

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, September 10, 2012, at 6:00 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
Mary Soltero
Paul Diaz
Carlos Salaz

Staff Present: Enrique Serna, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Richard Munoz, Police Chief
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Joel Gastelum, Planning Director
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.
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 Councilwoman Romero, who was excused.

ITEM #05 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 6, 2012
– Motion by Vice-Mayor Tadeo to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 6, 2012. Seconded by Councilman Felix. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #06 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-39 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE PIMA COUNTY'S 2004 BOND PROGRAM REVISING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE SOUTH TUCSON PROJECTS AS PRESENTED TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING PIMA COUNTY'S BOND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Serna stated the County Administrator's Office is currently undertaking a presentation to the bond committee and they're clarifying via this resolution those projects that have been completed out of the 2004 bond funds, and those that remain with some subsequent conversations that will take place with regard to following up with additional closure on some of the items that are still left to be done regarding Flood Control in the area. Motion by Vice-Mayor Tadeo to approve and adopt

Resolution No. 12-39 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and adopting the amendment to the Pima County's 2004 Bond Program revising the scope of work for the South Tucson Projects as presented to the Mayor and Council herein and authorizing the Mayor to execute this resolution for the purpose of amending Pima County's Bond Implementation Plan ordinance and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Councilman Felix. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-40 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 “WALKING SCHOOL BUS KICK-START” PROGRAM GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID IGA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – The grant provides modest, short-term financial incentives to schools, school districts and other eligible applicants. Mr. Serna stated the City will receive about \$16,800 in cost reimbursement from the State for implantation of this program, and staff recommends the suggested motion. Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-40 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, authorizing execution of this 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 “Walking School Bus Kick-Start” Program Grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute said IGA and declaring an emergency to exist. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Tadeo. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-41 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF THE FIX GUN CHECKS ACT AND OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND CALLING ON BOTH PRESIDENT OBAMA AND GOVERNOR ROMNEY TO OFFER A DETAILED PLAN TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA AND HELP PREVENT FUTURE MASS SHOOTINGS; CALLING ON ARIZONA GOVERNOR JAN BREWER TO TAKE ACTION TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE REPORTING OF ARIZONA'S RECORDS OF PROHIBITED GUN PURCHASERS TO THE NATIONAL DO-NOT-SELL DATABASE AND TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ISSUE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW ARIZONA CAN ACHIEVE 100% REPORTING OF ALL SUCH RECORDS; AND CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE FIX GUN CHECKS ACT, ENSURING THAT ALL CRIMINALS AND OTHER DANGEROUS

PEOPLE WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM BUYING A GUN ARE LISTED IN THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM AND REQUIRING A BACKGROUND CHECK FOR EVERY GUN SALE – Mr. Serna

stated the wording in the resolution speaks emphatically about all the significant issues that are in front of our nation with regard to the whole gun use discussion. The Mayor has been in communication with the Mayor's Office in New York regarding this effort. Mr. Serna provided the Council with a list of names of individuals who were victims of the January 8, 2011 shooting in Tucson and they have been invited to share their thoughts at tonight's meeting. Mayor Eckstrom stated a quote from the resolution she signed as part of the "Mayor Against Illegal Guns". The quote is as follows: As elected officials, we must do everything in our power to protect our residents' children from harm. There is no greater threat to public safety than the threat of illegal guns.

Mayor Eckstrom stated that present at tonight's meeting are some of the victims of the January 8 shooting, the head of Homicide Survivors, and her friend Devin Encinas, whose brother died from an illegal gun. Mayor Eckstrom introduced Emily Nottingham, the mother of Gabe Zimmerman, who was killed on January 8; Jim Tucker, a shooting victim of January 8, and was speaking with Rep. Giffords when she was shot; Carol Gaxiola, whose daughter was murdered with a gun bought at a gun show without a background check. Carol is the head of Homicide Survivors and has been a resource to all survivors of the January 8 shooting; Mary Read, attended Rep. Giffords' "Congress on Your Corner" event with her husband and their teenage children. Mary was shot in the arm and back as she shielded her daughter, Emma, from the shooter. Emma was the first recipient of the Christina Taylor-Green Scholarship; Pat Masch attended Rep. Giffords' "Congress on Your Corner" event and helped disarm the shooter by grabbing his second magazine clip after he was tackled. On November 15, 2011, Pat testified before the Senate Crime Subcommittee in support of closing loopholes in background check system; Faith Salzberger and her husband Roger attended Rep. Gifford event. Roger helped wrestle Loughner to the ground after he opened fire on the crowd. Faith helped care for the victims and survivors. Mayor Eckstrom stated Randy Gardner was present at the Council meeting as well as the Mayor's friend, Devin Encinas, whose brother was shot and killed while trying to leave a party. He was not involved in the fight, but a bullet was fired into the air and he was killed.

Following Mayor Eckstrom's introduction, the victims addressed the Mayor and Council, gave their testimony, and thanked the Council for their support of the resolution. Mr. Serna stated the South Tucson community is honored to have the individuals present tonight to attend the meeting and he thanked the Mayor for her efforts in addressing these types of issues.

Motion by Councilman Felix to approve and adopt Resolution NO. 12-41 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, in support of the Fix Gun Check Act and other measures to reduce gun violence, and calling on both President Obama and Governor Romney to offer a detailed plan to reduce gun violence in America and help prevent future mass shootings; calling on Arizona Governor Jan Brewer to take action to significantly increase reporting of Arizona's records of prohibited gun purchasers to the National Do-Not-Sell database and to convene a task force to issue recommendations on how Arizona can achieve 100% reporting of all such records; and calling upon the United States Congress to enact a Fix Gun Checks Act, ensuring that all criminals and other dangerous people who are prohibited from buying a gun are listed on the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and require a background check for every gun sale. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Tadeo. Councilman Diaz stated that in support of this resolution, he recommends a link be added to the South Tucson website so it can be accessed directly. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – REPORTS – None at this time.

ITEM #10 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – No response.

ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Vice-Mayor Tadeo to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Felix. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 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 Regular Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 10th day of September, 2012. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk