

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
May 12, 2022

Mayor Mueller called the May 12, 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
Brad Dever, Deputy Fire Chief
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Laura Wilson, Parks, Recreation, and Library Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
David Felix, Chief Finance Officer
Susan Papatrefon, Cochise 9-1-1 Systems Administrator
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney
Dianna Cameron, Management Analyst
Judy Hector, Marketing and Communications Manager

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

Mayor Mueller requested to move the Call to the Public to the beginning of the agenda to save time.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of May 12, 2022, be approved as amended. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Call to the Public

Randy Youngblood distributed a brochure about the Global Leadership Summit and stated that he wanted to share this with Council because currently there is a need for values-based leadership development, and this is something that he personally has gone to in the last fifteen years. For the last several years Thunder Mountain Church and Village Meadows Baptist

Church have hosted the Global Leadership Summit. He added that there are two churches in town that really get along well doing something significant together. This simulcast event is hosted in the Village Meadows Baptist Church, new facility that opens on May 22, 2022.

In response to Mayor Mueller, Pastor Youngblood that this summit is open to the community, and they can register online at globalleadership.org/summit.

Mayor Mueller stated that he has attended the Summit, and he thought it was productive and useful; therefore, he would recommend attending it.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek stated that the next regularly scheduled work session will be on May 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers that will include ongoing discussion on the upcoming budget. There is an executive session scheduled for 1:30 p.m. also on May 24, 2022, in the City Manager's Conference Room, and the next regular Council Meeting is on May 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., also in Council Chambers. Projects underway include the Design Engineering Services for the Animal Control Center Project, which has been awarded to the Architecture Company and the construction management contract has also been sent out for signatures to Concord General Contracting, and as soon as those are signed, they will be able to get that going. There are various street maintenance and other projects out there and most notably Avenida Escuela and Charleston. Given that the school year is still ongoing, he believes that the City is going to have K&G work on Charleston after graduation to avoid problems associated with closures. This may extend the project out a little into August, but for the best that it is done this way. The staff has selected J2 Engineering and Environmental Services for the design for Garden Avenue Improvements Project from Fry to Buffalo Soldier Trail, which will meet with the City on May 31, 2022 to get that project kicked off.

Mr. Potucek announced that Vista Transit due to shortage of staff has had route changes that impact people. The City is going to try and get people hired and get these lines back up and running the way they should be, but because of the staffing shortages, Vista Transit is suspending the brown route, which is the Fort Huachuca route and combining the orange and green lines into a yellow line. The yellow line will try to pick up the stops that are most used on the green and orange lines. A press release was put out along with information to the paper, as soon as staffing is back up to where it needs to be, Vista Transit will go back to its normal operations. He added that this morning he attended a meeting of the Joint Powers Authority Board for SEACOM where the budget for the coming fiscal year was discussed. The budget will be \$210,000 less than last fiscal year's budget primarily due to the good work of the Sheriff, who has brought in over \$4 in grants that is going to various technical equipment and maintenance for the SEACOM operation. This will be benefitting SEACOM all the way through 2029. Lastly, he reported that the sales tax numbers for the month of March decreased from the nine percent range of growth to 2.5 percent. It is one data point, but it is something that staff is watching very closely given the state of inflation and other things going on. The City is still at over 8.8 percent growth for the year despite that, and if staff needs to make any adjustments in the budget they will if the numbers continue this way.

Mayor Mueller asked if the overall budget savings is for SEACOM. Mr. Potucek stated that the savings is the City's share, and the County is also experiencing similar savings. He added that Pearce Sunsites has joined SEACOM, and Bisbee is forthcoming.

In response to Mayor Mueller, Mr. Potucek stated that staffing is the issue.

Mayor Mueller asked if there are notices at the bus stops explaining the current situation where routes has now collapsed and gone to just two routes or one route. Ms. Flissar stated that there is information posted at the bus stops.

Item 2 - Consent Agenda

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

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-023, Pre-Annexation Agreement for 300 N. 6th Street Property

Council Member Rodriguez moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2022, and Resolution 2022-023, Pre-Annexation Agreement for 300 N. 6th Street Property, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Public Hearing

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-024, a location and owner transfer of a Series 6 Liquor License for Zameer Mallal on behalf of ADANAC, LLC, 964 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2022-024, a location, and owner transfer of a Series 6 Liquor License for Zameer Mallal on behalf of ADANAC, LLC, 964 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, Arizona, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

New Business

[Item 4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-025, Intergovernmental Agreement for Election Supplies and Services with Cochise County

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2022-025, an Intergovernmental Agreement for Election Supplies and Services with Cochise County, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 5](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-026, Authorization to Accept Arizona Department of Administration, Office of Grants and Federal Resources, Arizona 9-1-1 Program (GFR Grant Number: GFR- ADOA-AZ911-22-02A)

Council Member Johnson moved that Resolution 2022-026, authorization to accept the Arizona Department of Administration, Office of Grants and Federal Resources, Arizona 9-1-1 Program (GFR Grant Number: GFR- ADOA-AZ911-22-02A), be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 6](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2022-027, Approving the sale and execution and delivery of Pledged Revenue Obligations, evidencing all the interests of the owner thereof in a Purchase Agreement, the proceeds of which will finance the costs of certain municipal facilities and improvements in and for the City; Approving the Form and Authorizing the execution and delivery of such Purchase Agreement, a Trust Agreement, a Placement Agent Agreement and other necessary documents; Delegating authority to the Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the City to determine certain matters and terms with respect to the foregoing; Authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, and Declaring an Emergency

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2022-027, approving the sale and execution and delivery of pledged revenue obligations, evidencing all the interests of the owner thereof in a purchase agreement, the proceeds of which will finance the costs of certain municipal facilities and improvements in and for the city; approving the form and authorizing the execution and delivery of such purchase agreement, a trust agreement, a placement agent agreement and other necessary documents; delegating authority to the manager and chief financial officer of the city to determine certain matters and terms with respect to the foregoing; authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution, and declaring an emergency, be approved. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Rodriguez, Landry, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Umphrey reported on the Sierra Vista Police Department Award Banquet, congratulated the nominees, alternates, and winners. She noted that the accomplishments that have been achieved over the past year is impressive, which makes her proud of the department.

Council Member Johnson echoed Council Member Umphrey's comments about the recognition, which he calls a celebration. He added that everybody that was there was overly excited, dedicated and one could feel the electricity in the auditorium. He wished his wife a Happy 30th Anniversary.

Council Member Benning reported on the United Together in Prayer, Prayer Breakfast, and shared that he got a tour of the Village Meadows Baptist Church, which is amazing. He thanked the Sierra Vista Community Choir for singing that day and noted that it was all around a good event where leaders in the community from the County, City, ministers, and preachers came together and talked about the community and what can be done. He commended Father Greg, the guest speaker, congratulated the police officers getting the recognitions, Deputy Fire Chief Dever.

Council Member Landry wished Happy Anniversary to Council Member Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, thanked Pastor Youngblood for his blessing and for sharing with Council about the Global Leadership Summit. She shared that she attended years ago and it was an enjoyable experience, and she recommends attending the summit. She announced that May 8, 2022 through May 14, 2022 is National Women's Health Week, an annual week-long observance to encourage women to make their health a priority, to take care of themselves, and to remind all women in their life to make their mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health a priority. She announced the 5th Annual Sky Island Summit Challenge on May 28, 2022 and encouraged people to sign up and do one, two, or three peaks, and to join the festivities at Veterans Memorial Park. Lastly, she stated that school is out for the summer and encouraged people to

thank a teacher and show them extra love because they have a lasting impact in the lives of everybody.

Council Member Rodriguez congratulated the officers who received awards, reported on his attendance at Fort Huachuca's Asian-American Pacific Islander event and the Fort Huachuca Army Ball, where Major General Hill announced that Fort Huachuca won the IMCOM Installation of the Year for 2021. He shared his experience at the Farmer's Market and noted that he received some good feedback from the community, thanked staff at the Cove for their support with the end-of-year pool party, and talked about what he witnessed during the West End Fest, i.e., the first responders, bike patrols, police department, and the fire department, and the display of engine vehicles and the communication with the community. Lastly, he gave a shout out to Sheriff Dannels, who recently while doing a ride along got involved in a foot pursuit.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray announced that the month of May is Arizona Nurses Week and encouraged people to thank them, reported that the West End Fest was fantastic and very emotional to be able to see all of the hard work of the City, the commissions, Council, volunteers, and the community coming together and being able to see the culmination of all the efforts. Lastly, she reported on the Celebration of Animals event, thanked staff, and gave a special shout out to Arlene Garcia, the Animal Control Supervisor, for her amazing job with the event. There were over thirty animal-focused organizations, not including food vendors, an amazing achievement.

Mayor Mueller agreed that both events were exceptional, and he is aware that people would like to do the West Fest more than once a year. He reported that he was on the stage party for the graduation of the U of A, announced that the Cochise College graduation is on May 13, 2022, congratulated all the graduates and their families for their hard work. He also congratulated Fort Huachuca on their Army award, which is one of many, that both Fort Huachuca and the City have won together over past years, and it is well deserved.

Council Member Rodriguez congratulated the nurses graduating and stated that he hopes that they stay in our community.

Council Member Umphrey congratulated the teachers that recently retired, ten teachers, from the Sierra Vista Unified School District and between them they have worth 150 years in the City.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the May 12, 2022 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:32 p.m.