

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, August 6, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Council Present: Jennifer Eckstrom  
John Felix  
Anita Romero  
Mary Soltero  
Carlos Salaz

Staff Present: Enrique Serna, City Manager  
Ruben Villa, Finance Director  
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk  
Richard Munoz, Police Chief  
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.  
Joel Gastelum  
Larry Anderson, Fire Chief  
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 Vice-Mayor Tadeo and Councilman Diaz, who were excused.

ITEM #05 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 26, 2012 – Motion by Councilman Felix to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 26, 2012, with amendments. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, JULY 16, 2012 – Motion by Councilman Felix to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2012. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – ORDINANCE NO. 12-04 RELATING TO TAXATION: FIXING A LEVY FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN A CERTAIN SUM OF \$.2305 UPON EACH \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET: ALL FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE –

Mr. Serna stated every year the County makes the final determination on property taxes for its jurisdictions in the State, and typically it's adopted before the first Tuesday of August.

Mayor Eckstrom asked the record to reflect Councilman Salaz is present.

Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 12-04, relating to the taxation: fixing a levy for the City of South Tucson upon the assessed value of the property within the City of South Tucson subject to taxation in a certain sum of \$.2305 upon each \$100.00 of assessed valuation sufficient to raise the amount required in the annual budget: all for the year ending June 30, 2013, and declaring an emergency to exist and this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Councilwoman Romero; nay vote. Motion passed.

ITEM #08 – ORDINANCE NO. 12-05 RELATING TO TAXATION: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING AN AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND THE RATE UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Serna stated this item is a mandated requirement of all elected officials and municipalities during the August adoption of the final budget. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 12-05 relating to taxation: An ordinance of the City of South Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, levying an amount to be raised as secondary property tax levy and the rate upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed valuation of property subject to taxation within the City of South Tucson for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Councilwoman Romero; nay vote. Motion passed.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-33 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S ANIMAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID IGA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Serna explained this IGA is for two years and the County will provide animal control services. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-33 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving Amendment No. 1 of the intergovernmental

agreement between the City of South Tucson and Pima County for the provisions of Animal Control Services and enforcement of the City's Animal Code and authorizing the Mayor to execute said IGA and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-34 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 “INTEROPERABLE DATA COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT PURCHASE” AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Serna informed the Council this resolution is one of two presented this evening which pertain to homeland security. This agreement is to receive grant funds in the amount of \$8,761 from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for interoperable data communication equipment. There is no budgetary impact on the City of South Tucson General Fund. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-34 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, ratifying, approving and adopting the IGA between the City of South Tucson and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for a grant entitled “Interoperable Data Communication Equipment Purchase” and authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute the agreement and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-35 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 ORDER EQUIPMENT LIST” AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Serna explained this item is the second part of the previous resolution. The purpose of the agreement is to receive grant funds in the amount of \$34,260 from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for Operation Order Equipment List. There is no budgetary impact on the City of South Tucson General Fund. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-35 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, ratifying, approving and adopting the IGA between the City of South Tucson and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for a grant entitled “Operation Order Equipment List” and authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute the agreement and

declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #12 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-36 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LOW RENT OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, 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. Serna stated the budget is similar to last year's budget with increased dollars in the contract amount to provide for additional sanitary needs. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-36 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and adopting the South Tucson Housing Authority's Low Rent Operating Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, 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 Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #13 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-37 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID IGA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Serna stated the \$43,400 is for the "Safe Routes to School Program" which is a one-school year non-infrastructure project which the City has 18-24 months to expend funds for the implementation of various educational safety programs. The project will consist of holding a "walkabout" site assessments, participate in Walk N Ride to School day, conduct pedestrian/bicyclists safety education programs and collaborate with existing neighborhood revitalizations efforts. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-37 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, authorizing execution of an IGA between the City of South Tucson, Arizona and the State of Arizona, acting by and the Arizona Department of Transportation for the implementation of the Safe Routes to School Program Grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute said IGA and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #14 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-38 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012 FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM BY THE SOUTH TUCSON PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE STHA DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST –

The Section 8 Management Assessment Program is a required annual report for all Public Housing Authorities. An on-site review is conducted by HUD every other year to ensure that the reports are correct. HUD has a new regulation for small Public Housing Authorities which do not require certifications by the Executive Director of the Report; however, Board Resolutions are still mandatory. The Report consists of answering several questions about policies as well as the current Fair Market Rents. HUD, at some point, will go through the files. Mr. Serna stated staff recommends the suggested motion. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-38 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and adopting the Section 8 Management Assessment Program Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 for the Housing Choice Voucher Program by the South Tucson Public Housing Authority and authorizing the Mayor to execute the resolution for the purpose of authorizing the South Tucson Housing Director to submit same to HUD and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #15 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH MEGA PATH TO UPGRADE THE CITY'S PHONE SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE TELEPHONIC SERVICES –

Mr. Villa addressed the Council with the proposal to change the phone system, which is at least sixteen years old, to the Megapath system. The proposal would replace equipment to a standard that is now in compliance with Homeland Security for Voice Mail Archival. It is a system that allows for modifications on the internet. In the case of an emergency, the system allows a person to move to any other location and continue operations without interruption on phone communication. Mr. Villa stated the system will be in the \$30,000 range. The monthly amount will be about \$3,000 for three years. Motion by Councilman Felix to direct the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Megapath for telephone service. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #16 – REPORTS – None at this time.

ITEM #17 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – No response.

ITEM #18 – ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Councilman Felix to adjourn the Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Jennifer Eckstrom, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Veronica Moreno, City Clerk