



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Georgia Lord
Vice Mayor Sheri Lauritano
Councilmember Joanne Osborne
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo
Councilmember Wally Campbell
Councilmember Bill Stipp
Councilmember Sharolyn Hohman

Meeting Location:
Goodyear Justice Center
14455 W. Van Buren St.,
Suite B101
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Monday, July 6, 2015

Goodyear Justice Center

Immediately following the Work Session which begins at 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. and immediately recessed the meeting so Council could take a break after the Work Session that had just been adjourned.

Mayor Lord reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:28 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION BY COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

3. ROLL CALL

MOTION BY Councilmember Stipp, SECONDED BY Councilmember Pizzillo, to EXCUSE Vice Mayor Lauritano from the Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council 6 - Mayor Lord, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo,
Present Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman
Council 1 - Vice Mayor Lauritano
Absent

Staff Present: City Manager Brian Dalke, Assistant City Attorney Lisa Wahlin, and City Clerk Maureen Scott

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS/APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None.

6. CONSENT

Councilmember Stipp commented on Consent Agenda Item 6.3. He wanted to clarify that this amendment is a text amendment, and not a change to the structure of the documents that were just approved at the June 22, 2015 Council Meeting.

MOTION BY Councilmember Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Stipp, to APPROVE Consent Agenda Items 6.1 - 6.3. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes 6 - Mayor Lord, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo,
Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Excused 1 - Vice Mayor Lauritano

- 6.1 [MINUTES](#) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 [47-2015](#) **RECOMMENDATION:**
 Approve draft minutes from a Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2015, and a
 Special Meeting held on June 15, 2015.
- 6.2 [15-5625](#) **ACCEPTANCE OF THREE DEDICATIONS OF EXCLUSIVE**
 WATER LINE EASEMENTS ALONG GOODYEAR BOULEVARD
 RECOMMENDATIONS:
 Accept the dedication of three Exclusive Water Line Easements adjacent to
 the northeasterly side of Goodyear Boulevard from Fairfield Centerra, LLC, a
 Delaware limited liability company, and Fairfield Goodyear, LLC, a Delaware
 limited liability company.
- 6.3 [15-5637](#) **AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**
 BETWEEN THE CITY OF GOODYEAR AND THE UNITED
 GOODYEAR FIREFIGHTERS
 RECOMMENDATION:
 Approve amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between
 the City of Goodyear and the United Goodyear Firefighters commencing on
 July 1, 2015, and expiring on June 30, 2018.
7. **BUSINESS**
- 7.1 [15-5602](#) **AGREEMENT WITH SUNBELT HOLDINGS FOR**
 REIMBURSEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE COST TO IMPROVE
 INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD BETWEEN LOOP 303 AND SARIVAL
 AVENUE
- David Ramirez, City Engineer, presented. This Reimbursement Agreement is between the City and Sunbelt Holdings (Sunbelt) for Indian School Road between the Loop 303 Freeway and Sarival Avenue. There are two existing travel lanes on Sarival Avenue. Indian School Road will be changed from a two-lane street to a six-lane major arterial street. Sunbelt owns property on the north and south sides of Indian School Road. They have plans to develop the property on the north side of Indian School Road in the near future, and the south side will be developed at a later time. Sunbelt will be responsible for constructing the two lanes along the north and south sides of Indian School Road, and the City will be responsible for constructing the middle

two lanes. By partnering with Sunbelt, this project will allow the six-lane roadway to be constructed at one time, and will avoid a future project with associated disruption and inconvenience to the public.

Dalke stated that he appreciates Sunbelt's spirit of cooperation in this public/private partnership.

Council Discussion:

>Does this agreement include landscape improvements? Ramirez responded that this project will not include the landscaping. Phase I improvements will include landscaping, and that will be completed at a later date by Sunbelt. The City will try to coordinate our portion of the landscaping with median improvements at the same time.

>This is a gateway to the City and Council wants to make sure that the City's portion of the landscaping be completed at the same time that Sunbelt Holdings complete their share of the landscaping. Ramirez responded that the final plat for Phase I is in process. Once it is approved, Sunbelt will be in a position to move forward with the Phase I development, which includes the landscape. Sunbelt representative Troy Mortensen reported that they are currently working on the landscape plans. The improvement to Indian School Road is out of sequence with regard to their normal operations. They typically wait for development of the property, but realize that this may enhance the marketability of the site and they may consider moving it forward sooner.

>Asked when the City will be able to fund our portion of the median landscape. We want it to be completed when Sunbelt completes their portion. Ramirez stated that there is some money in the Capital Improvement Program for landscaping some of the uncompleted medians around the City, and we will try to coordinate this area with Sunbelt's project.

MOTION BY Councilmember Pizzillo, SECONDED BY Councilmember Hohman, to APPROVE a reimbursement agreement with Sunbelt Holdings for reimbursement of street improvement costs for Indian School Road. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes 6 - Mayor Lord, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Excused 1 - Vice Mayor Lauritano

7.2 [15-5592](#) MAP OF DEDICATION FOR A PORTION OF WEST INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD, EAST OF STATE ROAD 303

Karen Craver, Planner III, presented. This Map of Dedication (MOD) is a companion project that goes along with Agenda Item 7.1. The MOD officially designates the existing roadway as a City right-of-way (currently a County right-of-way). It will also dedicate the additional right-of-way that is needed to construct Indian School Road as a 130 foot major arterial cross section, and will allow construction of one uninterrupted project.

MOTION BY Councilmember Stipp, SECONDED BY Councilmember Campbell, to APPROVE the Map of Dedication (MOD) for a portion of West Indian School Road adjacent to the PV 303 East site, located between State Road 303 on the west and North Sarival Avenue on the east. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes 6 - Mayor Lord, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Excused 1 - Vice Mayor Lauritano

7.3 [15-5606](#) SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR FY16

Lauri Wingenroth, Budget and Research Manager, presented. This year's property tax levy is set at a combined rate of \$1.87, which is the same combined rate that we had last fiscal year. The combined levy of \$12.5M is approximately 4.9% higher than last year's levy. Wingenroth explained a chart depicting a 10-year history of the primary and secondary property tax levies.

Jeffrey Fischer, Goodyear resident, spoke. He respectfully asked Council to postpone this decision for a week or two because of several people that are concerned that they have not had the ability to review the information that has been posted. Many people are out of town and are concerned about the property tax increase. They are not comfortable that there is a balanced budget situation that is in need of the tax.

Council Discussion:

>Appreciates the citizen who spoke, but there are legal timelines that we need to meet.

Wingenroth reported that State Statutes outline a number of steps that must be taken with regard to budget adoption, as well as the property tax levies. A key element of these requirements were a series of publications that were completed between the tentative budget adoption and final budget adoption. These involved two paid advertisements in the newspaper announcing the Truth in Taxation item, and the public hearing allowing public input. The City also issued press releases regarding these meetings. According to State law, two publications were submitted to the newspaper which outlined the entire budget, and included specific information on the property tax levy.

>There have been approximately 22 hours of public meetings throughout the budget process. This is not a new discussion with regard to the amount of money that we need to levy in order to balance the budget. Wingenroth agreed and stated that the budget process was started in October 2014 with revenue and property tax levy forecasts. Staff identified the City's policy to maximize the levy by 2%. This was again discussed at a Council meeting in February 2015. There were 22 hours of Work Sessions, in addition to the two formal Council meetings to approve the tentative and final adoption of the budget.

>Asked if we are obligated to approve this property tax levy, since we have already approved the final budget. Wingenroth stated that Council adopted a balanced budget that assumed that these property tax levies would be made. If for some reason Council does not levy these property taxes, staff would have to come back to Council with proposals to increase revenues, or reduce the budget in other ways. We are required by law to have a balanced budget, and by removing the primary property tax, there would be a budget deficit in the General Fund. This would not be acceptable under State law.

>Emphasized that the budget that we passed is a balanced budget, and if we don't pass this levy we will not have a balanced budget. There is not enough time to redo the steps required by law in two weeks.

>This is a good budget that is balanced, and provides our residents what they need to

have.

>Support approving the budget and tax levy.

MOTION BY Councilmember Pizzillo, SECONDED BY Councilmember Osborne, to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 15-1323 LEVYING UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, SUBJECT TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TAXATION A CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR VARIOUS EXPENSES; TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUES; PROVIDING FUNDS FOR VARIOUS BOND REDEMPTIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST UPON BONDED INDEBTEDNESS; ALL FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes 6 - Mayor Lord, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

Excused 1 - Vice Mayor Lauritano

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Comments, Commendations, Report on Current Events and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, staff or members of the public.

Council attended or reported on the following:

- >The Police Department recently placed a speed trailer along Bullard Avenue from Indian School Road to Encanto Avenue. Over 23 days, there were 215,324 cars that drove that street. We need to be aware that we have more people on our streets than ever before, and we are going to need more traffic lights as we start developing the mall.
- >Thanked the community and staff who participated in constructing the playground at Wildflower Ranch Park.
- >Over 200 kids attending a reading gathering at Wildflower Bread Company.
- >Congratulated staff for the 4th of July event at the Ballpark. The fireworks were fantastic.
- >Recognized Michelle Lawrie, Economic Development Director, for being named as one of Arizona's Top 50 Women.

2. Manager's Summary of Current Events and Reports

1. Manager's Update on Council Related Matters:

- >Dalke reported 12,685 people attended the 4th of July event at the Ballpark. He recognized staff in all involved departments for their efforts.

2. Update of Legislative Issues:

None.

3. Staff Summary of follow up action required:

None.

4. Council members may direct inquiries to staff:

>There are still a lot of large weeds on Sarival Avenue south of McDowell Road. A lot of that area has been cleaned up, but there are still a few large weeds located on both sides of the road.

>Would like a report on the progress of the I-10 sound study before the Council summer break.

>Recognized that concern for our citizens is a priority, but asked that when the sound study is completed to keep in mind that if the sound walls get too large we are going to be walling off our community and people can't see the businesses from the freeway. We need to keep this in mind as McDowell Road is developed.

>Concerned with the amount of accidents at the intersection of Bullard Avenue and Yuma Road.

*Police Chief Geier reported that Goodyear has an aggressive speed enforcement detail. They monitor high crash areas on a monthly basis and monitor those areas with a higher priority.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

07/13/15 Work Session 5:00 p.m.

07/13/15 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

07/14/15 - COUNCIL VACATION

08/23/15

08/24/15 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

08/31/15 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING of the City of Goodyear, Arizona, held on July 6, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

SEAL: