

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, August 10, 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
Herman Lopez
Robert Larribas

Staff Present: Veronica Moreno, Interim City Manager
David Carranza, Economic Development
Denise Valencia, Admin.
Ed Machett, City Attorney
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Angel Lopez, Public Works Director
Lorenzo Gonzales, Planning Department

Guests: Gloria Hamletz-Lopez, John Valenzuela Youth Center
Jose Matus, Indigenous Alliance Without Borders
Rosemary

Mayor Rojas 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, except for Councilman Patino, who was excused.

ITEM #05 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Green: Just a reminder, Raul Green, 307 West 36th, two things; we know there's money that, for art, for the community. We want the community to be involved in how that's done. And the other one is, I said this before, there's 20 lights out from 26th to 39th. And it's just not (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. Would you please still fill out a card, sir? Just go ahead and fill a card and leave it here, just to make sure. It goes in a record, that way we know that ...

Mr. Green: Alright.

Mayor Rojas: Appreciate it. Anybody else in the audience wanted to discuss nothing?

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE AVAILABLE

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-35 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY FOR THE PUPOSE OF PROVIDING YOUTH PROGRAMS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES AT THE JOHN A. VALENZUELA YOUTH CENTER WITH PAYMENT UP TO \$113,000

Ms. Moreno: Resolution No. 15-35 is where Pima County has appropriated \$113,000 from its General Fund for aid in funding youth programs and recreational activities at the John Valenzuela Youth Center. The term for the grant is from July 1st, 2015 through June 30th, 2016. The amount covers both facilities and program expenses. We have our Finance Director, Lourdes Aguirre, here if you have any questions regarding the amount. And also, Gloria Hamletz from JVYC will provide you some information on the benefits of having the youth center here in the City of South Tucson.

Ms. Hamletz: Good evening, Mayor Rojas and City Council members. My name is Gloria Hamletz-Lopez and I'm the Director of the John Valenzuela Youth Center. I just want to thank Veronica and Lourdes for inviting me, for the opportunity to come and speak to you about the programs that we do offer at the John Valenzuela Youth Center. Since 1984, Pio Decimo has contracted with the City of South Tucson to provide recreational programming. It did start as a summer program that we offered to residents and we were housed in just about every open space in South Tucson, from the old fire bays, old City Halls to where the Salvation Army is. Our history has run very long with the City of South Tucson. Since 1994, after the untimely death of Officer Valenzuela, we were then presented with the opportunity to offer year round programming for our youth in South Tucson. Under Pio Decimo's administration, JVYC has upheld professional standards of care and administration. In addition to our programming, we have a well-rounded curriculum that really addresses five core areas for developing healthy and successful children. The five areas are education, healthy bodies and mind, a healthy sense of self, culture and arts, community involvement and attachment. We know that recreation is our main draw for our kids. That's how I trick them to come in the door. I tell them that we have fun stuff, they can play video games, they can play pool. But once we get them there, what we really try to do is move them into some of the other services that we do offer. We have an educational programming where we provide daily tutoring for our kids. We know that keeping them engaged in school is one of our biggest goals that we need for a healthy and viable community. We offer state-of-the-art computers, tablets, we have Wi-Fi printers, everything to help our kids stay in touch with 21st century technology. In fact, they're the ones that teach all of us. In addition to that, we do reach out and we work closely with all of our neighborhood schools. We do track attendance. We also contact family members to see if all of their goals are being met. We also know it's really critical for our youth to have healthy bodies along with a healthy mind. Our sports activities are, by far, our most popular activity that we do offer for our kids. Not only do they have the benefit of exercising, we really place a strong emphasis on sportsmanship and teamwork with our kids. For our older youth, we have a full weight room that's equipped with free weights and cardio machines. In addition, the teens also participate in City-wide sports. Our partnerships, recently with Safe Routes to School and (inaudible) has really been an amazing opportunity for our kids to not only exercise but to learn how to exercise for fun. It's not about counting calories, it's not about how many minutes did they do, how many heartbeats did I get. It's really about teaching them fun ways to enjoy leisurely activity. In addition to that, it's also provided our kids with an amazing opportunity to travel around the City in a safe group. They have really had a great opportunity to visit some of our other positive

places in South Tucson. So they, by far, are getting a really great opportunity to tour the site. Our prevention programming over the years, have included HIV prevention, sexual health and abstinence, anger management, youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol services. By far, our most successful example is our Youth to Youth program. This is a peer to peer program where our kids are actually trained in some of the dangers of drugs and alcohol. In addition, what they then do with it is they share that with their fellow peers. We know that whenever our kids are going through some type of crisis or tragedy, the one person they are most likely to turn to are going to be their peers. So we want to make sure that all of our teens are armed with knowledge and that they are giving healthy and appropriate and educated responses to their friends. In addition to that, they participate in several campaigns throughout the year and have developed several PSA's so that they can also help spread their message of being drug free. Having a healthy sense of their self and their culture has really allowed our youth to express themselves in a very safe and nurturing environment. Our building is adorned with beautiful murals that our youth have painted to depict their heritage as well. In 2012, in response to the attack on Mexican-American studies in Tucson Unified School District, our facility was chosen as the only one in the City of Tucson and South Tucson to hold what's called a Libro Traficante (inaudible) which is a book trafficking site, which holds all of the banned books that were presented and that were removed from TUSD classrooms. We now have the largest collection of Mexican-American and Native-American authored books. All of these books are available for our kids to check out and they are free of charge. Every day we continue to receive books and donations of books from across the country. So it's really exciting that we are out there on that national level as a place where kids can go and where our culture is really appreciated and it is thriving. Our after school really recognizes our youth on a monthly basis by designating them as teams of the month and youth of the month. And we do participate widely on social networking sites, so if any of you are on Facebook, check us out. We do post all of our activities and pictures of our youth having a great time. It's a great opportunity for us to connect with our families who really want to know what their kids are up to during the day as well. Our arts programming has given our kids a much needed creative outlet. From creating art projects to dances, our youth have really (inaudible). In the last ten years, our kids have received nine awards for their dance routines, specifically in the Christmas Parade of Lights. These awards have ranged from the best musical performance to the Grand Marshall prize, to the best float. This really is a big accomplishment when we look at we are competing against larger youth centers and we're competing against other organizations that have sponsorships upward of \$3,000. And we go out there with my beautiful kids and their talent and their smiles, and we beat them every year. It's so exciting. This, of course, has really inspired us to continue with dance. Our kids receive Folklorico training and they've also created several hip operas. This is where the kids are able to create or to mesh hip hop with opera. So it's really a wonderful opportunity that we get to express ourselves through the arts. At Halloween, we have one of our scariest, our projects, our teams create a full-scale haunted house. Haunted houses are usually scary and people think, why do you always scare your kids at Halloween? Well part of the reason is that our kids have an amazing opportunity to really utilize power tools and they practice engineering skills, and they build their things. And they're also working with electricity. A lot of our kids have created (inaudible). So they offer this amazing opportunity for our kids to display their work through that event. And it is scary. It is scary but I invite you all to come. Being a part of the South Tucson community has really been a critical element in developing a healthy and vibrant community. I know that our success is really due to the strong collaborations that we have built with our other South Tucson organizations. Over half of our work force is comprised of former JVYC participants and South Tucson residents. I truly believe that we need to give our residents the tools and we need to give them the space to really take over their neighborhood and to really implement those tools of

success. We are now working with a new generation of parents that they used to attend JVYC when they were small. To see those families now entrust us with their precious children is truly an honor and privilege. We know that our programming is making a difference and an impact in the lives of our kids. I see it in the smiles, we hear it in their laughter, and I definitely feel it in their high fives and their hugs that they give us. Tonight I've given you just a little small glimpse of some of the programming that we offer at the John Valenzuela Youth Center. I invite you all to come by any time to stop by and to see what we are doing. I am very proud of the work that our staff does for this community and I'm very grateful to the Mayor and Council for supporting our programs. And we are now entering our 21st year. So once again, thank you for an opportunity to be part of this (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Thank you. Any questions for the Director of the JVYC?

Motion by Councilman Green to approve Resolution No. 15-35. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-36 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 JOHN A. VALENZUELA YOUTH CENTER RECREATION FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND THE PIO DECIMO, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Motion by Councilman Green to approve Resolution No. 15-36. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-37 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND DANIEL NICOLIN AS THE CITY PROSECUTOR, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Mr. Nicolin: Mayor and Council, it is my privilege to hold this position for the last year. I think what we've done is try to deal with criminal cases in this court in a quick and fair and appropriate manner. We've increased the use of diversion programs for first-time non-violent offenders, such as shoplifters, criminal trespass. The benefit to the defendant in these cases is that if they complete the requirements of diversion, which includes paying a \$300 diversion fee plus court costs, as well as doing some community service, typically with South Tucson Public Works, then they can get their case dismissed. Of course, that gives them incentive to actually pay the fees and actually do the work. I think that's been somewhat fairly successful. On the other end, offenders that are repeat offenders, and then we have a number of those repeat shoplifters in particular, are dealt with more harshly. I'm looking at tomorrow's calendar, for example, we've got 32 people who are expected to be here. One guy has four cases by himself and his case, the Judge has appointed him an attorney because there's a good chance he's looking at some jail time. So I'm here to answer any questions you might have, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the City and the citizens of South Tucson.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. And you've done a great job. I've seen the way you do the calendars. You and the Judge really work at it.

Mr. Nicolin: We do. We work well together and move the cases along. The key is getting the people to show up.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Mr. Nicolin: Of these 32 people who are supposed to be here tomorrow, frankly, we'll probably have about a third. If we have half of them, that would be an unusually good day. And what the Judge has done, rather than just issue warrants for people who don't show up, he typically issues an Order to Show Cause first if they have an address where we can send a notice, give them a second chance to show up. That saves them being arrested and, of course, that saves the City the jailing cost. He's also instituted a South Tucson only warrant system. People who are found within the City of South Tucson during normal business hours, they are brought to the police station and to the Court and again, it saves the City of South Tucson the cost of taking them to the County Jail, which I believe is \$257 for the first day.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Mr. Nicolin: So we're very conscious of those costs. On the other hand, when it's appropriate to have someone in jail (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much, Mr. Nicolin. Appreciate it very much.

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-37. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-38 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM BY THE SOUTH TUCSON PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE STHA DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD

Ms. Moreno: This item, Resolution No. 15-38, and this is for the Housing Authority. It's the Section 8 Management Assessment Report, which is an annual report mandated by HUD. We have the Housing Director here if you have any questions.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. Any questions for Ms. Chico? I do have a comment before we get going. And I do get correspondence from HUD, by the way, so if you think I don't read it, I read it. And I was going to thank you very much for taking care of some of those little discrepancies at the last inspection. And I got a letter from the, I guess supervisor of the inspectors and she said you all did a great job and they walked in, took care of the discrepancies and everything came out okay. So I was going to acknowledge you for that, Marilyn, thank you very much.

Ms. Chico: Thank you. I do want to point out one thing that I've seen on a report while I was reviewing it tonight before putting everything in order here. On the very last page, you see (inaudible) indicator.

Mayor Rojas: The last page? Okay.

Ms. Chico: 1B should actually be 100. And I wanted to bring that to your attention prior to you approving this.

Mayor Rojas: Is that on the last page?

Ms. Chico: Yes, sir.

Mayor Rojas: Instead of 65?

Ms. Chico: Yes.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Appreciate it very much. Thank you. Other than that, the report looks good.

Ms. Chico: I do want to also mention, Mr. Mayor and Council, that in September we are going to have HUD come down and actually ...

