

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Thursday, August 27, 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
Oscar Patino
Vanessa Mendoza

Staff Present: Veronica Moreno, Interim City Manager
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Michael Ford, Police Chief
Joel Gastelum, Planning Director
David Carranza, Economic Development Specialist
Lorenzo Gonzalez, Planning Specialist

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.

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

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE AVAILABLE

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-42 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SOLID WASTE SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND THE CITY OF TUCSON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST

Councilman Green: Okay. One of the things that, just looking over the contract, everything that I've seen, Mr. Mayor, is okay. The other ...

Mayor Rojas: Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: ... thing, one of the things that I've noticed is that we're assuming, as we should, the cost of the disposal and the fuel, and we're responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles.

Mayor Rojas: Correct.

Councilman Green: Okay. Now, and this is just a question. Is our mechanic going to look at the vehicle before we accept it and make sure it's maintenance, or it's sound?

Ms. Moreno: Yes, he will.

Councilman Green: Okay. That was the only, that was the only concern that I had with the contract.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. Any other questions? Any other concerns? Wishes of the Council, please on Item #07?

Motion by Councilman Green to pass Resolution No. 15-42 as written. Seconded by Councilman Patino.

Mayor Rojas: Would you like to have a roll call vote since it's going to the City?

Ms. Moreno: Sure.

Mayor Rojas: Let's have it.

Ms. Moreno: Vice-Mayor Patino, aye; Councilman Green, aye; Councilman Lopez, yes; Councilwoman Romero, yes; Councilman Larribas, aye; Councilwoman Mendoza, aye.

Mayor Rojas: It's unanimous. Let the record show that it will be a unanimous item that will be forwarded to the City of Tucson.

ITEM #08 – REPORTS

Ms. Moreno: I just want to comment, for the record, that the purpose of this resolution is a result of a situation the City of South Tucson is in due to the contract that we had with Waste Management, which has, we've been notified has been terminated for lack of payment due to the terms that are within the contract and effective September 1st. So we've learned that, at this point, that garbage containers getting picked up and we can, I can assure you, as the City Manager and the staff, that we're doing everything we can, in our power, to ensure that there is no interruption of service. There may be one or two days, I am going to say that, however, and Council for City of Tucson doesn't meet until Tuesday, so until such time that the garbage bins are delivered, you can notify your constituents that we are doing everything that we can to put their garbage, ask them that they put their garbage in garbage bags, you know, during the time that this is getting resolved, until City of Tucson approves the IGA. We're hopeful that they are, and we're under the impression that they are going to approve it. So the bins probably will not get delivered until after the 9th, or ahead of that. I talked to the City Manager and we're hoping that we can get them before that. But if not, you know, we're doing everything that we can for them, and ask them that they put their garbage in the garbage bags and that's all that we can do for now. But that we will find an ultimate solution to this moving forward. And as the Council, I know that you guys are seeking solutions, are seeking public comment next Tuesday. So we are going to ask that all the residents come and, you know, kind of let you, as a

Council, know what they think, and have any solutions for a long-term arrangement moving forward. So I think this is a good thing that we're moving as fast as we can, given that we had such a short notice from Waste Management. But we're doing everything that we can and that we are seeking aid from City of Tucson and we're hopeful that that arrangement will be done as soon as possible. In the meantime, we ask the residents to hang in there and do like I just stated.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much, appreciate it.

Vice-Mayor Patino: And we do have that one truck, right? That, just ...

Ms. Moreno: We do have it, ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: ... a possibility.

Ms. Moreno: ... we do. And you're actually reading my mind. I'm going to ask the Public Works Director that if we have to result to that, if we can do that as well. So, and that's what I'm going to also (inaudible) to the residents, too, if for some reason the trash is accumulating, you know, and we, we will do drive thrus, and drive bys, and if they ultimately have to and it's getting to the point to where it's getting piled up, you know, I am confident that our staff can handle those needs and that service.

Mayor Rojas: Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: I have a question. So basically, what we're looking at is basically like a week interruption at the most?

Ms. Moreno: I would say yes, at the ...

Councilman Green: At the ...

Ms. Moreno: ... very most.

Councilman Green: ... longest?

Ms. Moreno: At the very most

Councilman Green: Okay. And that's one of the things that we need to make sure that the Council or the ...

Mayor Rojas: Residents.

Councilman Green: ... City ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: (Inaudible).

Councilman Green: ... informs the residents.

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Councilman Green: And, yeah, so a week, yeah. And, but we need to explain to them exactly what happened with the contract.

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Councilman Green: Yeah, and that's what we'll, I guess we're discussing on Tuesday, right?

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Councilman Green: What got us into this and it wasn't anything that this Council did. It was something that was binded, that the Council was binded by the previous administration.

Mayor Rojas: Correct.

Councilman Green: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Any other questions? Any other comments?

(No response from Council)

ITEM #09 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 27th 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