

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, May 11, 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  
Vanessa Mendoza  
Oscar Patino

Staff Present: Benny Young, City Manager  
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk  
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director  
Ed Machett, City Attorney  
Michael Ford, Police Chief  
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director  
Joel Gastelum, Planner  
Rey Alvarez, Fire Chief  
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.

Guests: Kelly Friar, CEO, YWCA  
Arlene Lopez

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

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

Mayor Diaz: At this time, also, I'd like to include Fire Chief Rey Alvarez that he's back at work.

(Applause)

ITEM #05 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Fire: It's good to be here. Thanks for allowing me to speak to you. I am the CEO of the YWCA in Southern Arizona. We're located just, our main building is located just about five minutes north of here, right on Bonita, right alongside the Santa Cruz. We were approached a few months ago by the Board of Directors at the House of Neighborly Service. And they came to us to ask if we would be able and willing to assume the property there at, what is it, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. And they were really thinking, at that point, that they would just be disbanded. They have had a hard time in recent years to provide financial sustainability for the programs. And we, after speaking with them and members of our board at the YW who are familiar with HNS, many of them have been involved in the programs there over the years, and it became kind of clear to us that we weren't really interested in just taking the property and doing something new there. Our interest is really in making sure that HNS continues into the future. It's 69 years old, it's been serving people in this community, as you all know, doing really

important things for a long time. We hope next year to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HNS. So our intention, I just came from a meeting with HNS Board of Directors, is that within about the next 45 days, we'll actually assume management of House of Neighborly Service. It will continue to exist in South Tucson and serve the community in just the same way that it has been. Any changes that we make there will be made in cooperation, collaboration with members of that neighborhood and the community. And they will all be focused on making the programs there financially sustainable. One of the things about the YWCA is that we're very entrepreneurial, and so our programs are all designed to find a way to actually be self-sustaining. So we do get a lot of grants, we'll be writing for grants, but the work that we do at the YW, like for example, at our community center on Bonita, we have a café and a catering program. And it provides job training for people. So it's like doing good but in a way that makes income. And so our hope and plan for HNS is to bring that kind of entrepreneurial spirit to that program and to that organization so that it can continue forever, serving the people of South Tucson. So I just wanted an opportunity to come and share that with you, and see if you have any questions, advise, concern. Hopefully, no rotten tomatoes.

Mayor Diaz: Mr. Young, have you addressed this issue with YWCA or anything at all?

Mr. Young: I have met with Kelly, yes, and I'm quite impressed with the plan that she's outlining for you.

Mayor Diaz: There's no, nothing that would?

Mr. Young: If the Council would like to have a discussion with regard (inaudible) we should probably schedule it as a separate study session item on a future agenda.

Mayor Diaz: Yeah, we'd appreciate that.

Ms. Fire: Okay. Yeah, I would be happy to do that.

Mayor Diaz: Okay. Thank you.

Councilman Patino: Sounds very good.

Ms. Fire: Thank you. Thanks very much.

Mayor Diaz: Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address the Council? As usual, name, address.

Ms. Lopez: Yes. Mayor, members of the Council, my name is Arlene Lopez. I live at 240 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. I just want to let you know that we will be having a Neighborhood Watch meeting this coming Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and we have asked Ms. Kelly Fire to come and speak to us with regard to the YWCA because we will have neighborhood people there at our meeting, and that way we can, you know, have the neighborhood ask questions.

Mayor Diaz: Great.

Ms. Lopez: Okay? So just wanted to let you know.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Ms. Lopez: Thank you so much.

Mayor Diaz: Anybody else who would like to address the Council?

(No response from audience)

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE AVAILABLE

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-19 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, TO ACCEPT THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

Mr. Young: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. I would like for Lourdes Aguirre, our Finance Director, to present this item for you.

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and Council members, there really is no statute or financial policy that requires this action. However, it is best practice and as such, we would like to incorporate this step in our year end closing procedures from this point forward.

Mr. Young: You may recall there was a work session at your last meeting and (inaudible) summarize the findings at that time.

Mayor Diaz: Great. So, let's see. Resolution, so I'll need a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-19. Seconded by Councilman Patino. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – STUDY SESSION - STATUS QUO BUDGET FY 2015-2016

Mr. Young: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. Lourdes and Department Heads and I are working feverishly to assemble a budget recommendation for you for next year's budget, for 2016 budget. And I thought it might be good to check in with you at this point and let you know where we're at in the process and what some of the conclusions are so far and what some of the issues are we still need to wrestle down over the course of the next month or so. I'm hoping to come to you in June, your first meeting in June which will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, and present my recommendation on your budget for 2016, and then you would actually adopt it on June the 22<sup>nd</sup>, two weeks later, which would provide further opportunity to ask questions at that time. But I thought we ought to check in with you and let you know where we're at so far. Tonight, we're just going to talk about the General Fund and not the dedicated funds like Public Works, Highway User Revenue Fund (inaudible) money for streets or the dedicated fund for the Housing Department because the General Fund is the one that's the most concern for the City in terms of not only maintaining our solvency, but being able to provide

good service to our citizens because that funds most of our essential public functions like public safety. And having said that, I would like to explain what you have in front of you. You have a folder, and for those members in the audience who are tracking along, hopefully it will make sense to you, too. And in that folder, we have provided more information than you'd ever like to have at this point. And I thought you might want to look at the detail later, or ask questions about the detail even at this point. So the first handout you have is a summary of what we call the "Status Quo Budget" heading into 2016. What that means is if we just keep doing the same things next year that we're doing this year, what does that look like from the standpoint of the budget, assembling the budget. And in that handout, you will see we have an adopted budget for fiscal year '15, that's the current fiscal year. We have the estimated actual for fiscal year '15, both for revenue and for expenses. And then we have a status quo budget laid out for you that we will go over briefly in just a moment, both on the revenue side and the expenditure side. And what we show in the last column is a variance for the budget for, so far at this point in time. The following pages, about 16 of them, show the budget detail (inaudible) City of South Tucson. And in the last column in that particular handout, it says "Departmental Needs", those are things that are not in the status quo budget that perhaps should be considered and if we had the financial resources there are things that the departments would like to have considered for funding. We've also pulled all of those items out, those departmental need items and put them on a separate handout that's titled "City of South Tucson Fiscal Year 2016 List of Departmental Needs" and so you can see them all in one list, rather than having to page through all the details. And that, if you look at the second page of that attachment, you'll see that the total departmental needs that are not in the present status quo budget form about 1.1 million dollars. The Mayor had asked me not long ago what I thought here just kind of off the top of my head after being with you for almost five months, what I thought we were apart in terms of really being able to provide the kind of services the citizens of South Tucson deserve. And I said I think we're about a million dollars out. And if you look at that list of things, I was pretty close and I was just briefly shooting off the top of my head at that point. But the information the departments have assembled kind of ratifies that. Now the General Fund is about \$5,000,000 of your total \$10,000,000 budget for the City of South Tucson. And I'm going to ask, about, let me, before I ask Lourdes to talk, about half of that, \$5,000,000 comes from local tax collection, primarily sales tax. So, that first item under revenue that says "Total Taxes" about \$2,500,000 this year and almost 2.9 we're estimating for 2016, that's your sales tax collections. That's the thing that's of the most importance to us in terms of our General Fund. And it's largely based on sales tax collections. That's one reason we keep saying when we're talking about economic opportunity here, and vitality for the City, we have to expand the retail tax base for sales tax collections because we're really very, very dependent upon sales tax collections. And every city is kind of that way. We're no exception to that rule. Our property tax collections are relatively small in comparison to our sales tax collections. But they're included in that 2.88 million dollar figure that you see. So what I'd like to do is, we have an outline for what, the points we'd like to just cover as quickly as we can this evening, in front of you and the first thing we want to do is explain the revenue assumptions for you and then we'll go ahead with the expenditure assumptions. You'll notice that the draft of the preliminary status quo budget for next year is almost balanced right at the present time. So the focus of the discussion probably turns quickly to what's not in there and what would we fund, what should (inaudible) with the staff over the course of the next 30 days before I bring you my recommended budget for fiscal year 2016, 'cause there's some really key things that aren't in the status quo budget that I think require some discussion. So, Lourdes, (inaudible) ask a question at this point? Okay. Lourdes, if you would explain revenue assumptions and then we'll go from there.

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and members of the Council, directing your attention to the line item for Privilege Taxes and Sales Taxes, you can see and as the City Manager already mentioned, the budget in the Status Quo column, 2.8 million dollars. What this assumes is that the collection level that we have seen come through from January through March would remain constant through the next year. Additionally, it also calculates a modest 1.25% for growth. Do you have any questions on that?

Mr. Young: The other categories in the General Fund for revenue are our, the next page of categories, our total State Shared Revenue and that's your income tax collection from the State and the State Sales Tax, our share of that, that's the next major component and those estimates are obtained from the State Department of Revenue. So we just plug in what they send us in terms of our State Shared Revenue. And then there's some miscellaneous revenue categories. Bottom line is there's \$184,812, about \$185,000 increase we project in total revenue from the current fiscal year for fiscal year 2016. So maybe then we could summarize the next set of numbers below total revenue are the expenses that we've estimated for the status quo budget for next year and I think Lourdes will cover that also.

Ms. Aguirre: Absolutely. With regards to expenditures, I think it can all be summarized as the driver being inflationary increases in payroll-related costs, such as retirement (inaudible). That's the main driver.

Mr. Young: So if you look at the bottom line, you'll see that our total expenses for FY16 are expected to go up by \$206,000. That's just kind of doing the same things we're doing this year, but covering those inflation, those inflationary pushes particularly related to our retirement contributions that we must cover. And you'll notice there's a difference of \$21,448, that's the bottom number, the preliminary summary of the General Fund, that page, so right now, the status quo budget is almost balanced but not quite. We need to find \$21,000 in cuts or \$21,000 in additional revenues to have a balanced budget for a status quo budget moving into 2016. At this point, I'd like to see if you have any questions before we move on to what's not in the status quo budget.

Councilman Rojas: I just have a question on the bottom line of that section. The non-departmental costs, 1.1 million on the first column, and then on the status quo budget for '16 is 1.4.

Mr. Young: Yes, sir.

Councilman Rojas: \$271,000 variance. What is this non-departmental item?

Mr. Young: I really appreciate your question. It's a good question. What I have recommended we do moving into fiscal year 2016, and we did some of it in the middle of this year. There's certain categories of expenses we pulled out of departments and put in a non-departmental category, such as your utilities city-wide so that's one reason it looks like an increase. It's not much of an increase as it looks like, but we consolidated certain expenses in the non-departmental budget. And that's why it looks like there's a \$271,000 increase over last year. Utilities is the biggest piece but Lourdes can summarize some of the others.

Ms. Aguirre: Yes. As you may recall, at the beginning of this calendar year we brought to you some recommendations for budget adjustments. And that had to do with reallocating a lot of the utilities and communication line items over to non-departmental. Additionally, what we've done in the status

quo budget is also transfer over some line items that really didn't fit in individual departments, such as the cost of the prosecutor, prisoner detainment, animal control, and South Tucson civic events.

Mr. Young: The other thing that I, that we moved into this category is a small contingency of about \$70,000 so that's also a non-departmental. It was in the City Manager's budget. I felt it ought to be in a non-departmental budget so you could look at the things that, separately that kind of apply city-wide.

Mayor Diaz: Would anybody on the Council like to go ahead and ask questions? Go ahead without me. I'm looking at numbers.

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor and Council, if there are no other questions at this point on that, there will be opportunity for questions on that later. And then again in June we will bring back the balanced budget for recommendation. I'd like to spend a few minutes talking about what's not in the status quo budget. Even though we're almost close to having a balanced budget for the status quo for next year, that 1.1 million dollars is a concern to me for the departments I've identified. Some of the key issues for me that are not in the status quo budget include one-time contributions to the Public Safety Retirement System. We had a work session on that item. I had talked about the possibility of providing some one-time contributions to start trending back up in terms of our funding ratio. At this point, those are not included. There's a prior year operational loss that is rolling forward that you've heard about when the auditor presented his report last session. That's, so that's just rolling forward at this point. There's some deferred maintenance. I'm starting to get very concerned here about the need for maintenance on our facilities. And there's about \$130,000, I think, is the exact number that the Public Works Department put together for me of things that could be done around here to kind of protect and maintain our existing facilities, particularly our buildings. So that's not in. There's some equipment purchases that are not in the status quo budget that I think would be important, such as in the IT area. We really need a new server. Also, fire truck. We learned last Friday that the Housing and Urban Development Department, the federal government, has declined to fund the acquisition of a new fire truck for our fire department. I'm greatly concerned about that. And so I will be working with the Chief to come up with some options for how we might move ahead to obtain an additional piece of equipment for them. And so that's not in. And there are some contingent liabilities that are just listed as possible liabilities for the City. I've not funded those yet. There's the 1.8 million dollars that was in the news last week, the secondary (inaudible) tax issue and the potential for the City to have to somehow make good on that to the folks who paid the secondary tax for three years. At this point, I don't have a recommendation for you, but I plan to give you some options on how that might be dealt with, not necessarily in this next budget year because we may not have the capacity to deal with it, but I think there are some options that should be considered from an ethical perspective if not legal. But that's not included. And then there are some exposure under a potential lawsuit with Waste Management that's listed as a contingent liability. I'm still talking to Waste Management about a possible settlement with that issue and I don't have a recommendation for you yet. I wanted you to know it's not in the budget. And then there's some staffing needs across the City. The City Clerk really needs a little help, maybe a half-time person. In the Economic Development area, if we're able to, I'd really like to be able to continue an emphasis that David Carranza has brought to us in terms of identifying specific opportunities that translate into revenue enhancement for the City. Our Finance Department could use some help doing audits, which could also increase revenue to the City. Fire has a position that I would like to, maybe two positions that I'd like to look at possibly retaining somehow in the budget, in the final budget recommendation. And the Planning Department has an

intern position that I would like to fund, if we can. Now right now, those are not in. But I would like to work on those between now and June 8, which is really kind of what item 3 says, the City Manager would further consider working with the final budget if possible. Items A through F, I want to work with our Police Departments to refine their personnel needs. There's a couple of positions that we can get possibly through a grant, permanent positions for police. I'd really like to find a way to do that if we can. And I feel optimistic about it. That's not in the current budget. There's, as I mentioned earlier, there's a position, a couple of positions in Fire that I would like to retain. There's also a position in Courts that I would like to retain, if we can. I know I've (inaudible) again but I would like to consider having some audit assistance so we can increase our revenue collection. The Economic Development position, the personnel for City Clerk, Finance. And then those equipment needs that I spoke of, particularly the possible purchase of a fire truck. So I plan to work on those over the course of the next 30 days, and work into the final budget recommendation, if I can, some of these items. And I wanted to let you know that. And at this point, we'd happy to answer any questions or have your thoughts with regards to issues that I may not have summarized, that you would also like to have us look at, or what your preliminary thoughts are with (inaudible) as we go through assembling the final budget recommendation over the next 30 days.

Mayor Diaz: I have a question. In regards to prisoner detainment, it's an ongoing saga. We've requested a IGA with the Yaqui Tribe but we haven't been able to get it moved. Is there any other way to approach this item, this particular item, either through a request for bids or something to that effect?

Mr. Young: I will give you a full report on that issue before June the 8<sup>th</sup>. I have discussed that possibility with the Police Chief. At this point, I don't think an IGA with the Yaqui Tribe is in our best interest necessarily. What we did do in the status quo budget is fund the jail cost, there is an agreement to repay about \$1,000,000 to Pima County for our jail costs that's back due, starting in the next fiscal year. And that is in your status quo budget. I did include that, as well as our ongoing costs for prisoner detainment. What I would recommend you ask me to do is give you a more complete report on the option that you've referred to before the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Diaz: And the other one is the animal control issue.

Mr. Young: Yes, sir.

Mayor Diaz: That's \$72,000. That's a full-time employee, five days a week, for South Tucson, at a very high rate. And we don't get that kind of service. I'd like to see the legalities of putting an RFP together for that. I know that ...

Mr. Young: I'll give you a report on that also. What I did for the preliminary status quo budget is I funded in the status quo budget our animal control costs also. So those are built into ...

Mayor Diaz: Right.

Mr. Young: ... what's in front of you.

Mayor Diaz: I'd like to get rid of that \$21,000 though. How about other contracts? I know that we've been wor-, or you, the Finance Department has been working diligently in regards to putting out the

contracts and, of course, combining a lot of the contracts, and working quite a bit with contracts to get the best price for us. Are there any that seem to be kind of, that need to be relooked at as far as for the next budget year?

Mr. Young: I appreciate the question. One of the things that I plan to do next year is insist on a more rigorous adherence of our purchasing code. I'm not saying it hasn't been rigorous, but I think we could tighten up on some of that. I don't think there's huge savings there but one of the unfunded needs you might notice in that list of other things that if we had the capacity for it is the, would be the potential hiring of a procurement officer for the City to help make sure that we have a rigorous bid process and your process for getting quotes on every expenditure that we have. I called it a "Purchasing Agent" under the Finance Department. And so that's one of the things I would love to be able to have on staff, if we could, so that we could have more of a central control for our procurement process. We may or may not be able to fund that, but I do think, regardless, we need to tighten up on some of our procurement (inaudible) one way or the other.

Mayor Diaz: On your preliminary list of departmental needs, so we're still going to carry the 2% COLA and 3% merit?

Mr. Young: No, sir. I did not fund any of those. What we did build in to the personnel cost in the status quo budget is a 3% merit increase only for staff, just the line staff. The Department Heads were not included in that, and that's one reason I listed that separately as a possible non-departmental item to be considered. If we were to provide a COLA to all employees, that would be about \$63,000, so that's not funded. But we did fund 3% merit increases for the rank and file staff of the City, not the Department Heads. If we were to add the Department Heads, that would be about \$15,000, a little over \$15,000. So that's not included at the present time. It could be one of those things if you want me to, I can look at that further as well.

Mayor Diaz: I'd like to see the, for myself, that the merit increase go to, also to include the Department Heads. It's only \$15,000. And they'll have, that means that they'll get appraised and all this other stuff, correct?

Mr. Young: Correct. They'll be appraised regardless.

Mayor Diaz: Alright.

Mr. Young: Everyone is gonna be appraised. There will be ...

Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Mr. Young: ... (inaudible) performance appraisal for every staff member every year.

Councilman Rojas: Here comes another crazy idea. That's probably why they have me 'cause I'm too crazy. You know that we've had some lucrative dealings with the County. And I happen to know, a little bit of an insight, in terms of their trying to compensate us back for dealing with the Julian Wash. For a couple of years, we've been dealing, we've been staffing it, we've been cleaning it, and they don't seem to think they have the money somewhere to pay us. Okay, you know, I'll, I'll buy that. We'll also trade off whatever they owe us for the Julian Wash with the debt of the jail. The other part

is they're also having a hard time meeting the fact that our cost for space at the library is high. Well, we'll trade some more things. We'll trade the use, the utilization of their dog catcher and knock off some more of that debt that they claim that we have with the jail. You know, by the time we get through with negotiating with them, we should be like pretty close to even. We may owe maybe a couple of thousand dollars versus a million and some. I mean it sounds crazy but hey, we gotta bring Mr. Huckleberry to the table and talk some real business here. They owe us, they claim we owe them. Let's talk of who, you know, let's do the baker's job. You know, you get one break, French bread, and we'll give you a couple of little donuts. That doesn't sound too unreasonable.

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, Councilman ...

Councilman Rojas: Sounds crazy.

Mr. Young: ... Rojas, thank you for the comment. I appreciate it. I have been talking to the County about both of those issues. In a nutshell, what happened on the Julian Wash is there was an intergovernmental agreement that sunsetted in 2012, and the County refused to renew it. And so what I directed our Public Works Department to do until we finish having a discussion about possible renewal to your point, that IGA included providing funding for the City to take care of some portions of Julian Wash outside of South Tucson. And when that was not renewed, the City continued to try to do the right thing and take care of some portions of that outside the City. And the previous City Manager asked the County to consider reimbursing the City for those costs, and it was refused. But I have a discussion going on now with the Assistant County Administrator with regard to the possibility of renewing that IGA and providing some support to the City in that regard. So it is an ongoing discussion. And on the library, I had an ongoing discussion with County staff on that, which I feel very optimistic about it. What the County is doing on the library, you may recall that they pay us just under \$100,000 a year for the lease of the library. I think it's worth considerably more than that, my view, from the market perspective. So they have agreed to do an appraisal for what the library is worth from a market perspective and what the market lease rate should be. I think that's going to be to our advantage. And I don't know how soon those discussions will conclude, but I do expect that to help us with some of the issues we're struggling with here. At this point, I've not included any additional revenue on the revenue side of the status quo budget for the library lease, but that's one of the areas that we might look to to increase at least a modest amount of revenue that we expect from the County associated with the library. And that might help offset some of the other things like you're talking about, some of the other things that I'd like to work on some more. So, I didn't put it in in the first draft because I don't know how long it will take them to do that appraisal, quite frankly. I didn't want to over promise and then under delivery to you. I would rather under promise and over deliver, but I think that is an item that I need to look further at on the revenue side (inaudible) because I do think, at the end of the day, there is going to be more revenue available for the City associated with the library. So thank you for bringing both those points up.

Councilman Rojas: That's all I have.

Mayor Diaz: Any more?

Councilman Rojas: Good report.

Mayor Diaz: Any more questions? Will that conclude?

Mr. Young: It does, Mr. Mayor and members of the Council, unless you have further questions for us. But let me just say this. I know we've thrown a lot of material at you. It's kind of detailed. As you go through this and look through it, if you have other questions, please feel free to let Lourdes or myself know, and we'll get you an answer or make sure that when we return with a final budget recommendation, we've addressed whatever concern you might have. So this is not the end of the discussion. It's just kind of a start. We're going to be working very hard over the next 30 days to try to bring you a final balanced budget.

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

Mayor Diaz: Sure. Go ahead.

Councilman Lopez: The variance (inaudible) sheet of paper here, under variance, that whole for so like for year '15, now the purpose of that, those numbers there is, is a separation of the year '15 versus '16.

Mr. Young: Yes, sir.

Councilman Lopez: And then do we plan on including that money into the '16 budget, the variance?

Mr. Young: Yes, sir. So what that tries to, what I'm trying to show there and maybe Lourdes can help me explain it, is for us to keep doing the same things we're doing this year just the way we're doing them, we need about \$206,000 more. So, yes, I'm trying to include that. But it's offset by additional revenue of \$184,000. So I have a deficit of about \$21,000 I have to cover somehow through cuts or finding additional revenue, maybe along the lines of what we were just discussing with Council member Rojas, for example. But I think I can cover that. What I'm not sure I can cover in the final recommendation to you is some of these other things that are of more substance. But we'll try.

Councilman Lopez: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: That concludes the Study Session.

#### ITEM #09 – REPORTS

Mr. Young: Just a couple items that I thought you might be interested in, one of which was already covered (inaudible). I told him not to be here tonight. He doesn't follow orders very well. So we're just delighted to have him back and so thankful not only to him, I'm thankful for his health, his strength, but also thankful to Acting Chief Roberto Leyvas. He's done a tremendous job for us while our regular Chief has been under the weather. And so if you have a chance, please pass your appreciation onto him.

Mayor Diaz: I would recommend, too, that letter of accommodation go into his file.

Mr. Young: Very well. I will make sure that happens.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Mr. Young: So I wanted to mention that and secondly, there will be a, we'll be walking through some of the South Tucson businesses this coming Friday morning. We've called it a Power Walk. Representatives from TEP, the City of South Tucson, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, working in pairs, in threes, three people, one from each. We'll be handing out letters inviting people, or fliers inviting people to the business forum that we're going to have a week from Thursday on May the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Valenzuela Youth Center in the evening. It's a way to engage the business community. And then trying to answer questions that the business community might have of us. I think the more we engage, the better. So there will be six teams of three people going out Friday morning visiting the community. TEP, obviously, will be encouraging our business partners in the community to consider participating in an energy assessment program that they have. It's free of charge. That could help people save money on power costs. And the Chamber will be talking (inaudible) talking about the benefits of possible membership in the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. So I think it will be a nice team effort on the part of all three groups to further engage the business community herein South Tucson. And I think that's it. There's an elections test tomorrow at 9 o'clock. The City Clerk will be going to make sure everything is operating for the election a week from tomorrow. And the City Clerk will be representing us at that meeting right here in the library. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of the Council.

Mayor Diaz: I see that, too, members that showed up. Would you like to address the Council?

Unknown: We just came.

Mayor Diaz: Oh, great. Thank you.

Councilman Patino: I have a question, nothing to do with this. A while back, we got a letter from the TO Tribe, from the Tohono O'odham for the grant of 12% of their revenue to the cities. Did we apply for anything on that, if I may ask?

Mr. Young: I can answer that, Mr. Matchett, I think.

Mr. Matchett: Pardon me?

Mr. Young: Can I answer that?

Mr. Matchett: Please (inaudible).

Mr. Young: Thank you for the question. Yes, we're, as a matter of fact, tomorrow our Planning Director Joel has assembled a staff team to include both public safety departments. And I will be there and Lourdes. And we are going to submit a grant application for those 12% funds through the TO. I think we have time to come back to the Council before we actually submit, make sure you know what we plan to submit. Thank you for the question.

Mayor Diaz: I think that's apropos because it's still under reports. Correct?

Mr. Young: Yes, sir.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

ITEM #10 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Rojas to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. 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 Regular Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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