

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
MARCH 14, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Staff Present: David Malewitz-Acting City Manager; Stephen R. Cooper-City Attorney; Mary Myers-City Clerk; Brian Wright-Finance Director; Jon Vlaming-Community Development Director; Christopher Vasquez-Chief of Police; Keith Brown-Public Works Director/City Engineer; Sylvia Payne-HR Director; Paul Anchondo-Community Services Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Micah Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Councilmember George Reuter; *Councilmember Sara Curtis; Mayor Micah Powell; Vice Mayor Dan Snyder; Councilmember Jose Garcia
*Attended meeting telephonically

Council Members Absent: Councilmember Andrew Rodriguez; Councilmember Sylvia Guanajuato Rodriguez

III. INVOCATION

Mr. Pete Smith gave tonight's invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Powell led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A. Scheduled
None

B. Unscheduled

The following individuals expressed their concerns about the speed limit on Frontier Street/Jimmie Kerr Blvd. in the Robson Ranch area:

- Mr. Tom Kamoske 4439 W. Pueblo Drive
- Mr. Jim Harr 5418 N. Sonora Lane
- Mr. John Doyle 5395 W. Pueblo Drive

They asked the Council to consider:

- Lowering the speed limit in front of Robson Ranch.
- That there be more police presence in the area to enforce the speed limit.
- Installing a city street light at the corner of Robson Ranch.

VI. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Council Member Announcements

- Councilmember Garcia announced that the school received a grant to provide hot meals to kids from ages 0 to 18 years of age. Meals will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the school. He does not know how long the meal program will be offered.
- Vice Mayor Snyder conveyed that he, along with Mr. Malewitz and Mr. Jeff Fairman, attended the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Annual Trends Day last Wednesday. He said there were different sessions throughout the day with panel experts who discussed current real estate trends for Arizona and cyber security.

B. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Powell announced the following communications:

- Thanked Mr. Malewitz and Vice Mayor Snyder for taking time to attend meetings with him about the county redistricting. Mayor Powell said they attended a number of county supervisor meetings and made their voices heard. They were able to coordinate a plan with the county where all the growth in Eloy would be in one area. He said they were also successful in reducing the number of county supervisors for Eloy from three down to two. Mayor Powell said Steve Miller and Jeffrey McClure are now representatives for Eloy.
- The Arizona City of Chamber of Commerce invited him to be a guest speaker at their luncheon on March 18th.
- He has received positive feedback from the public about the closing of the cemetery gates each night to deter after hour activities.
- During a SCMPO meeting last week, the board received word that the Arizona Supreme Court ruled against the Pinal County Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) road tax. Mayor Powell said one section passed, but the other one did not. He said there is approximately \$80 million

sitting in an escrow account. Mayor Powell said SCMPO had an executive session today to talk about the decision, but was unable to attend. He said he would keep the Council and the public updated.

C. City Manager's Announcements

February Check Register – There were no comments or questions from the Council.

Mr. Malewitz provided the following communications to the Council and public:

- Main Street Park is still under construction. Concrete will be poured this week and sod laid the following week.
- There will be no Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for March due to no items
- The Eloy Chamber of Commerce will be organizing a downtown vacant building tour on March 25th, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- The Eloy Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner and awards banquet on March 26th at Robson Ranch, starting at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Malewitz said the public can purchase tickets at the chamber office.
- The public outreach flyer about the proposed utility rate increase is complete. Mr. Malewitz said the flyer which is in English and Spanish will be posted on the city's social media channels, published in the newspaper, and hard copies made available to the public at city hall. He said there would also be public meetings at 5:30 p.m., on March 24th at the Toltec Community/Senior Center, and on April 5th, at the Eloy Jr. high school cafeteria. Mr. Malewitz conveyed there would also be an opportunity for the public to make comments at the April 11th regular city council meeting, after which Council would vote on moving forward with the scenario that was approved at the February 28th meeting. Mr. Malewitz said an email address has been created for the public to submit questions and comments related to the proposed utility rate increase. The email address is utilitystudy@eloyaz.gov. He said questions and comments would come directly to him and Mr. Wright for response.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: 2/28/2022 (regular)
- B. Acceptance of the FFY 2021 Operation Stone Garden grant in the amount of \$231,427.00 for police officer overtime and mileage expenses from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.
- C. Approval for Empire Machinery to rebuild the front axle on the landfill trash compactor for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00
- D. Authorization to award contract to Danson Construction, LLC, Phoenix, Arizona, for ADA improvements to Jones Park via Job Order Contract# 20-08-25 and financed through FY21 CDBG Pinal County Subrecipient Agreement # 2021-3.

- E. Approve the purchase of a Fortinet Fortivoice telephone system from Logicalis replacing the outdated Cisco SmartNet telephone system.

Mayor Powell asked the Council if there were any items they wished to remove from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

There being no requests, Mayor Powell called for a motion.

Motion by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Vice Mayor Snyder to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote (5-0).

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Powell called for a motion to go into executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Vice Mayor Snyder to hold an executive session at approximately 6:30 p.m. for approximately one hour with the City Attorney, Acting City Manager, City Clerk (note taking) and HR Director for:

- A. Discussion of hiring process for City Manager and discussion of process, timing and options to recruit or select a new City Manager, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1), (3) and (4).**

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Powell reconvened the public meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

IX. BUSINESS

- A. BEGIN ADVERTISING OR RECRUITMENT TO SELECT A NEW CITY MANAGER INCLUDING POTENTIAL TIME FRAMES FOR SELECTION PROCESS.**

No action taken by the Council on this item.

- B. NEGOTIATE CITY MANAGER CONTRACT WITH ACTING CITY MANAGER.**

Motion by Councilmember Reuter, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to begin negotiations for a city manager contract with Mr. Malewitz, passed unanimously by roll call vote (5-0).

**C. POSSIBLE DECISION BY COUNCIL TO TAKE NO ACTION ON MATTER
AT THIS TIME.**

No action taken by the Council on this item.

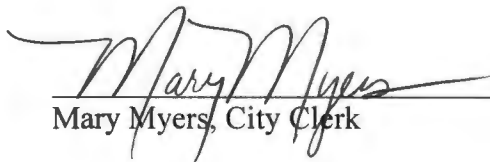
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:21 p.m.



Micah Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Myers, City Clerk