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Ms. Chico: ... do an on-site review to ensure that everything that we've said is done. However, (inaudible) did that when we had an on-site review a few months ago and we ended up in a corrective action plan, which everything was corrected ...

Mayor Rojas: Right.

Ms. Chico: ... and taken care of. Well, I think she just wants to get away from Phoenix and come down and see us.

Mayor Rojas: Usually that's the case. Yeah, we appreciate the work. I got the correspondence on that and it seems like she was very satisfied with the work so we'll wait.

Councilman Green: I have a question.

Mayor Rojas: Yes, Mr. Green, uh, Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: Is this under the FAS or?

Ms. Chico: No, this is ...

Councilman Green: Or Section 8 straight, solely?

Ms. Chico: Mr. Mayor and Councilman Green, no, this is a totally different report. This is for the SEMAP only which is the Section 8.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Mayor Rojas: Section 8.

Councilman Green: Okay. That's what I thought and then when you said that they came down to, I go, because we just went through FAS in the City of Tucson. So I thought maybe they just jumped onto the City of South Tucson.

Ms. Chico: No, this one, actually, because we're considered a small housing authority, we are actually, we only have to certify and submit these every other year. And this is the year that everyone has to do it. And so I'm sure the City is also doing this. So this is our report. It's due in about a week or so and we will have it submitted, if it's approved.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. Any questions on Item #10?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-38 upon correction of 1B on the SEMAP Certification. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 – PUBLIC ARTWORK – HURF YOUTH TRANSPORTATION ART PROGRAM

Mayor Rojas: On Item #11, we're going to not entertain it tonight. The Director of Public Works was on emergency leave, medical leave after he was (inaudible) agenda so we'll work on that one for a future meeting.

Councilman Green: Can I ask a question?

Mayor Rojas: Sure.

Councilman Green: Why are we bringing this up even, you know, I mean it was voted by the Council that we were going to put it up for other art institutes to look into it. But yet, the way it's written here, it's, we're still looking at doing a contract with one individual.

Mayor Rojas: I didn't want to discuss it now until we get the Director to come and present it.

Councilman Green: Yeah, I understand that, but why are we doing this? That's a whole different action ...

Mayor Rojas: Right.

Councilman Green: ... I'm asking. The question is we voted that we take this to the community on the last meeting. All of a sudden, it was, it's brought back up under the same condition.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. So I'll have to look at the minutes and read the minutes and review the minutes on that, and then bring the report, but it's not, we're not going to discuss it until we bring it back, you know, at least after we review the minutes. Is that good? 'Cause you said they were in the minutes.

Councilman Green: No, I don't. I, I ...

Mayor Rojas: Well, ...

Councilman Green: ... just find it funny.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Councilman Green: Okay. Not a problem.

Mayor Rojas: Not a problem, okay. Move to Item #12.

ITEM #12 – PRESENTATION – INDIGENOUS ALLIANCE WITHOUT BORDERS DIRECTOR, Mr. JOSE MATUS (REQUEST FROM COUNCILMAN LARRIBAS)

Mayor Rojas: At this point, I have a request from Councilman Larribas to have a presenter. We have a gentleman that's been in the community and has been doing a lot of work for the last, I would say, for as long since I've been around. Sr. Matus, you been around longer since I've been around. Mr. Matus is going to do a presentation. He just didn't take the joke, I guess, or he doesn't feel like kidding tonight. Sr. Matus is going to do a presentation at this point. Were you going to have assistance? Somebody else with you or? Viene solo o viene acompañado? **(Are you here alone or is someone with you?)** Go ahead.

Mr. Matus: Okay. Mr. Mayor, and members of the South Tucson City Council, my name is Jose Matus. And I am (inaudible) leader of the Yaqui Community here in South Tucson. We've been in the City for the last almost over a hundred years that we have celebrated the (inaudible) at 418 West 39th Street, San Martin de Porres. That's where I am. One of the (inaudible) leaders as well as an elder. And historically, I just want to share with you just a few words about our indigenous community here in the City of South Tucson. We've had Tohono O'odham here. We've had Yaquis. In the Yaqui community, we used to be about 100 families who were living among this community. Unfortunately, when the I-10 was developed, it displaced a lot of the indigenous communities that were living on the side of the Santa Cruz River. Fr. (inaudible) was uprooted. So a lot of our indigenous community, the people, were scattered all over Tucson and South Tucson. However, right now, there's only about 20 Yaqui families that are left out of 100. Some of them went to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, living on the reservation. Others are scattered around the Tucson area. And we're only, in this community, we only have 20 that I know of. There could be more. But they all participate in our part of our ceremony with the community here on 39th Street, as we call it, the Yaqui community. Tohono O'odham, well, I'm not sure how many Tohono O'odham families are here but there's quite a few of them. In terms of numbers, I don't know but there is quite a few. I'm also the Director of the Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras, Indigenous Alliance Without Borders which is a project that deals with indigenous human rights, civil rights, which is a project that deals with immigrant rights, border issues. Since you know that there are families that come from Mexico, especially the Yaquis, Tohono O'odham (inaudible) a few other tribal nations. And we provide assistance to them if they are mistreated at the border, or mistreated by (inaudible) agency, or discriminated by any governmental agency. We're here to protect their rights as indigenous people. And we promote the respect for indigenous rights. And that is why we are here today. In January of this year, we got together 10 people to discuss the possibility of changing Columbus Day into having a Indigenous

Day. We believe that we were not discovered. We believe that indigenous people sometimes are not being recognized, sometimes recognized or respected. That's indigenous people. A lot of people don't understand who we are. So therefore, they stay away from us. A lot of people don't understand who we are and why we do the things we do in terms of ceremonies. So we decided, in January, that we were going to put together this campaign to change Columbus Day with the help of tribal nations, with the help of municipalities such as the City of South Tucson, the City of Tucson, Pima County, to ask for their support in changing this day into Indigenous Day. And on Indigenous Day, we're planning to have a celebration. We're call all the tribal communities together, as well as other communities together to celebrate and know more about who we are as indigenous people. So I understand packets were provided to you regarding this issue. And so there are various cities, in Patagonia they have adopted Indigenous Day, the State of Wisconsin also, Seattle, and a few others that have adopted Indigenous Day. So we're hoping that with your support and joining us in partnership to change Columbus Day and have Indigenous Day on the second Monday of October. We are looking for a resolution of support from all of you, from this Council. Last week, we met with Tohono O'odham Nation and they have agreed and are very supportive. It was voted 25-1 in favor of changing the day into Indigenous Day. And we will get that resolution ready by either, some times this week. We have been talking to the Pascua Yaqui tribe and we will be going before the tribal council next week to talk to them about it. They seem to be also interested and supportive of our effort. So now, I want to thank all of you for allowing us to be here today. This is Rosemary, one of the members of the committee for Indigenous Day. And we hope to get something going before October, so I don't know if you have any questions by now regarding this issue.

Councilman Lopez: I do, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Rojas: Yes, Councilman Lopez.

Councilman Lopez: Yes, sir. How many nations from up north do you plan on, is this going to be like a statewide?

Mr. Matus: That's the long goal. We ...

Councilman Lopez: That's a ...

Mr. Matus: ... (inaudible).

Councilman Lopez: ... long goal. But you're just ...

Mr. Matus: There's 21 ...

Councilman Lopez: ... starting ...

Mr. Matus: ... tribes in Arizona. And I'm hoping to go before the Indian Tribal Council of Arizona where all 21 tribes are ...

Councilman Lopez: Represented.

Mr. Matus: ... represented so that they will also give us that support. Here, locally, we're looking at Tohono O'odham, the Pascua Yaqui, the Gila River Indian Community.

Councilman Lopez: Mm hm.

Mr. Matus: Ak Chin, Salt River, which are closer to this proximity here. And then hopefully we will get the rest once we meet with the Indian Tribal Council.

Councilman Lopez: Thank you very much.

Mayor Rojas: Any other questions, any comment? I have one. I'm trying to find it in reading somebody's article. And I'm not going to say if it's your article because I don't think, but in reading the article, it says somewhere here that the Tohono tribe had already passed a resolution and did the resolution. That's what I read from it, so I don't know. Am I wrong here? Did, did ...

Rosemary: The San Xavier District.

Mayor Rojas: Oh, the San Xavier.

Rosemary: That passed (inaudible) resolution. And then from there, they helped us present it to the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Mayor Rojas: In Sells?

Rosemary: In Sells. And that's the whole tribe.

Mayor Rojas: The whole tribe, okay.

Rosemary: Yes.

Mayor Rojas: So, so, 'cause ...

Rosemary: But the San Xavier District already passed it.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, 'cause the way I think I read it here, I thought it was the whole Tohono tribe. I mean the whole tribe. I guess it wasn't. It was the San Xavier District.

Rosemary: The San Xavier District already heard us, supported us, and passed a resolution. The Tohono O'odham Nation also gave us an audience and supported it, and passed it, but it hasn't been written up as of yet.

Mayor Rojas: Oh, so ...

Rosemary: But that's in the works and (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Okay.

Mr. Matus: On the Tohono O'odham Nation there's 11 districts.

Mayor Rojas: Right.

Mr. Matus: So only one, San Xavier (inaudible) Tohono O'odham Nation agreed to support it, that that represents all the districts, the ten districts that, that we just don't have to go to each one of them (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Mr. Matus: Thank you.

ITEM #13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(3)(4)

Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

1. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – UPDATE AND CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY

Motion by Councilman Green to convene the Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rojas: As per the recommendations, we're going to go and allow the City Attorney to proceed on the course of action that we discussed with the Waste Management issue.

Councilman Green: You might also want to interject that the City Manager continue pursuing other avenues.

Mayor Rojas: And the City Manager and the parties involved in South Tucson also continue with the relief or resolving the issue.

Councilman Green: Thank you.

ITEM #14 – REPORTS

Ms. Moreno: I have a couple of reports here for you, Mayor and Council. The first report I have is just to remind you that at the meeting scheduled for next Monday, we have a Mr. Ken Strobeck, who is with the League of Cities and Towns, and I know at a prior meeting you all voted in favor of having the League assist the City of South Tucson in the recruitment of a permanent City Manager. So he's going to be here next week to explain to us and what the process involves. So just a reminder about that.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you. And we're all going to start at the same time, at 6:00, right?

Ms. Moreno: Yes.

Mayor Rojas: Okay.

Ms. Moreno: And then the second report I have is, again, at the next meeting we're going to have Mr. Raul Aguirre who is with REA Media. We contract with him for La Pachanga which is the fiesta we're going to be having for the 75th Anniversary. Him, along with Rene Ochoa, she's our Events Director. They're going to be giving an update on what they've done so far and who's sponsoring the event and kind of track along with that. They've done a lot of work. There's a lot of good things happening. We've got some good sponsorship, so it's looking pretty good. So they'll be here to give you an update on that. And I also want to introduce you all to, I don't know if you guys have all been introduced to our new employee, Mr. Lorenzo Gonzales. He's a City Planner here. He's working with Joel Gastelum in the Planning Department. And he was an intern here in South Tucson and we're fortunate to be able to get him hired as a full-time staff under the Planning Department. So he just graduated from the University of Arizona with a Masters in Public Administration. And I know that he aspires to be a City Manager. I know that's his ultimate goal so I think that we're very fortunate to have him and I think that we need to take advantage of his, everything that he just learned from the University. So thank you, Lorenzo.

Mayor Rojas: Great, thank you. Welcome aboard.

Mr. Gonzales: Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Any other reports?

Ms. Moreno: No, that's it.

ITEM #15 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 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 10th day of August, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk