthcoming as they have been bragging about it on social media. Lastly, he congratulated and welcomed Council Member Messmer and noted that Council had amazing applications for Council.

Council Member Johnson welcomed Council Member Messmer and shared that they have been friends for a while. He further stated that Council Member Messmer has done amazing work in the City of Sierra Vista and added that the Fry Pioneer Cemetery is part of the fruit of her labor.

Council Member Messmer thanked Mayor Mueller and Council Members for the opportunity and honor to serve the City of Sierra Vista.

Mayor Mueller congratulated Council Member Messmer; recognized candidates for City Council in the audience and thanked staff for the excellent Spotlight Breakfast. He added that there were empty seats at the Spotlight Breakfast, where a great briefing was given as to where the

City has been, where it is going, and why things are being done. All staff was involved with the presentation and valuable information was put out, which he hopes was beneficial to the community.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the August 11, 2022 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:22 p.m.

Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

ATTEST:

Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk

Jill Adams, City Clerk