

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, January 30, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Council Present: Jennifer Eckstrom
Pete Tadeo
John Felix
Paul Diaz
Mary Soltero
Anita Romero

Staff Present: Ruben Villa, Asst. City Manager/Finance Director
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Richard Munoz, Police Chief
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Ron Wilson, Judge
Joel Gastelum, Planning Director
Patrick Moran, City Attorney

Mayor Eckstrom called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL – All members of the Council were present except for Councilman Salaz, who was excused.

ITEM #05 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 – Motion by Vice-Mayor Tadeo to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2011, as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #06 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-01 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RATIFYING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LOW RENT OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Villa explained this item is an annual resolution for the Housing Authority's Low Rent Operating budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Motion by Councilman Diaz to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-01 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, ratifying, approving, and adopting the South Tucson Housing Authority's Low Rent Operating Budget for

fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, authorizing the execution of this resolution for the purpose of authorizing the City of South Tucson Housing Director to submit same to HUD and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilman Felix. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-02 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A HEALTHY CITY POLICY

– Mr. Villa stated the City of South Tucson is requesting that the Mayor and Council approve a resolution declaring the City's support for initiatives to improve the health of City residents through better nutrition and a more active lifestyle. The resolution cites obesity as a critical public health issue that governments at all levels must address. Mayor Eckstrom read the resolution and stated it is the first of its kind in Arizona. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-02 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, promoting a healthy lifestyle for residents by encouraging and supporting better nutrition and more physical activity and directing city staff to pursue policies to further these goals. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Tadeo. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-03 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF PIMA COUNTY FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF 4TH AVENUE STREET LIGHTING REPAIRS AND AUTHORIZING THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST

– Mr. Villa informed the Council this resolution will allow funding for the much-needed repair of lighting along South 4th Avenue. Mayor Eckstrom asked when the project is scheduled to begin and the completion date. Mr. Gastelum stated the project should begin in a month and another couple months for completion. Councilman Felix asked if preventive measures will be taken in order to prevent future vandalism. Mr. Gastelum responded the contractor is looking into that and is working with the City of Tucson to strategize options to prevent vandalism. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-03 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of South Tucson and the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County for the design and construction of 4th Avenue Street lighting repairs and authorizing this resolution for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute the agreement and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Tadeo. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-04 THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING YOUTH PROGRAMS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES AT THE JOHN VALENZUELA YOUTH CENTER, WITH PAYMENT UP TO \$113,000, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Villa informed the Council this is an annual contract between the City and the County to provide funding for the YVYC. He explained the second part of the funding comes from CDBG funds. Motion by Councilman Diaz to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-04 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and adopting the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of South Tucson and Pima County for the purpose of providing youth programs and recreation activities at the John Valenzuela Youth Center with payments up to \$113,000, authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Manager of the City of South Tucson to execute said agreement and declaring an emergency to exist. Councilman Felix thanked Gloria Hamlett and staff for the great job they are doing at the JVYC. Seconded by Councilman Felix. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-05 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBTS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD AND ITS FEE ACCOUNTANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Villa explained it is necessary to write-off uncollectible debts and the process is allowed by HUD. The amount of the write-off this year is \$4,342.00. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-05 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving the South Tucson Housing Authority write-off of uncollectible debt and authorizing the execution of this resolution for the purpose of authorizing the City of South Tucson Housing Authority Director to submit same to HUD and its fees accountant and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-06 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RATIFYING, APPROVING AND

ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A GRANT ENTITLED "OPERATION STONEGARDEN-OVERTIME AND MILEAGE" AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Villa explained this funding has been available to the police department for several years and is project-specific money the police department can use only for overtime and mileage. The amount awarded this year is \$52,148.00. Motion by Councilman Diaz to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-06 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, ratifying, approving, and adopting the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of South Tucson and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for a grant entitled "Operation Stonegarden-Overtime and Mileage" and authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute the agreement and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Tadeo. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #12 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-07 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RATIFYING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A GRANT ENTITLED "OPERATION STONEGARDEN-EQUIPMENT" AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Villa informed the Council this resolution will allow up to \$6,000 in funding for camera equipment. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-07 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, ratifying, approving, and adopting the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of South Tucson and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for a grant entitled "Operation Stonegarden-Equipment" and authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute the agreement and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Councilman Diaz asked if the cameras are those that can be placed at different locations. Chief Munoz stated the police department has not yet picked a model but is looking at a camera that is concealed and looks like an electrical panel. It can be set up at any location where there is suspicion of criminal activity. Councilman Felix asked if the unit will be a WiFi unit or if it will be recording on site. Chief Munoz stated the department is limited because of the price but it is hoped the department can wirelessly download from the equipment and even log into the IP address for the camera so that the officers can view what is occurring at the camera from within their patrol cars. Councilman Felix requested once the equipment is received, the Chief demonstrate its use. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #13 – REZONING CASE NO. 11-001 – Mr. Gastelum informed the Council that Richard Felix, owner of 444 West 26th Street, is requesting the property be rezoned from SR-1 to SR-2. Mr. Felix would like to construct an additional dwelling unit on the property which currently has one home that is approximately 1440 square feet. The proposed home will be approximately the same size and Mr. Felix plans to rent both homes. The rezoning request has been duly processed in accordance with Chapter 24, Article II and Division 2 of the South Tucson City Code. Staff received zero written responses in favor, one written response opposing the request and one telephonic inquiry on the nature of this notice and its current zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request to rezone 444 West 26th Street, Lot 2 block 16 of Southern Heights Subdivision from SR-1 to SR-2. Staff recommends approval of the request. Mayor Eckstrom stated there have been a couple of cases where the lots have been split and two houses have been put on one property. She asked if this is something the Council is going to continue to see. Mr. Gastelum stated that with the current zoning code, property owners are allowed to build two units on the property but are not allowed to legally split the lots. Each lot could not be sold individually. Councilman Felix stated he is not one hundred percent on the lot-splitting or someone building the same size home on the same property, but in this case there are three accesses to the property. Councilman Felix asked if it will be a site built home or a mobile home to which Mr. Gastelum stated it will be site built. Councilman Diaz asked if the owner has been informed of the new Chapter 7. Mr. Gastelum stated Mr. Felix is aware of the Chapter 7 ordinance and the crime-free multi-housing addendum. Mr. Felix has his tenants sign that on the lease agreement. Motion by Councilman Diaz to approve the request to rezone Lot 2 Block 16 of Southern Heights from SR-1 to SR-2, subject to standard and/or special conditions. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #14 – REPORTS – None at this time.

ITEM #15 – CALL TO AUDIENCE – No response.

ITEM #16 – ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Vice-Mayor Tadeo to adjourn the Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Jennifer Eckstrom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 30th day of January, 2012. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk