

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, March 23, 2015, 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: Paul Diaz  
Anita Romero  
Miguel Rojas  
Herman Lopez

Staff Present: Benny Young, Interim City Manager  
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk  
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director  
Ed Machett, City Attorney  
Cory Lakosky, Fire Dept.  
Rey Alvarez, Acting Fire Chief  
David Carranza, Economic Development Specialist  
Michael Ford, Police Chief  
Artemiza Mejia, IT Director  
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.  
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Dept.  
Louie Riojas, Fire Reserve

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

Vice-Mayor Romero led the Invocation.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL – All members of the Council were present, except for Councilman Green, Councilwoman Mendoza, and Councilman Patino, who were excused.

ITEM #05 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – No response from the audience.

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2015

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-14 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND THE GREAT SCOTT ENTERPRISES I, LLC, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Mr. Young: I have with me Artemiza Mejia. You know her as Misha, who's the City's IT Director and I would like her to briefly summarize this. Basically, it's just a contract renewal with the same fee as the previous year.

Ms. Mejia: Basically, it's the same contract (inaudible) website. You know, being my go-to person when I'm not here and takes over; on-call support 24/7. He did add some features onto it which is working more on the website, doing some training with me on, you know, stuff that needs to get done on servers and on the website as well. So that's a good thing and a plus for us. It's basically (inaudible) to the agreement that we already have.

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, I recommend approval and we'll be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve Resolution No. 15-14. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Romero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-15 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 DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD AND ITS FEE ACCOUNTANT

Ms. Chico: Mr. Mayor and Council, HUD has allowed Housing Authorities to write off uncollectible debts. Those are debts that we're not going to be able to collect any time soon, if at all. Instead of these continuing to be on our record and showing our tenant accounts receivable higher than it should be, we're allowed to write off these debts. Unfortunately, I have to come to you again for some more write offs. We have it by tenant, what happened to them, showing the amounts, you know, the dollar amounts. We have one who left instead of being evicted. Another couldn't, wouldn't pay, decided to leave instead. One abandoned the unit and another had to move in with his mother because of his serious illness. So these are accounts, again, that are (inaudible) \$1,300. We'd like to be able to write this off and make our accounts receivable look a little more decent.

Mr. Young: Thank you, Marilyn. Mayor and Council, I recommend approval. We'd be happy to try to answer any questions you might have.

Councilman Rojas: I just wanted to know, how much time is elapsed from the time that a notice is given for either lack of payment, rent, or rent late, or something, and then they decide to take off? A month? Two? Three?

Ms. Chico: Councilman Rojas, normally what happens is if we see that somebody is late, we'll do a termination hearing with them, and hope that they go into a payback agreement with us; 99.9% of our residents will. Unfortunately, they don't always honor that. And I have to admit that sometimes it can get a little busy over there and I don't keep as good a track of 'em as I should. And a month or two may go by and I'll call them back in. And that's when I'll say, "You have to pay this up or we're going to have to figure another way to handle this."

Councilman Rojas: Thank you. One other question. On the abandoned one, the abandoned unit there, the, number 15,713, when they abandon these things, now so all of a sudden we find out they're not there, there's no utilities being used, do they just pick up and leave, do they have any furniture there, or appliances, or anything worth putting away or?

Ms. Chico: Councilman Rojas, on the abandonment, the appliances are ours. Housing's. They don't pay utilities so that's not going to tell us anything.

Councilman Rojas: Okay.

Ms. Chico: Most times it's because we haven't seen them, or another resident will say they haven't seen 'em. When we have that happen, we'll ask Robert (inaudible) maintenance supervisor, to do a welfare check. If we see that they're not there, then I'll ask him to look at things like the refrigerator; do things look, you know, clothing is not there; there's no personal items in the restroom. I'll ask for the expiration dates on milk or something that's in the refrigerator. Even then, if we think that it's been abandoned, I still have to put a 30 day abandonment notice ...

Councilman Rojas: Right.

Ms. Chico: ... on the door. After that time, if we haven't heard from them, it's considered abandoned. Now we can take it over and change the locks.

Councilman Rojas: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve Resolution No. 15-15. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-16 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, AMENDING AND APPROVING THAT THE CESAR CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY BE TAKEN AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AS MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> OR THE CLOSEST MONDAY

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, we have an item with a typographical error in the description. Where it says, "Friday or Monday", it should just say, "The closest Monday". And the resolution that you're going to adopt, hopefully, is still okay because all it says is the closest Monday. I apologize for that. An oversight on my part. But this would just change the legal holiday from the actual date to the nearest Monday, and effective immediately so next Monday would be the holiday in the City of South Tucson. I recommend approval. Veronica, do you have anything to add?

Ms. Moreno: The Manager reported this last week and prior to that, it was pointed out that the City of Tucson adopted the holiday as well. And they honor it the Monday closest to the holiday. So we kind of want to be in line with them because, you know, having the holiday fall during the week, so it would kind of be more structured with the surrounding jurisdictions.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to adopt Resolution No. 15-16. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(3)(4) IF DESIRED

1. City Manager Contract – Benny J. Young

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, I've scheduled an Executive Session at your option. You do not have to go into Executive Session. The following item is a full-time contract for the City Manager and if you would like to go into Executive Session to discuss that before taking action, I put this item on the agenda in the event you wish to go into Executive Session. You don't have to. It's up to the Council.

Councilman Rojas: Would that be Item #11?

Mr. Young: Yes, sir. That will be the action item.

Councilman Rojas: I think we discussed enough. I don't know why we would want to go into Executive Session all over again. Get up and sit down, and then get up again, come back and sit down. So I'm not interested in being in a parade twice, you know, every other week, so I'd like to go ahead and move the motion. If anybody has any objections ...

Motion by Councilman Rojas to delete Item #10 and go to Item #11. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-17 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND BENNY J. YOUNG FOR EMPLOYMENT AS THE CITY MANAGER, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Mr. Young: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, let me just preface this by saying that I continue to be deeply appreciative for the opportunity to serve the citizens of South Tucson. And I value this assignment very much and I take it very seriously. Sometimes, I take it too seriously, I'm afraid, and the Department Heads can vouch for that, but all this would do, if it's your pleasure is simply convert me from being your interim Manager to your permanent Manager, and from being half-time to full-time. It also has a new clause that we added, the City Clerk and I, that allows me to be considered a classified employee for the purpose of accessing City benefits otherwise available to City employees, such as health care and the Arizona State Retirement System. So I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have and no matter what you decide, I'm so thankful for the opportunity that you provided to me. Thank you very much.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve Resolution No. 15-17. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Young: I've said enough but I will do my very best for you and I promise you that.

ITEM #12 – REPORTS

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, I just have three things to report. David, if you could join me while I'm covering the first two, I would appreciate it. Next Saturday, this coming Saturday, there will be Cesar

Chavez events and activities. There will be a march from Pueblo High School convening at 9 o'clock at Pueblo High School. We're going to march to Rodeo Park. Some of us old timers know it as Joe Garagiola Park and Rudy Garcia Park. And there will be a series of events that day. And I would invite the Council to consider participating in those. The City of South Tucson will have a booth at the event at Garcia Park on Saturday. And will have Mayor's Proclamation honoring the life and work of Cesar Chavez. We will have a couple of our banners that you've seen now up on the street light standards available for the public to see at ground level, much larger at ground level than they are up 20 feet in the air. And secondly, we are already updating our website. Misha is still here and David have been working on that. And we've had the pro bono services of a very good local photographer named Michelle Burley. And if you go to our website and look at it, you'll already see some changes. When people click on our website, they can see who the staff is and who you are. So thank you for that. That's in the works. And finally, I want to ask David Carranza to just provide a brief summary of his first two weeks here as a part-time employee helping us reach out to the business community and explore some potential opportunities to strengthen the retail tax base here in South Tucson, which I happen to think is one of our highest priorities. And I'm so thankful to David for what he has been doing. He's really been hitting the ground. He has kind of a four hour per day contract and I haven't seen him here less than six or seven hours yet. And most of the time, more than that. He's already contacted over 40 businesses here and extensive discussions with them. We're getting some very good feedback which I think will be valuable to us as we develop some strategic opportunities for you.

Mr. Carranza: Thank you and congratulations.

Mr. Young: Thank you.

Mr. Carranza: Mayor, council members, thank you very much. I titled my little report "Dos Semanas". So for the past two weeks what I have done I visited over 40 businesses as Benny has alluded to. On average, I spend around 15 to 30 minutes, sometimes longer, with the businesses. And they actually tell me a story about the City of South Tucson. Their concerns have been mixed. They've been, the tax increases of which I've been able to explain to them that if you look at the tax increase, you look at the insurance increases you may have, you know, there's, everyone is raising their rates and I think the City of South Tucson is no different. I think I've toned down that rhetoric so it's not something that hopefully as I go to visit all the other ones is a big issue. But it is an issue. They're also concerned about their own mortality. And what I mean by that is if they're going to be in business for a long time. As a former businessman, I can really appreciate that. I understand exactly where they're coming from. I offer some advise, some counseling to be exact, on how they can probably better their business. That's not saying also that everything is rosy out there. But these people have been really receptive. And you all need to know that. They like working with all the services that the City of South Tucson provides. They take great pride in their businesses. They show it to me and they're proud to show me exactly what they do. I've also researched and sought out other retail establishments that we've talked to and spoken with and actually met with, over a dozen potential businesses that we want to have down here in the City of South Tucson. In particular, we toured with the Subway. How many of you up there don't like Subway? Please raise your hand. So that's one of them. Actually, we want to diversify the base of restaurants. As I remember first meeting with you and letting you know that's what I was going to do. And that's what I've been doing. And there's some other businesses that I think are important, possibly having down here as well. Keep in mind, as a business person, I'm going to tell you one thing, the City of South Tucson is no different than the City of Tucson. If you open up a business, you have got to make

anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000,000 gross revenue in order to sustain your business. If you're going to be in business, you have got to make that much. Think about it. They have property. They have employees. They have Workman's Comp. They have insurance. You can just add it all up. So knowing that, you need to know that because when I'm going out there to talk to these businesses, that's what's in their head, looking at dollars. And I understand that, and I think I know how to talk to them and actually recruit into the City of South Tucson. That's what I'm doing. Along with the City Manager, we met with key economic development professionals in other districts. This is a nice thing that Benny brings to the City of South Tucson, I can tell you, is that with his connections with other jurisdictions, it allows us and affords us the opportunity to learn how other people are doing it. And one of them was local city. I won't name them, up north here. And what we did is we learned some valuable and creative ways on how to bring and lure businesses into the City of South Tucson. And it's going to already start. And I'm sure Benny will explain (inaudible). We also help with the website. If you have not taken your picture, I'm going to draw a caricature and put it on the website as well. Please, if you haven't, go get your picture taken. And for those that have, thank you very much for doing that. And those who haven't, I know who you are. The other thing, too, is we also, with the website we'll create a Face book. The reason we're going to create a Face book it's important that we actually reach out to all the young people out there that are coming into the City of South Tucson. They probably don't go to the website. They probably look up information on Face book. I think it's extremely important. It will be tied into the website so we look like a more professional organization from pictures to all the events that are happening. In addition to that, the business listings are going to be going in there. I've also had the advantage of working with the Finance Director here, with Lourdes, and we've created some key measurements of how we're going to actually track businesses revenue. Right now it's really interesting is that if you look at the revenue from each of the businesses, we don't know how they've done quarterly, yearly, and so forth. So now what we can do is we can see, what we're going to be able to do, you can see exactly where they're going to be, and then where, what they did the last few months. And I tell you why that's important. For example, if you have businesses that are actually generating revenue here, the nice thing to see those reports on how they're doing month over month, and year over year, you can catch kind of how they're doing and if they're doing bad or good. You can actually, you know, go and say, "Congratulations on how you're doing," and if they're doing bad, you can catch 'em and say, "What's going on? How can I help you? How can we do this? How can we do that?" That will give us a bird's eye picture of what's actually going on within the City of South Tucson. And what's nice about that, we're being pro active. We're not being reactionary at the end where these people are wanting to leave South Tucson because they're not making any more money with their businesses. I think that's a key factor. Another thing, too, is it's easier to retain the businesses than to actually go after new ones. So we want to keep the ones that we have here. In addition to that, it prompted me, as you already know, to develop a categorization of all the businesses of which we've done, and Lourdes helped me with that, too. All the businesses are categorized so we know exactly what categories each of the businesses fall under. And I'll tell you why it's important. The businesses that we're going to go after are going to be key businesses. They're not going to be ones that would affect and could jeopardize the revenues from the same type of business, so you end up cannibalizing the little businesses. You don't want to have 40 auto shops here and so forth. So we're going to be very careful on the ones we bring in. I think that's important too. But without the list, we would never have known. The other thing is the retention of the businesses. In my lifetime, when I was working at other places, businesses that are in a jurisdiction want to stay there so long as they're making money. And with my conversation with each of those businesses out there, it's always been their pride in their workmanship. And what we're going to be doing with the website and some of the things that we're going to be doing probably with

outreach and so forth, it's going to be really important, too, to the businesses themselves. The other thing I want to tell you is that I've created a fact sheet. And I mentioned that to you as well. This fact sheet states exactly what's the population of the City of South Tucson. It has the median age. It has the poverty level. It has the races that we have within the City of South Tucson. It has the residential units, rental units, etc. The reason I think this is important is because if we're all within the community, whether it be this community or Tucson or Sahuarita, we all know the numbers. And we're all talking the same language. And what's nice is that this is also going to be on the website. So that's important as well.

Mr. Young: And we'll put copies in your box tomorrow.

Mr. Carranza: Finally, what's next on, what's on the table next. Here's what I'm going to ask you is please, we're going to be putting together a forum for all the businesses. I hope all of you will be there. It's probably going to be in May. I'll get you an exact date of when that's going to be. And the reason that's important is I'm going to ask all the businesses to come here. And in my research, some of the forums that were put together were not well, people didn't show up so what I intend to do is not only call them and email them, and almost bother them to make sure they show up because their messages and their concerns and ideas are important. And that way we can have a way of getting 5 or 6 items that we can actually attack and strategically put together to help this City move forward. Finally, I'll give you this is that I'm going to help Benny probably with the strategic plans for the entire business plan for the City of South Tucson. Why is that? Because I get off on that. I like plans. I like 'em because if you don't have a plan, you plan to fail. And right now, our plan is simply to go out there and try getting more retail. But eventually, the strategic plan is going to show us how we're going to get there and then it will be measurements as well.

Mr. Young: Thank you, David. (Inaudible). Thanks for letting us provide the report for you, is that we received a liquor license transfer application just today. And you'll see an email on it for a young couple with a lot of energy and, I hope, the resources to back it up, but I think they do, to remodel and reopen what used to be the Paddock right here on 4th Avenue. And they were so excited when they told us about their project, it was hard not to just buy into that enthusiasm. I see it as a nice little start here if we can get that property back in production for South Tucson. I thought you might be interested in that.

Mr. Carranza: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, thank you.

#### ITEM #13 – STUDY SESSION: FINANCE – BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, you should have a 3-page handout in front of you. It looks like this. It's just an outline that we will, Lourdes and I will walk through. But I just felt it was important for you all to track along. If you may recall, we gave you an update at midyear and now we're two-thirds of the way through. This is from the end of February. And we're still doing reasonably well, but not quite as well as we were doing in the middle of the year and we'll talk a little bit about why that is. So having said that, I would like to ask Lourdes to just walk you through the 3 items on the handout that you have. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to track along?

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and members of the Council, the report that you have in front of you, as Benny mentioned, is a snapshot of where we are as of, or where we were at in February. And then the second report takes out and projects numbers of where we plan on ending at the fiscal year end. Based on the first report you can see that our revenues are tracking along at about 55%. Yet 67% of the year has lapsed. So with expenditures, our expenditures are still well below the mark. They're at 61% but we've fallen a little behind. At this point, we're waiting for our revenues to catch up. Some of the main reasons are the receipt of invoices. Some of the larger ticket items started to come in in December and February. That's why you see such a big variance there of about \$280,000. I don't know if you have any questions on that.

Councilman Rojas: Would that be the State, Mr. Mayor, would that be the State Revenue funds from last year? Is that what we're waiting for?

Ms. Aguirre: Oh, Councilman Rojas, it actually has to do, it's a combination of items. Of course we did experience a drop for the first six months in City sales tax revenues. If that's what you're referring to. And we're projecting, you know, they're going to come in a little lower still. But there's also some line items that you can see appear that are a little lower than we had budgeted. For instance, (inaudible) for services. That's due to ambulance, the ambulance service. That was not implemented. Okay. So that's why ...

Councilman Rojas: So now it is implemented?

Mr. Young: No, Mr. Mayor, we'll, Mr. Rojas, I would like to have a separate discussion when we start talking about the budget ...

Councilman Rojas: Okay.

Mr. Young: ... (inaudible).

Councilman Rojas: No problem.

Mr. Young: It didn't happen this year for a variety of reasons.

Councilman Rojas: Alright. No problem.

Ms. Aguirre: So Mayor and members of the Council, that's one of the line items. The other is Fines and Forfeitures. You see that's coming along at 35 and a half. It's a little low. That's Court collections.

Mr. Young: Well, Mr. Mayor, I guess what I would say on the revenue side, if you look at the first line, City sales tax, that's our biggest revenue, source of revenue for the City and one reason we wanted to work on attracting additional retail here. So we're two-thirds of the way through the year with only 51% of what was estimated in the budget. Part of that is because the new sales tax didn't go in place until December 1<sup>st</sup>. And we're just now starting to see the increased sales tax receipts start to show up. I'm greatly encouraged by it. For example, in March there was \$25,000, excuse me, in March so far, we are seeing \$25,000 more than we saw in February. So I think it's finally starting to show up in a three month (inaudible). So I feel pretty good. I'm going to show you a negative number in a

minute but I think it's not as bad as it may seem. On the, did you cover the expense side yet? Why don't you go ahead (inaudible). We're at 61% so we, we're still below the budget would anticipate two-thirds or 67% so the departments have done a wonderful job of containing our expenditures this year. So I see that as encouragement.

Councilman Rojas: It looks good. And it's easy and I can follow you.

Mr. Young: So the second sheet is kind of the bad news section of this. This is a projection with regard to what might happen for the remaining three months of this fiscal year; April, May, and June. And we, Lourdes has estimated kind of conservatively so I think you, I'm optimistic that you can look at this as kind of a worst case scenario. But if you compare our estimated expenditure variance through the end of the year, you see that we're \$530,000 less than, than what was projected. Our revenues are less than projected, I mean our expenditures are less than projected also at 405. But the difference between revenues and expenditures on cash flow basis through the end of the year is a negative balance of about \$124,000. So it looks like there is a possibility that we may end up with an operational loss for the current fiscal year. However, Lourdes and I are working on options to deal with that. We still have some one-time revenue opportunities. I have requested to the County that they (inaudible) bill that we believe the City is due for the Valenzuela Youth Center. And they're still thinking about that. If they were to do that, then we'd be pretty much dead even on the cash flow basis for the current fiscal year. We have some other savings opportunities within the budget. And I've met with the largest departments in the City, Police and Fire, and both Chiefs are working very hard to watch the expenditures. And I feel very good about where they, what they have done. And if you were to look at their expenditures through the end of February, they're below the budgeted expenditures so they've done a good job (inaudible). And so, but there is still some other savings opportunities within the operating budget. The other thing that we're doing that Lourdes has going as of last week, is we

have asked the State Department of Revenue who collects our sales tax for us and then remits it back to us, that's one reason there was that lag, to increase their collections efforts. And I think there's a good chance that there is some underreporting on the part of some businesses. Perhaps they weren't aware of the sales tax increase or something. But we've asked the Department of Revenue to help us. With an increasing collections effort, I think we may get some additional revenue from that as well. The worst case scenario is this projection you see on page 2 of a possible operating loss of about \$145,000. What happened with that, by the way, that's much less than the operating loss of fiscal year '14-'15, which is then rolled forward and we've been trying to pay past due accounts all year long and made some progress. But we'll address that through the budget process for fiscal year '16. And so I think that brings us to the third item on the agenda. If you could just talk about the schedule (inaudible).

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor, members of the Council, our budget timeline is as follows: This month, so far we've been collecting data and analyzing where we're at and where we think we are going to be at fiscal year end. In April, we're going to be meeting with different departments so we can put together their budgets. April and May, we're going to be bringing those items to you for discussion and in work sessions. And in June, hopefully, we'll have a good budget that (inaudible).

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, last thing I would say, and we'll be happy to answer questions, as you all know, we have some issues here to wrestle with during 2016 and question that Council member Rojas asked about ambulance service is one of the things that I want to bring to you with the work

session for 2016, but we have our Public Safety Retirement System which I've already talked to you about. The State budget is going to have some impact on us. I'm not sure how much. It's going to have a very big effect on the City of Tucson and especially Pima County. You may have seen in the newspaper the County Administrator saying the State is shoving \$23,000,000 in costs down on local government in this area. And it's going to affect education, TUSD, in particular. So we're tracking that, Lourdes and I, and I hope when we have a work session we will tell you what the effect will be on us. It's not going to be \$23,000,000 but it might be \$38,000 or something, but it all, every cent is important to us, obviously. So we're going to track all that. We have some departments that really could use some additional resources heading into fiscal year 2016, so I'll be meeting with all the departments to see what they envision their needs are. And so when we finally do sit down, I'll be able to show you a complete scenario heading into 2016, and then ask you to help prioritize some of the decisions that we have to make.

Mayor Diaz: I do have a recommendation for the month of April that you include the Council in there on one of your sessions. See what we would like to wish for.

Ms. Aguirre: Oh, okay. Absolutely.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Young: Do you have any questions, Mr. Mayor, ...

Councilman Rojas: I have ...

Mr. Young: ... members of the Council?

Councilman Rojas: ... a question, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Diaz: Councilman Rojas.

Councilman Rojas: I guess a couple of meetings ago you indicated a wish to meet with the County Administrator about the rental on the library. Did that thing, what happened? Any report?

Mr. Young: I did meet with him. He was very receptive. But that was before he came out, he realized the, how hard the State budget was going to hit him. So I have not heard back from him since last week when that news hit. But I asked him to consider a substantial rent increase and he seemed amenable to it. In fact, suggested that we might find a way to just lease purchase the facility from the City, which is the same, would have the same effect for us as the rental increase. And at the end of the day, they would have title to the facility over a period of years. So I felt very good about the discussion. I don't have anything definitive yet, but we did have that discussion and he seemed receptive.

Councilman Rojas: Thank you. Good information.

Mayor Diaz: Any more questions? Thank you.

ITEM #14 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Rojas to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Paul Diaz, 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 Regular Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Veronica Moreno, City Clerk