

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Agenda
September 8, 2022

Mayor Mueller called the September 8, 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 Marta Messmer – present (telephonically)
Council Member Mark Rodriguez – present
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey – present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Brian Jones, Fire Chief
Laura Wilson, Leisure, Library and Parks Director
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Chanel Kirkpatrick, Public Works External Service Manager
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
Blake Fisher, Planner
Nathan Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Judy Hector, Marketing and Communications Manager
Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager
Dianna Cameron, Management Analyst
Mark Slania, Industrial Development Authority Attorney (telephonically)

Invocation – Michael Sanders, Village Meadows 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 September 8, 2022 be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Messmer, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voted in favor.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek stated that the next regularly scheduled work session is on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and the next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., also in the Council Chambers. He reported that the restrooms that are in the budget and supposed to be placed at the Sports Complex, which was discussed during the work session on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, under Council's strategic planning item, are being evaluated for options to take advantage of existing sewer lines in the area for replacement of the first two. It is hoped to budget another couple of restrooms in the next fiscal year once the sewer situation is straightened out. The Cyr

Park Project is underway that is being constructed by KE&G, which is to be completed on September 30, 2022. He also reported that overall sales taxes were up 7.4 or five percent, which is good in comparison with projections in the budget, but it does reflect a drift downward that the City had been experiencing over the last six/seven months. It is still an incredibly sizable number and higher than what the City normally got before COVID. He also reported on the Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting for SEACOM, where the main topic of discussion was staffing and a public service announcement on the radio for recruiting. The County and the Sheriff's Office are going to assist with this as well. However, there needs to be other means of backing up in case there are issues with staffing going forward. Currently, the Authority is going to work on an MOU and IGA with the City of Douglas for mutual aid back up, where the entities can help each other. There are technical things that need to be done with the State, but it is a good first step. Lastly, he announced that the ribbon cutting and open house for Station Four is scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

In response to Mayor Mueller, Mr. Potucek stated that the next executive report will be available next month, probably the first meeting in October.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

[Item 2.1](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022

Council Member Landry moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022 and the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Messmer, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voted in favor.

New Business

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Ordinance 2022-004, South City Annexation

Council Member moved that Ordinance 2022-004, South City Annexation, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Mr. Fisher briefed the item.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Messmer, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voted in favor.

[Item 4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-062, Amendments to SEALETA Intergovernmental Agreement

Council Member Rodriguez moved that Resolution 2022-062, amendments to SEALETA Intergovernmental Agreement, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Police Chief Thrasher briefed the item.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Messmer, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voted in favor.

[Item 5](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-063, Authorization to Accept Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Funding (Contract #2023-AL-032)

Council Member Johnson moved that Resolution 2022-063, Authorization to Accept Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Funding (Contract #2023-AL-032), be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

Police Chief Thrasher briefed the item.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Messmer, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voted in favor.

[Item 6](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-064, Authorizing the Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority's issuance of Education Facility Revenue Obligations (The Paideia Academies Project) Series 2022, in one or more series or subseries (the "Obligations"), in an aggregate amount are not to exceed \$7,000,000, and Declaring an Emergency

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2022-064, Authorizing the Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority's issuance of Education Facility Revenue Obligations (The Paideia Academies Project) Series 2022, in one or more series or subseries (the "Obligations"), in an aggregate amount are not to exceed \$7,000,000, and Declaring an Emergency, be approved. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Mr. Slania briefed the item.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Messmer, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voted in favor.

Call to the Public - There was no response.

Comments and Requests of Council

Council Member Benning announced the Cyr Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. for the new scoreboard, the Berean Academy game at Arbenz Field at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2022, and encouraged people to volunteer for Oktoberfest on September 16, 2022, 4:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., and September 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. He added that anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Laura Killberg.

Council Member Johnson had nothing to report.

Council Member Landry announced that September 8, 2022 is National Walking Day and Appreciation Day. She thanked volunteers who walk the dogs at the animal shelter and noted that one of the goals is to get every dog walked at least every day. She stated that anyone interested in being a dog walker or cat cuddler should contact the animal shelter because staff would love to get going on either of those. Currently the animal shelter needs laundry detergent, any brand, which can be dropped off at the animal shelter on Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 05:00 p.m. or Saturday from 12:00 p.m. until 05:00 p.m. The animal shelter also

takes other donations, monetary as well. Lastly, she shared that the animal shelter put out an announcement that they have a cat named Landry, who could become anyone's best friend because she cannot pick him up as she has met her three-cat quota.

Council Member Messmer had nothing to report.

Council Member Rodriguez shared that on his way to the Council Meeting, he took the New Avenida Escuela Bridge, which is a nice cut for access that is also great for first responders responding to a call. He stated that there were first responders from Engine 201, medics, out at the pickleball field playing pickleball, and noted that he enjoys seeing people out there using the courts and getting their exercise on. He reported that the Sierra Vista Police Department went to Shepherd Folds Child Care on Lenzner Avenue and Corporal Borgstadt had the children put all their handprints all over the police car, which should be done to every police car for a week, a great community engagement. He announced the 9-1-1 Ceremony at Fire Station 203 on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.; Good Morning Sierra Vista on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 07:00 a.m. at Cochise College; Buena Sports, JV Game on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in Marana, but the Freshman will be playing locally on the same night, and on Friday, September 9, 2022, the Varsity's first home game will be taking place at Buena High School. Lastly, he shared that he stopped by the new dispensary, new business in the area, which looks like it is underway, posted on Facebook, who got their permits in. He added that he saw at the dispensary a security company with the same security/cameras that get put in casinos. Lastly, he stated that this new business is coming to the City that might help the tax revenue.

Council Member Umphrey announced that the Sky Island Tour is open for registration online at skyislandtour.com, which is benefit NAMI on Saturday, October 1, 2022. They do a five-mile, 20-mile, and others starting at the Sierra Vista Mall, a perfect time year to take the bike out with the family to tour Sierra Vista.

Mayor Mueller thanked Council Member for everything that they announced. He thanked the staff for all the excellent work in preparation for the Thursday, September 9, 2022 Council Meeting and the citizens who were listening and involved over the airwaves and internet.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the September 8, 2022 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:23 p.m.