

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, April 6, 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  
Idelfonso Green  
Vanessa Mendoza

Staff Present: Benny Young, Interim City Manager  
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk  
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director  
Ed Machett, City Attorney  
Rey Alvarez, Acting Fire Chief  
Michael Ford, Police Chief  
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.

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 Patino, who was excused.

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

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2015 AND REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2015

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-18 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 2015 ANNUAL PHA PLAN AND 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. Young: I would like to ask Marilyn Chico to summarize this item for you and then we'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Ms. Chico: Mr. Mayor and Council, every year all Housing Authorities across the country are mandated to submit a Public Housing Authority PHA Plan. This is our 2015 PHA Plan. You were all noticed on February 26<sup>th</sup> that there was a draft as well as I noticed all of our residents that we had a copy in our lobby for their comments, which are all part of this plan. Any comments have to be submitted with the plan. I did meet with our resident council prior, that's how we came up with our needs for 2015. Part of this plan is showing any policy revisions we've made in the past fiscal year, Fair Market rents that were approved, any utility schedules that were revised, which we've done all of the above. So those are all part of this PHA plan, as well as showing any CFP plans because this is a five-year, as well as what we want to do in the next few years. But for 2015, based on what the resident council wanted, with the exception of the bike patrol, I was working with that, they wanted to replace all security gates, which is an excellent idea because they're too easily broken by people jumping on them; the bike patrol. Slip resistance stair pads for all the stairwells that we have in El Senorial and Casa de Bernie Sedley. We're estimating that just those four items is going to cost us \$179,147, which is the amount we were awarded for 2015. In the past, we would give HUD a wish list. And when I met with the resident Council, I think we had almost \$800,000 worth of needs. Now we can only submit for the exact amount we're awarded, which was that \$179,147. Part of this PHA plan is also the 45-day review process. That's when I noticed Mayor and Council, Mr. Young, and all of our residents. And again, we had absolutely no comments from them. So the PHA plan, this is it minus the resolution, hopefully that you approve tonight, will be submitted electronically to HUD tomorrow. So that is our PHA plan for 2015.

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

Mayor Diaz: Councilman Rojas.

Councilman Rojas: So let me see. It seems like they propose an amount of money and then you fit your need to that money, or you propose a wish list and then they budget it, your wish list.

Ms. Chico: Councilman Rojas, in the past, we were able to submit a wish list. Now, everybody has a cap amount, based on the number of units they have. And the number fluctuates every year. So now, they actually award us the amount before they even see our needs. They told us we've got \$179,147. What are you gonna do with it? So that's where we came up with those items. And, of course, safety is number one. We've got elderly and disabled. Those stairs can get slippery. So I thought that was an excellent idea from one of our residents, is putting some kind of pad on there. And again, with the security. You know, the security gates. Again, safety and security. I want them to feel safe living there.

Councilman Rojas: Alright. Thank you.

Councilman Green: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Diaz: Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: Are these capital funds that you're using?

Ms. Chico: Yes.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Ms. Chico: Councilman Green, Council, I beg your pardon, yes, these are all capital fund monies that, that \$179,000 ...

Councilman Green: Okay.

Ms. Chico: ... which is different from our low rent operating funds. Thank you.

Councilman Green: Okay. Thanks.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve Resolution No. 15-18. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Diaz: The next item is the Executive Session. Do we want to do Reports first and then go into Executive Session? Do we have any Reports?

Mr. Young: I do have a few items I'd like to mention, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. If you'd like to do that now, I'll be glad to.

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

#### ITEM #08 – REPORTS

Mr. Young: First of all, you may have noticed that our Public Works Department is patching some of the badly potholed areas on 36<sup>th</sup> Street. And I think they did an outstanding job. It's going to buy us some time. It's my hope that we will be able to fully reconstruct 36<sup>th</sup> when the County puts a sewer line down that road in another couple years, but this should buy us enough time to do that. You may have also noticed that the Public Works Department is now clearing the curb lines and sidewalk areas of weeds and grass in preparation for street sweeping program on the major streets which should commence, we're hoping, next week. That will depend on how quickly we can get all the curb lines cleared of sediment and grass by then. And I'm really thankful for the work that they've been doing and I hope that you've noticed it. This week there's a couple of events that you might be interested in. This Wednesday night there is a Take Back the Night event. That's a group that has organized to draw awareness to the issues associated with sexual assault. And they'll be assembling here in our plaza in front of City Hall at 4 o'clock. And then a group of people will be marching down to Armory Park for more ceremonies that evening. So if you have a chance to come by and listen to some of that, that might be a good thing. They have some scheduled speakers. And then finally, there's a clean-up that's been scheduled by the Cyclovia people that will take place this weekend. They're going to be doing a clean-up along the route of Cyclovia. That's taking place on Saturday and I just thought you might want to be aware of that. Finally, you may know that we had, our police department was able to apprehend a suspect in a bank robbery at Chase Bank that took place maybe

two weeks ago. And the same day that they made that apprehension, they had another bank robbery. So the Chief has talked to the executive team at Chase Bank and they appear to be headed toward providing more off-duty officer support at that location, which I think is a very good thing because prevention is always worth a pound of cure. And you may notice some of our officers in that bank working off-duty funded by Chase Bank. And maybe some of the Pascua Yaqui officers as well for coverage. And I just thought you might want to be aware of that. I think it's important for us to take proactive measures to try to kind of stop what's been going on there and I'm appreciate to the Police Chief for the work that he's doing proactively in that regard. And those are my reports, Mr. Mayor.

Councilman Rojas: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Diaz: Councilman Rojas.

Councilman Rojas: Excuse me. Was it the same bank or the other bank?

Mr. Young: The same bank.

Councilman Rojas: Are you serious?

Mr. Young: Yes. I wish I weren't, but I am.

Councilman Rojas: Oh, my goodness. Okay. Thanks a lot, Chief. It's a good thing we only have two banks.

ITEM #09 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(3)(4)

Motion by Councilman Rojas to adjourn the Special Meeting and convene into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene into Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Pasadera – Consultation with City Attorney

Motion by Councilman Rojas to instruct the City Manager to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Settlement Claim – City of South Tucson vs. Thomas Dean

Motion by Councilman Rojas to allow the City Manager to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Waste Management – Consultation with City Attorney

Motion by Councilman Rojas to instruct the City Manager to continue as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Roll call vote: Councilman Green, yes; Councilman Rojas, yes; Vice-Mayor Romero, yes; Councilman Lopez, yes; Councilwoman Mendoza, yes.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Motion passes unanimously.

ITEM #10 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Rojas. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 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 Special Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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