

**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Regular City Council Work Session Minutes**  
**16000 North Civic Center Plaza**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 @ 04:00 PM

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Wolcott called the **Regular City Council Work Session** to order at 04:00 p.m. at Surprise City Hall Council Chamber, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza Surprise, Arizona 85374, on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Tande, Council Member Winters, Council Member Hayden, Council Member Hall, Council Member Remley, and Council Member Williams.

**Staff Present:** City Manager, Bob Wingenroth, City Attorney, Robert Wingo, and City Clerk Aguilar.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to the Public**

**Regular Agenda Item - Non-Public Hearing**

**1 – Discussion and presentation pertaining to the fiscal year 2018 budget - NO ACTION**

Finance Director, Lindsey Duncan and Assistant Finance Director, Jared Askelson gave their 1st Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation. A powerpoint presentation was reviewed in detail.

**2 – Presentation and Discussion of Bell Road and Grand Avenue Temporary Signage - NO ACTION**

Community Development Director, Eric Fitzer gave an overview of this item. A history and timeline were discussed regarding temporary signage for Bell/Grand.

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Council Member Hall - When will center get their permanent signage off of Bell/Grand?

Mr. Fitzer - Checking on status of permits.

Council Member Hall - We should repeal the Bell/Grand temporary sign policy when Grand opens. Grand should open on Monday, correct? 60 days after opening. I think we did the right thing at the time when the economy tanked and during Bell/Grand construction project, but now it's looking junked up.

Council Member Remley - Could you put up the previous slide that has the signs? I have no idea what the size of the signs are by looking at slides.

Mr. Fitzer - signs are 4" x 8".

Council Member Remley - Also, it didn't take them 60 days to get that clutter at Dysart and Bell, it should take them 60 days to clean them up. 60 days is really a long time. When you are referring to the Citywide, is that the A frames throughout the City, and we are working on a permanent sign policy, correct?

Council Member Winters - On the final signs, we have to assign a height to these, correct? I think the 60 days is a fair time to remove the signs. They are getting cluttered again.

Council Member Tande - I like what has been said, I wanted to do everything quick for the businesses. I am looking at we are opening the bridge on Feb. 16th, the soonest we can take action is the 1st meeting in March, can we add an item for action at the next meeting? Possible action on February 24th - sign policy.

Mr. Fitzer - If you allow A-Frames for anyone, then you need to allow for everyone according to statutes.

Council Member Williams - It's not a huge issue for me about the A-frames. Over time in the long run, I agree it's time to have this discussion again. In terms of Bell/Grand and the A-Frames, it's not about how they remove it, it's how they market their businesses. We need to give them adequate notice so they can prepare.

Mayor Wolcott - On the 4 x 8 signs, this is to actually add more to the retailers, correct?

Mr. Fitzer - The majority would be for the ones that lost signage all together. I would also like to know the square footage of the signs lost and the amount for signs being proposed in addition. What capacity is the parking lot as well.

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Mayor Wolcott - I appreciate everyone's comments about the tent signs, we are making some big investments in our City and would like to change the tone. Finally, I just want to say how much I really enjoy driving across the bridge and a beautiful view and don't want to do anything to obstruct it.

Council Member Hall - What sign specifically we are replacing?

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

Council Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of February 7, 2017 at 5:20. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

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Sharon R. Wolcott, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Regular City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, February 7, 2017.**

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Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk