

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, June 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Council Present: Miguel Rojas
Anita Romero
Idelfonso Green
Vanessa Mendoza
Oscar Patino
Herman Lopez
Robert Larribas

Staff Present: Benny Young, Interim City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Ed Machett, City Attorney
Michael Ford, Police Chief
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Joel Gastelum, Planner
Lorenzo Gonzales, Staff Intern

Vice-Mayor Romero called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Lopez led the Invocation.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL – All members of the Council were present.

ITEM #05 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 27, 2015; REGULAR MEETING, MAY 18, 2015; SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 26, 2015

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 26, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Patino. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #06 – APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

Mr. Young: Madam Vice-Mayor, members of the Council, the City Code and State law requires that you select a Mayor from the within the (inaudible) City Council. Any one of the seven members may be voted. And as the Mayor, the Mayor has certain responsibilities beyond those of a regular Council (inaudible) primarily consisting of representing the City in ceremonial and regional events, but also serves as our represent to the Pima Association of Governments Board of Directors and the Regional

Transportation Agency's Board of Directors. And the Mayor is required to preside over the meetings of the Mayor and City Council, and votes as a tie-breaker if necessary. Those are the primary requirements of the Mayor. So whoever you nominate and vote in, must be prepared to accept those additional responsibilities. Next week, I'll mention it under Reports, we also have the League of Cities coming to give us all a training and refresher course in our responsibilities as staff and Mayor and Council under the City Manager form of government in Arizona, and the State law around that. So, with that, I'll be happy to answer any questions. An appropriate motion would be for someone to designate one of your members to be the Mayor, to get a second, and then for it to be voted on. And if the majority approve the nomination, that person will become the Mayor, and will take office immediately and chair the balance of tonight's meeting.

Councilman Green: Madam Vice-Mayor.

Vice-Mayor Romero: Yes.

Councilman Green: I have a question for the City Manager. Mr. City Manager, you said that there's a couple, you know, according to the City ordinance, does the Manager, that the Mayor has to preside on the PAG and the RGA?

Mr. Young: That's actually the RTA and PAG's by-laws. It's not our requirement. And Mr. Lopez and I learned that the hard way at the last PAG meeting where the Vice-Mayor asked Mr. Lopez to represent the City at the most recent PAG and Regional Council meetings because our previous Mayor is no longer on the Council. However, when we arrived there, I was informed that the PAG by-laws require that only the Mayor represent the City in PAG and the RGA. Now, I think, I gather that the Mayor can designate an alternate in writing, but that person has to be administered an oath of office before they can actually represent us. So there is a way of doing it, but normally it is the Mayor under the PAG and RTA by-laws.

Councilman Green: Okay. Well, seeing that, I'm going to nominate Vanessa Mendoza for Mayor.

Councilman Larribas: I second it.

Vice-Mayor Romero: In favor say ...

Councilman Rojas: Well, you didn't ask for a vote.

Vice-Mayor Romero: A vote.

Ms. Moreno: Roll call. Councilman Patino, nay; Councilman Green, aye; Councilman Rojas, nay; Councilman Lopez, nay; Councilman Larribas, nay. Okay. So that's one, two, three, so that's three nays and two ayes, with the exception of Vanessa (inaudible) Vice-Mayor so she can break the tie at this point.

Mr. Young: I want to make sure I'm clear on the vote, Madam Mayor, Vice-Mayor. I think Council member Mendoza can vote on this motion. Is that correct, Mr. Attorney? So, did you vote, Council member Mendoza? I think you have a vote.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Okay.

Mr. Young: So go ahead, if we could hear your vote ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: Okay.

Mr. Young: ... I'd appreciate it.

Ms. Moreno: I'm sorry. I wasn't sure 'cause it was ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: Yeah, ...

Ms. Moreno: ... her and I wasn't ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... I wasn't sure either if I could vote for myself.

Ms. Moreno: So ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: Aye.

Ms. Moreno: ... Councilwoman Mendoza?

Councilwoman Mendoza: Aye.

Mr. Young: So Madam Mayor, the motion is 3-3.

Councilman Rojas: So you break it.

Mr. Young: And I think you can vote as the Vice-Mayor to break the tie. Or, would that be correct:

Mr. Matchett: Yes.

Mr. Young: Okay. So Vice-Mayor Romero, you may vote to break the tie.

Vice-Mayor Romero: No.

Mr. Young: So that would fail, 4-3.

Vice-Mayor Romero: Pardon?

Mr. Young: So that motion fails, 4-3. It would be appropriate for the Council to consider another motion.

Councilman Lopez: Madam Mayor, Vice-Mayor, I'd like to make a motion to nominate Councilman Rojas for Mayor.

Mr. Young: You need a second.

Councilman Rojas: Second.

Vice-Mayor Romero: There's a motion and second.

Mr. Young: Roll call.

Ms. Moreno: Do roll call again. Councilman Patino, aye; Councilman Green, nay; Councilman Rojas, aye; Vice-Mayor Romero ...

Mr. Young: Let's wait and, ...

Ms. Moreno: Councilman ...

Mr. Young: ... (inaudible) case of a tie.

Ms. Moreno: ... Lopez, aye; Councilman Larribas, nay; Councilwoman Mendoza, nay.

Mr. Young: So that's another tie vote, so the Vice-Mayor can vote to break the tie.

Vice-Mayor Romero: Yes.

Mr. Young: So that would make Mr. Rojas the Mayor for the City of South Tucson.

Councilman Rojas: Thank you.

Mr. Young: So he should take office immediately and run the balance of the meeting, preside over the balance of the meeting, excuse me.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Do we change seats or we just can do ...

Mr. Young: You should ...

Mayor Rojas: ... (inaudible)?

Mr. Young: ... change seats, yes. I would like to ask the City Clerk a question, if I may (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Go ahead.

Mr. Young: I apologize for not catching this sooner, but I don't see Call to the Audience on the agenda.

Ms. Moreno: It's Item 13.

Mr. Young: Okay. Very good.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, it's Item 13. It's one of the last items on the agenda.

Mr. Young: So, Mr. Mayor, at your discretion, you can advance that item or you can proceed through the agenda.

Mayor Rojas: Do you want, do you want to go ahead and see if we can have Call to the Audience now?

Mr. Young: I would recommend that you advance that item, yes.

Ms. Moreno: I'm sorry.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. I do have a Call to the Audience request, but I also have one that the gentleman wanted to address the Council at the end of the meeting, so if there's anybody else that needs to speak now, would like to speak now, it's fine with us. But we do have one, Mr. Lattrell, that would like to speak at the end of the meeting. Am I correct?

Mr. Young: Would you like to speak now or do you want to wait until the conclusion of the (inaudible) ...

Mr. Lattrell: Oh, I ...

Mr. Young: ... (inaudible)?

Mr. Lattrell: ... can do it now.

Mayor Rojas: Can we do it now? Okay.

ITEM #13 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Lattrell: Dennis Lattrell, 305 East Benson Highway. First of all, I wanted to thank this community for their support in making the City better and its patriotic duty to the United States of America for your fellowship with your country. But also I want to say that I was disappointed. I helped put the, this administration, the previous Mayor and the rest of you and I expect, I thought that people were gonna get along. And, and I have my gut feeling, 'cause I understand the reasons why the mistake may have happened with the previous Mayor. And, but I cannot talk about this right now. So, I would hope that people get together and make a strong government instead of keep splitting every time somebody comes into office. And again, I thank you very, very much for your support to me, the City, and the United States of America.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much, Mr. Lattrell. Point well taken. Would the other gentleman like to address now?

Mr. Green: Raul Green, 307 West 36th Street, Tucson.

Mayor Rojas: Could I please ask you (inaudible) thank you.

Mr. Green: What do you want?

Mayor Rojas: I just wanted, if you could please ...

Mr. Green: You wanna see my face?

Mayor Rojas: Appreciate it. There you go.

Mr. Green: Okay. First of all, I'm disappointed in you being, the Mayor gets elected, who the Mayor was. This last year and a half, it's been full of arguments, fights, and we thought that this was gonna get better. It's not. It seems like it's the same group of people, or they pick other people to, that they know that's gonna go with 'em. It's the same people who have hurt South Tucson tremendously. They worry about themselves. They don't worry about the people. We've been trying to change it. We're getting better at it. And what you guys have done right now, is more of the same, more of the same, more of the stuff that we've been fighting for over a year now. I thought that the message had come through clearly. I guess my year plan is gonna have to go to a five year plan. Maybe in five years, I can fix this place. I want a place, I want a Council that's gonna work for the people. I want a Council that's not gonna decide beforehand, by the time they get here, it seems like everything is already decided. We don't want that. We don't want that. We want more clarity. We want this to act like a real Council, not a small one square mile town Council where people just pick other people because of friendship. We want people to be here because they're qualified to be here because they're concerned about the community and because that's just the way it is because people, you guys are representing the people, and you seem to forget that. And if this thing doesn't get better, we're gonna see how we can get it, make it better. Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much, Mr. Green.

Mr. Green: You're welcome.

Mayor Rojas: Anybody else want to address the Council?

(No response from audience)

ITEM #07 – APPOINTMENT OF VICE-MAYOR

Mayor Rojas: What are the wishes of the Council at this point?

Mr. Young: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. Under the South Tucson City Code, there is an office of Vice-Mayor and that's a mayoral appointment from the members of the Council, the first Regular Meeting of the Council subsequent to their election. So if you're able to, Mr. Mayor, we would ask that you appoint a Vice-Mayor at this time. It does not require a vote.

Mayor Rojas: Okay, thanks.

Mr. Young: It's your appointment.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. At this time, I'll be appointing Mr. Patino.

Councilman Patino: Me? I guess.

Mayor Rojas: Mr. Oscar ...

Councilman Patino: I'll ...

Mayor Rojas: ... Patino ...

Councilman Rojas: ... accept.

Mayor Rojas: ... as the Vice-Mayor. So let the record show that for now Mr. Patino will be the Vice-Mayor moving on.

Mr. Young: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you.

ITEM #08 - RESOLUTION NO. 15-23 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 THE EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD AND ITS FEE ACCOUNTANT

Mayor Rojas: What are the wishes of the Council, please?

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, if I may, this is a routine item and our Housing Director is unable to be here tonight. She is ill. And so if there are any questions, I will do my best, Lourdes or I will do our best to answer them for you.

Mayor Rojas: Wishes of the Council, please?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 15-23 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-24 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 2015 PUBLIC HOUSING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, AND APPROVING THE PUBLIC ANS SECTION 8 OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2016, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, thank you. As I indicated on the previous item, our Housing Director is ill and unable to be here tonight. However, I'm also recommending that you adopt this. This will set the operating budget for our Housing Department for next fiscal year starting July 1st. (Inaudible) end of the year changes that are necessary just to verify the fund balances that are forwarded to the next fiscal year. If you have questions, Lourdes or I will try to answer them on this item as well. If we run into a question that we are unable to answer, then we may need to continue the item, but we'll do our best to answer any questions that you might have.

Mayor Rojas: Any questions from any Council member?

(No response from Council)

Mayor Rojas: Were there any big changes on this, Mr. Manager?

Mr. Young: No, sir.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. None noted. What are the wishes of the Council, please?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-24 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-25 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR, ADOPTING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO MEET THE PUBLIC EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF THE STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Young: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will try to summarize this as succinctly as I can and then Lourdes and I will be available to answer any detailed questions that you might have. What this item does is adopt a tentative budget. We will then publish that in the newspaper for two weeks, actually, the Daily Territorial, the business paper. We will also put it online so that citizens can go to the City website, click on it, and see the budget. And I would anticipate that you would come back on the 22nd, two weeks from now, and do the final budget adoption for fiscal year 2016, and set the tax levy for 2016. We're not anticipating any change in the tax levy. The sales taxes and the property taxes remain the same as they are for this year. The biggest item of concern, generally speaking, although the total budget is about \$10,000,000, I'm going to round the numbers, a little over half of that is your General Fund budget. That's where the City's regular operations are funded. And you have restricted funds, part of which are the Housing Funds, which you just adopted the budget for Housing. There are other restricted funds, including the Highway User Revenue Fund, Gas Tax, which is used to fund street maintenance and repairs around the community. And there are several other restricted funds. There's also some grant capacity included in the restricted funds. We should view this as a "not to exceed" total. Just because it says \$10,000,000 total, 5.4 General Fund, and 4.6 Restricted Funds, about \$1,000,000 of that is grant capacity. We hope to get some of those grants. But if we do get them, I wanted to have, we need to have the capacity to expend the funds. So there's a little bit of excess capacity included in the event that we're able to be more successful with our grant-seeking

than we have been historically so I've added a little bit to grant capacity there under the Restricted Fund category. With regard to the General Fund, we had a work session with the Council about a month ago, May 11th, and we went through a status quo budget, meaning if we didn't change anything from the current fiscal year next year, what would the budget look like? And at that time, we were about \$20,000 in the red, based on our revenue projections heading into fiscal year 2016, just with the status quo budget. We also showed you, at that time, about \$1,000,000, a little over \$1,000,000 of needs that the departments around the City had identified as things they would really love to have. And I have thought, ever since I got here, that there's about \$1,000,000 worth of additional improvements in our service that the citizens and taxpayers of South Tucson really have a right to expect from us. But as you know, financially we're not in a position to do that right now. What I did do, and have recommended to you, is recommend an increase in the revenues of about a little over \$300,000 offset by an increase in expenditure of a little over \$300,000. And I'll outline generally what those cover in just a moment. In addition, in your staff report, I have included a summary level discussion of all the issues that were raised at the budget work session on May 11th, that the Council asked about, and some others that had kind of been under consideration during the current fiscal year, based on previous Mayor and Council direction to the previous City Manager. So I'm not going to go through all of those but I addressed things like (inaudible), whether or not we really had a realistic option other than Pima County for Animal Control. The need for some help with audits because it's part of the revenue that (inaudible). I briefly mentioned our contingent liability. That's my biggest concern here. We have a 1.8 million dollar contingent liability for secondary tax that I've recommended that you direct me to develop options for you and come back at some point. And we also have a lawsuit filed against the City by Waste Management, and that carries a contingent liability (inaudible). As you know, I've been directed to attempt to negotiate a settlement with Waste Management, and I'm still in discussions with them on that. You also asked about contracts and we're going to strengthen our (inaudible) procurement code. One of the things that has come up several times is whether or not we should refinance our debt. So I included a paragraph on debt service. We have about \$600,000 a year in debt service for a Series 2007 bond. Fortunately, for many, fortunately, it's not callable until 2017, so I'm recommending that we just continue to make those debt payments for now. And I will continue to look at options for refinancing that debt over time. Deferred maintenance, I didn't have a good answer for other than to say we have a substantial deferred maintenance need and we will pursue grants and we have a small contingency that we can access in case of emergency. Equipment purchases, I did include some server replacements that are essential (inaudible). And then, as you know, we're pursuing options for the purchase of a fire truck. One of you had asked about Julian Wash and that IGA has been discontinued by the County. And I have had discussions with the County about possibly renewing that but it doesn't look very likely. So we will take care of the Julian Wash just within the City of South Tucson, not outside. The library lease is one of the areas where I do think there's potential for additional revenue. And I included in that \$300,000 additional revenue, one-third of that is \$100,000 of additional revenue for the library lease. And I do think that's realistic. I had a discussion with the County Administrator last Friday. They appear to be understanding and right now, the County is having an appraisal done to see what the library facility is really worth, and what a reasonable rent would be for that facility. And they may even consider a lease-purchase. So I feel pretty good about including that in this additional \$300,000 in revenue. There was a question about detaining prisoners at Pascua Yaqui, and I have determined in consultation with the Police Chief that that's not feasible at this time. I'm not saying we would never consider it, but for now, we are going to continue to take our prisoners to the Pima County Jail. And there's a variety of reasons, including increased liability for the City that, potential liability, that we recommend that we not do that at the present time. Public Safety Retirement

System, I mentioned that. And then finally, what we did fund were some of the critical staffing needs here in the City in the \$300,000. Those include strengthening our safety and security. Because it's clear to me, and based on the business forum we had with the business community a couple weeks ago, we need to work harder on safety and security. We need to work harder on community appearance, and we need to work harder on partnerships. So what I've included in the \$300,000 of additional expenditures over what you saw in May are some things that will strengthen our ability to provide Public Safety service to the community. We have a COPS grant that will fund two additional officers, some of the cost, and then I've funded the rest of it in this budget. And all we would be adding, three additional police officers all on the street. And I think that's a good way to strengthen our emphasis on safety and security. We will be analyzing the cost of two positions in the Fire Department, which I also think are essential from a Public Safety perspective. Retaining of (inaudible) an Economic Development Specialist for the City. I continue to believe that we really need to work hard on expanding our retail tax base in South Tucson, and so I'm recommending that we retain that position. And we're working very hard to improve our position within the business community from a private sector perspective. And I really feel good about our option in that regard. There were several smaller profile positions that I've included; one is a planner. And one reason I included that planner is I want to strengthen the three legs of the stool that support of the City; the business community, the neighborhoods, and the non-profit community. And so I want somebody who can help work really hard with all three legs of that stool, including the neighborhoods and the non-profits, to get some help in our appearance and image issues here, get other partners in helping us improve the appearance of South Tucson. And then I have two half-time positions; one for Finance. We're very overwhelmed. One for the City Clerk, who is very overwhelmed. Her filing has gotten ahead of us considerably. And then finally, I've recommended that we retain two half-time positions in the Court that we bootlegged in this year. So we've analyzed those costs going into 2016. So those are the changes. The \$300,000 in revenue, we're sticking our necks out a little bit on that. I'm sticking mine out. I'm your City Manager. And I kind of jokingly told some of the staff if that doesn't happen, you'll have to find a new City Manager next year. But I feel good about it. I don't want to make light of it. I think that \$100,000 in additional library revenue, realistically, is achievable. I included another \$100,000 and increased diligence with regard to tax collections, particularly rental and property tax. Not property. Sales tax. And Lourdes has already located \$40,000 of the \$100,000 that I expect us to get during the course of the year so we're going to work really hard on that, so I feel like that's a reasonably realistic projection. And then the last \$100,000 consists of a greater diligence in collection of past delinquent court fines. We have a substantial balance on the books. Our judge is very good about working harder on that. And one of the reasons for retaining those clerks in the Court, those two half-time clerks, is to increase our collections. In Courts, I included \$50,000 for that. And the other \$50,000 is made up from overtime savings in the Police Department. Because if we hire the additional officers for the street using the COPS grant, we should have less overtime that we have to expend, and then a one-time equipment sale in the Fire Department. And Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, that kind of summarizes where we're headed and I would be glad to, Lourdes or I would be glad to answer any comments, questions, or concerns that you might have. Lourdes, is there anything key that I've left out? And I apologize to members of the audience. I have copies of the staff report if anyone is interested in tracking along with the discussion.

Mayor Rojas: Any comments or questions for Lourdes?

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

Mayor Rojas: Yes, go ahead, Mr. Green.

Councilman Green: Mr. City Manager, on the position for the Economic Development, are you looking at bringing that individual full-time just ...

Mr. Young: Yes, sir.

Councilman Green: ... straight up or are you gonna open it up for hire?

Mr. Young: I ...

Councilman Green: Advertise it?

Mr. Young: My intention was to bring that individual on full-time straight up.

Councilman Green: Is there a reason why? You know, we agreed that it was gonna be a liaison, an advisor, and all of a sudden, now we have a, you know, I mean.

Mayor Rojas: What was the question?

Councilman Green: Well, the question is, you know, are they gonna open it up for the general public, anybody (inaudible) for it or is there a particular reason why we're going with this guy?

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Green, thank you for the question. I have great confidence in the individual that's been serving us on a contract basis in that capacity. And I think he's been very energetic and very engaging with the business community and has a lot of good ideas. I have great confidence in him. And that's why I didn't want to put him or anyone else through the process. Normally, I would say we should open it up. But in this particular case, given his commitment to South Tucson, the work that he's done over the last few months, I believe he's the right person to select. If you want me to consider, if you want me to do something else with regard to the selection process, that's a separate discussion that we could have, if you wouldn't mind. What you're doing tonight is approving the budget capacity for the position.

Mayor Rojas: Right.

Mr. Young: And I can get back to you further with regard to the process, if the Council would like.

Councilman Green: Okay. Thank you.

Councilman Lopez: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Manager, on the ambulance service, when the time comes around, you know, to where we're deciding to make it happen and, do you think we're gonna need an FCC license for dispatching the ambulances and stuff like that, that could accrue additional costs to what you got going here or plan on doing?

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Lopez, thank you for the question. I'm of the opinion that it's not feasible for us to go into the ambulance business because it would involve some upfront costs, as I've

indicated in the memorandum. I don't think we have the ability to capitalize right now. Furthermore, I'm not confident that the revenues that someone working for the City had previously projected with regard to how much revenue it would raise. Our Fire Department is in discussion with the City of Tucson regarding the possibility of having City 911 dispatch all of our calls both for Police and Fire. And I happen to believe that's a very reliable system and the City will work with us on that to make it cost effective. And I have included, if you, I sent you a little worksheet late Friday and I think you have copies of it in front of you, outlining specifically where the additional \$310,000 that I included between the status quo budget and now, and the tentative recommended. If you'll notice the last, second to the last item is \$20,000 for additional dispatch. I believe that we can combine Public Safety dispatch, both Police and Fire and have City 911 do that for us. And it would be more reliable than what we have now. And the City is very interested in working with us on that. And the other thing that that will do for us is when we bring the IGA to you, so this provides that \$20,000 provides the (inaudible). When I bring the IGA to you, it will include an automatic aide agreement as well. What that means is we don't have a ladder truck here, for example. If we have a fire that would require a ladder truck, they can send it in. But we would have automatic assistance within the South Tucson environment. They would come in to help us if we need 'em. By the same token, we would go help them within the immediate proximity of South Tucson. So I think it's a very good deal for us. There are other benefits beyond just the dispatch. So that's a very long way of saying I'm of the opinion that we should not go into the ambulance business here.

Councilman Lopez: Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Any other discussion?

Vice-Mayor Patino: I have a question. I don't see anything here in the departments for Public Works. I've been going up and down the alleyways. I've been cleaning some of the alleyways with my own weed eater. There is nothing here. We can't hire maybe about three more people, even if it's part-time? You know, to help out the guys early in the morning and then by noon. Because it seems like the weeds have overtaken the City here.

Mr. Young: I appreciate that question, too. Mr. Mayor, Mr. Patino, the bulk of our Public Works Department is funded out of Highway User Revenue funds. And we get a little over \$400,000 Highway User, it's gas tax funds that's collected at the gas pump that comes back to us. Right now, we're funding \$260,000 roughly of personnel costs out of that Highway User Revenue fund. And the balance goes to things like utility costs, communications, contracts, gas and oil, vehicle repair, operating repairs and supplies. There's not, once you do that, there's not much slack left over to actually hire additional people. And to the extent that we do have some slack in the Highway User Revenue Fund, I gave it careful consideration and I appreciate the question. And things that are not getting done, for the most part, are things that, like street lights, street sweeping, street striping, things that I would like to either contract or have done by the City of Tucson for us under an intergovernmental agreement. And I need the capacity within the Highway User Revenue Fund to be able to do those things. On the cleanup part, I agree with you. It needs more attention. That's one reason I recommended that we include some capacity for us to be more active with our neighborhood associations, with the non-profit social service providers, to start to organize into maybe quadrants or something where it's clear that we need help. And it's almost like an adoptive quadrant program. We'll do our part but I would like to engage the neighborhoods and the other members of the non-profit community in a discussion around helping us with some of those things so the City doesn't have

to do it all. I think your concern is valid. I just didn't feel like I had enough capacity in there to add staff right now, Highway User Revenue.

Mayor Rojas: Anything else? Any other questions, comments?

(No response from Council)

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-25 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(1)(3)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Patino to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, I'm sorry. Go ahead (inaudible). We have with us tonight Lorenzo Gonzales right here sitting in the jury box. He is an intern for the City. He's going to give us 203 hours. And he has to do that to complete a Masters Degree requirement. He's pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He's South Tucson born and raised. And I'm so thrilled to have him on staff. I just wanted to let you know who he is 'cause I'm gonna invite him to come into the Executive Session with us and see how the process works. He wants to learn as much as he can about the functions of City government because he wants to be a City Manager. But if that's okay, I would like to include him in the Executive Session discussion. I didn't want to bring him in without explaining why.

Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

1. CLAIM – SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to instruct the City Manager to continue discussions as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #12 – REPORTS

Mr. Young: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I'll be brief. I included a little written summary of the Justice Assistance Grant that we're going after, just for your information. It's in your packet. Everybody calls them JAG grants. We're going to pursue \$12,000, roughly, and if we're successful, that would offset some of the costs for one of the servers that we need to replace. This particular server happens to be in the police department. Secondly, next week I have asked that the League of Cities come down as part of your meeting for the League to talk to all of us, refresh all of us, staff and Council, our responsibilities and roles as, under the City Manager form of government that exists for small cities, for cities other than charter cities, I should say, in Arizona, and so Tom Belchey will be here with us, addressing you. And we'll have several business items as well. Finally, I want to

mention the, in fact, I'll just let the Police Chief make the report. Why don't you talk about your Explorer Program?

Chief Ford: Mr. Mayor, Council, I think everyone might have an invitation or printout of the flier, but this Friday at Church of the Nazarene on Calle Concordia, the Explorer is going to be finishing (inaudible). So I'll be there (inaudible) and I just wanted as many people from the community there to support them, let them know that we appreciate what they do for us as far as their public service and things that they volunteer and help out with in the community, and that we support them in their education and their future goals. So that's going to be this Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene on 500 West Calle Concordia.

ITEM #13 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Rojas: We're going to do another repeat on Item #13 in case anybody missed it. None noted.

ITEM #14 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Patino to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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 8th day of June, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk