

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, August 31, 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
Robert Larribas
Herman Lopez
Vanessa Mendoza

Staff Present: Veronica Moreno, Interim City Manager
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Michael Ford, Police Chief
Lorenzo Gonzales, Planning and Zoning
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
David Carranza, Economic Development

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

No response from the audience.

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE AVAILABLE

ITEM #07 – PUBLIC HEARING: SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Mayor Rojas: This is the public hearing to hear from the audience, from the residents of South Tucson their concerns or their thoughts on the Waste Management or on trash.

Councilman Green: You have to open the meeting, Mayor.

Mayor Rojas: I will now open the meeting to the Public hearing. Can I have a motion to that effect?

Motion by Councilman Green to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rojas: We're now at the Public Hearing is on. I'm going to call you by (inaudible) by alphabet, if you don't mind. The first speaker, by alphabet, is going to be Paul Diaz. Will you come to the podium? Please state your name and your address for the record. Thank you. And we're going to hold it to three minutes, Paul.

Mr. Diaz: Okay. My name is Paul Diaz, 2026 South 8th Avenue. I have spoken with several residents about forming a co-op for the removal of residential garbage and trash collection. I'm asking the Mayor and Council to consider this as an idea, an option, and a solution to our communities needs. I feel that a co-op is a viable solution that is fair and non-biased. There are successful and profitable co-ops such as power companies and a few grocery stores in our neighboring community. Membership issues are addressed by articles of incorporation, bylaws, and contract law. When considered by the Council, the mechanics of the co-op will begin. All paperwork will be filed for the permits and license. As an overview, co-ops have 7 to 11 board members. Everybody in the community would be a member, per address, and my suggested fee for this is \$10 per month. And that's my (inaudible) but all the decisions would be made by the board and the membership. The membership comes first and then the board. They make the final decision after they've talked to the membership. After the, and this is the good part about the co-ops is that at the end of the year, after all fees and dues are, you know, all the overhead is paid for, the profits are sent back to, well, not profits but because they're non-profit, all the money that's left over would be returned to the members.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you.

Mr. Diaz: Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Appreciate it.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Next on the list is Patricia Duran. Could she come forward, please?

Ms. Duran: (Inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Excuse me?

Ms. Duran: Beatrice.

Mayor Rojas: Oh, I'm sorry. Beatrice. Beatrice Duran.

Ms. Duran: Good evening to the City of South Tucson Council and to the people. I have heard and, of course, I have no proof, that we ended or that you ended the contract for the Waste Management company prior to termination. And to me, that means that we could be sued. Do we have a very serious reason to have ended that contract?

Mayor Rojas: We just ...

Ms. Duran: Can you tell me?

Mayor Rojas: No, we're just going to hear the audience. We're not, we can't go rebuttal. It's just listening to the audience, please. We can jot down your concern and then have legal counsel or staff address it. Does that sound good?

Ms. Duran: Okay. Well, that, that is my concern, that we terminated the contract prior to the time and that we can be sued, and that will be a lot of money out of our pockets. And two, that I hope that the company that we get does not go up in fees. I'm retired. My income is not that great. And that really concerns me. Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much.

(Inaudible background conversation)

Interim Manager Moreno: Excuse me, Mayor and Council. You need to voice whatever you're talking about because this is an open meeting.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, we were trying to determine if a rebuttal would be in order.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Or if we, if it would be proper for us to ask you ...

Ms. Moreno: Okay. Well, what I ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... and ...

Ms. Moreno: ... can do ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... then you address the question because we don't want the questions to go unanswered ...

Ms. Moreno: Well, that's fine.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... because that's what they came for.

Ms. Moreno: I would like to actually do an opening statement for, so that everyone kind of knows the purpose behind, why we're holding this meeting, if I may. So basically, the purpose of the public comment meeting is because, as you all know, the City of South Tucson has ceased or terminated the contract with Waste Management. So the contract went into effect back in 2011 where the City of South Tucson contracted with Waste Management to pick up both garbage and recycling, in the amount of \$4 per month for each property owner. So those properties that have more than one unit which is not owner-occupied, the contract determines that as \$17 because the owner is not occupying that additional residence. It could be a rental you have on your property or it could be, you know, an extra room or you have storage, but if that extra room that you have in your yard is determined occupied, regardless of if you're living in there or not, that charge is \$17. So that arrangement between the City of South Tucson and the City of Tucson was for 7 years. So the contract was

terminated as a result of non-payment because part of that contract explains that if there are any accounts that go unpaid, it could be either the property owner or if it's a rental that falls in that criteria, the City of South Tucson is to assist in paying. So the word assist could be interpreted in different ways. But a result of that is the City of South Tucson has incurred a debt for those accounts that have gone delinquent in the amount of, Waste Management like if you read in the paper or hear in the news, they're saying \$300,000. So we're actually going to be going to a court battle here in the next coming months because we don't agree with that amount because a big chunk of that amount is for properties that are actually vacant. So if you ever noticed, there's properties that you go by and there's no structure on the property, but there's bins there. Anyhow, so part of that total amount includes those properties and other accounts that they kind of double-charged on. So the Waste Management notified City of South Tucson back in December of 2014 that they were going to, let me see, there was actually, let me go back because there's kind of been, different things have been taking place. So in 2014, they actually filed a claim against the City of South Tucson for non-payment of these services, due to the accounts that have become delinquent. So between December and I'm going to say July 30th, there have been negotiations between our Mayor and Council and Waste Management management. So they did not agree to any solution, so the result of that was a notice on July 30th that they were going to cease the service as of September 1st. So immediately, once we found out, we actually filed an injunction. So for those of you that don't know what injunction is, it's actually a request by the City of South Tucson to a Superior Court judge, asking that Waste Management continue the service for up to 6 months so that all our residents can continue getting their service until we find a long-term solution. So that hearing was set for last Monday, September 24. So a lot has happened in this last week. So last Monday, we had the hearing. It was found that the City of South Tucson can't have an injunction, meaning that the City of South Tucson cannot request that the service continue because it's a contract. So the judge, there's an actual law that says if you have a contract with someone, you cannot ask them to continue the service. So the judge said, "I'm sorry, South Tucson. But Waste Management is going to have to cancel the service." So we found that out on Monday. So prior to Monday, myself and some other staff had kind of been preparing what if, you know, the injunction doesn't work in our favor? So we said, well, let's talk to City of Tucson to ask them for emergency assistance. So what we've been doing is we asked the City of Tucson if for some reason, you know, Waste Management doesn't continue the service, would you be able to help? And they said that they would be, however, there is a process behind that too. So last Monday, we found out, again, that Waste Management canceled the service and we only had so much time to get our Mayor and Council to approve that agreement with South Tucson and City of Tucson. So it was on Thursday that our Mayor and Council met and approved that agreement. So we had to kind of move quickly to prepare the agreement so that both jurisdictions, meaning City of Tucson and South Tucson could agree to work together through this emergency. So all we were asking from City of Tucson is can we just at least borrow your trucks, two trucks and bins for all our residents to have between one and four units. So, again, that takes time. So we approved the agreement. Now it has to go to their Mayor and Council. So they don't meet until next Tuesday. So they were not going to release any of their equipment or their garbage bins to us until they have the final approval. So City of Tucson City Manager, and you will probably hear this on the news, he made an executive decision and he directed his Department of Environmental Quality to release the bins as early as tomorrow. So you guys will probably see the notice that I had the Public Works Department deliver to everyone within the community, notifying them that the Public Works Department will be picking up the trash and we ask that you put your garbage in a bag at the curbside. Well, thank you if you read it and you listened to it and you put your garbage at the

curbside. I mean we only had so much time to communicate, so for those of you that did see it or are not aware, we apologize because the timing between all this situation is not, you know, we don't have that much time. So as of this morning, I found out that City of Tucson would be releasing the bins to every property owner between one and four units. So, again, going back to what I explained, if you have more than one unit on your property, then you're going to get that amount of bins. And this is just for the pickup of trash. So household items that, you know, it's not bulky stuff like don't try to stuff your, you know, your garbage bin with large items. It's just for household items. And this request from South Tucson to City of Tucson is just temporary until the Mayor and Council find a long-term solution. So that's the purpose of this meeting. So they kind of want to get public input. They want to listen to what you guys have as property owners and concerned residents here in the City of South Tucson, about what you think they should do. They have an idea of what they can do. They have different options. There's a lot of things that they can do but they want to get your input so that they can consider all of the information you bring here tonight as far as a final decision. So I hope I covered everything. Is there any questions that you have?

Ms. Duran: When did we put the bags?

Ms. Moreno: Well, as of right now, you don't have to do that because we're going to be delivering bins tomorrow to properties between one and four units.

Ms. Duran: So ...

Ms. Moreno: We're really ...

Ms. Duran: ... (inaudible) ...

Ms. Moreno: ... glad the City of Tucson was able to accommodate giving us the bins prior to them meeting next week.

Ms. Duran: And when do we put the full bins in the street?

Ms. Moreno: What do you mean?

Ms. Duran: When do we put the bins that are full in the street? When will they be picking up the ...

Ms. Moreno: Oh, okay. So if you live on the west side of South Tucson between 6th Avenue and 12th Avenue, then the pick-up is going to be on Monday. If you live on the east side of 6th Avenue, then the pick-up will be on Tuesdays. So you will be seeing the bins delivered tomorrow.

Unknown male: What if it's just a house?

Ms. Moreno: If it's just one house, you'll get one bin.

Unknown male: (Inaudible)?

Ms. Moreno: Yes.

Unknown female: So we're not doing recycling? This is just ...

Ms. Moreno: This is just a temporary, yeah, this is just temporary until they find out what they're going to do moving forward. So also keep in mind that part of this temporary decision and aide from City of Tucson, you know, borrowing their trucks and their bins is a cost to the City. So there's going to have to be a fee that's going to have to be charged to the residents. And that has yet to be determined because there are certain calculations that you need to factor in the cost associated with, you know, the labor, the equipment, the tipping fees at the landfill, and gas. So all those fees will be calculated so that we can eventually charge the property owners that fee to at least help us recoup those costs. It's not for any benefit for the, we're not trying to make money out of this. It's just so that we can at least break even to at least pay for those services. And we're hoping that everyone within the community will at least try, you know, to help us out in paying those services and by, when you see your notice come in the mail for that service, that you return it back here to City Hall. And all the instructions will be there in the mail.

Unknown female: (Inaudible) going to be (inaudible)?

Ms. Moreno: That has yet to be determined. We can give it a ballpark. I know it's not going to be \$4 because that was just an exclusive agreement that was made between South Tucson and Waste Management. So that arrangement doesn't exist anymore. But the Council is going to have to factor in the amount for what they're going to charge for this temporary time. I'm going to say a ballpark between, you know, just based on what me and the Finance Director have met, it's going to be between, I would say \$10 to \$13 per month. You know, and I think that if you stop and calculate everything that's included in getting that service, you have someone picking up your trash on a weekly basis, you know, they're taking it to the landfill for you, they're paying for the gas, and wear and tear on the vehicles and on the tires, so I think that's an absolute reasonable amount to pay to anyone; it could be City of Tucson picking up the trash, it could be South Tucson, it could be Waste Management, but I think that's a reasonable amount to charge so that the City can break even.

Unknown female: I'm sorry. Who are you?

Ms. Moreno: I am so sorry. I should have introduced myself. Sorry. I know a lot of people in the room. My name is Veronica Moreno and I'm the interim City Manager here at South Tucson.

Unknown male: Uno momento. Este, de todo los que hablastes, entendi muy poco porque yo no hablo much ingles. Entendi poco. Mi madre tiene una propiedad en el veinte y dos veinte y cinco del nueve avenida. Tiene desde dos mil once que no este ocupada. Entonces cuando trajieron los de Waste Management, la, la, los tambos de la basura a la casa, nos trajieron (inaudible) y dos verdes, no? Entonces, empezaron a cobrar doce dolares por la casa de nosotros (inaudible). Y la casa de enseguida que esta vacia los cobraron como cincuenta y dos, como cincuenta y dos dolares. (Inaudible). Pues desde que empezo el programa de ellos hasta que ahora que terminamos, estuvimos (inaudible). Va salir igual ahora que estamos con ustedes otra vez? **(One moment. This, everything that you told us, I understood very little because I don't speak much English. I understood very little. My mother has a property at 2225 on 9th Avenue. Since 2011 it has not been occupied. So then when the Waste Management brought the garbage bins to the**

house, they brought us (inaudible) and two green, you know? So then, they started to charge \$12 for our house (inaudible). And the house next door that is vacant, they charged about 52, about \$52. (Inaudible). Well, ever since their program started until now that it has terminated, we were (inaudible). Is it going to be the same now that we are with you again?

Ms. Moreno: Voy a preguntar a la, la senora Lourdes Aguirre. Ella es la director de departamento de Finance. Y ella te puede decir lo que, en espanol mas mejor que yo. **I am going to ask Lourdes Aguirre. She is the Finance Director. And she can tell you in Spanish better than I can.**

Ms. Aguirre: Buenas tardes. Mi nombre es Lourdes Aguirre (inaudible) departamento de Finance. Y en realidad, lo que usted acaba de mencionar habido uno de los problemas ... **(Good evening. My name is Lourdes Aguirre (inaudible) Finance Director. And in reality, what you just talked about is one of the problems that ...)**

Mayor Rojas: Lourdes.

Ms. Aguirre: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Lourdes, why don't we go ahead and sit down and let them address it to the City Council, and then we'll give it to you.

Councilman Green: Yeah, and then if we need input, we'll ...

Ms. Aguirre: Okay.

Councilman Green: ... go ahead and ...

Ms. Moreno: Can I have her say what I said in Spanish?

Unknown female: In English.

Mayor Rojas: In Spanish.

Unknown female: I can't understand the meeting then.

Ms. Moreno: Okay.

(Inaudible background conversation)

Mayor Rojas: I can do it very easy.

Ms. Moreno: Okay. That's fine.

Mayor Rojas: (Inaudible) ser el proceso como antes. Si usted vive, y su mama o quien sea que vive (inaudible) ese va ser el unico costo. La situacion, no van a recibir otros contenedores de basura. Nomas esos, es para basura nomas uno y es todo. Y no se le va cobrar por otros, por otros servicios

que no va, no va obtener, verdad, o recibir. Ese fue el problema que tuvimos con la compañía de anterior. Nos estaban cobrando por contenedores vacíos. Y pa que vamos a pagarles nosotros a ellos por un servicio que no nos, pues no le dieron a ustedes, verdad, ni a nosotros tampoco? **(Inaudible) the process like before. If you live, and your mother, or whoever it is that lives (inaudible) that is going to be the only cost. The situation, you will not receive other trash bins. Just those, it's for trash, just one and that's all. And you will not be charged for others, for other services that you don't, that you do not obtain, really, or receive. That is the problem we had with the company we had before. They were charging us for empty containers. And why are we going to pay them for services that they did not, well, they did not provide to you, really, or for us either?**

Unknown male: Le puedo ser otra pregunta, señor? Enseguida de mi casa, yo le (inaudible) como puedo hacer para que los vecinos no me recargen en el cerco (inaudible)? Me ponen (inaudible), me ponen arboles. **(Can I ask you another question, sir? Next door to my house, I (inaudible) what can I do so that the neighbors don't put at the fence (inaudible)? They put (inaudible), they put trees.)**

Mayor Rojas: Eso va ser situación que vamos a discutir después. Horita nomás vamos a discutir esta basura con esta situación. Esta bueno? Me permite. Gracias. **(That is a situation we will discuss afterwards. Right now we are going to discuss this trash situation. Is that okay? Allow me. Thank you.)** Estamos bien **(We're good)** that we're going to call the next speaker to the podium, if we can.

Unknown female: (Inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Perdon? **(Excuse me?)**

Unknown female: Cuando va ... **(When are ...)**

Unknown female: No sabe ... **(He doesn't know ...)**

Unknown female: ... (inaudible)?

Mayor Rojas: Todavía no se sabe eso. Eso vamos a determinar. Yo estaba listo para dejarle a ustedes votar de por medio de quince dólares hasta veinte y un dólar o veinte y cinco. Ustedes voten. Eso va ser después. **(That is not known yet. We will determine that. I was ready to let you vote from about \$15 to \$20 or \$25. You vote. That is going to be afterwards.)** Okay. The next speaker in the list here, if I may. And if somebody discusses it in English and you didn't get it all, and you want it translated, please go ahead, feel free to ask. Alejandro Monge.

Mr. Monge: Alejandro Monge, 208 E. (inaudible) Street. And who's going to provide the bags, the plastic bags?

Mayor Rojas: No, no. No plastic bags are happening.

Mr. Monge: Right. She said ...

Mayor Rojas: It's going to ...

Mr. Monge: ... you're going to ...

Mayor Rojas: ... be bins.

Mr. Monge: ... pick 'em up.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, it's going to be bins.

Mr. Monge: Oh, they're going to have 'em ready by tomorrow?

Mayor Rojas: The bins tomorrow. No plastic bags.

Mr. Monge: Oh, okay.

Mayor Rojas: Next.

Mr. Monge: Alright. And is it going to be a 400, or 300 yard, how big?

Mayor Rojas: I'm not, it's going to be ...

Mr. Monge: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Rojas: ... it's going to be a 90 gallon bin and then it'll be picked up by the truck and that's all the residents need ...

Mr. Monge: (Inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Yea. Okay?

Mr. Monge: Alright. Thanks.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. Next person. Pablo Gela (ph).

Mr. Gela: Le acaba de contestar la pregunta. Gracias. **(You just answered the question. Thank you.)**

Mayor Rojas: Que era la pregunta? **(What was the question?)**

Mr. Gela: No, ya no. **(No, no more.)**

Mayor Rojas: Andale, pues. O, usted es Pablo Gela? **(Okay, then. Oh, are you Pablo Gela?)**

Mr. Gela: Si. **(Yes.)**

Mayor Rojas: Andale, pues. Gracias. **(Okay, then. Thank you.)**

Mr. Gela: Gracias. **(Thank you.)**

Mayor Rojas: Gloria Quihuis.

Ms. Quihuis: My name is Gloria Quihuis, 462 East 31st Street. And I just wanted to clarify one thing. The \$300,000 that Waste Management says you owe, is that money that people, residents didn't pay their bill? Is that what, how I understood it?

Mayor Rojas: Well, it's kind of that way but we really didn't want to talk about Waste Management. It's called, I call it a ghost bill. Some of the people didn't pay, others paid. But it's not anywhere near \$300,000.

Ms. Quihuis: Well, how are you going to get people to pay the smaller amount for a temporary solution?

Mayor Rojas: Well, ...

Ms. Quihuis: I mean I was charged \$52 every three months and I paid my bill. So other residents didn't pay ...

Mayor Rojas: (Inaudible).

Ms. Quihuis: ... their bill.

Mayor Rojas: But the other thing is they were charging us for empty bins. And that's the other part that we were contesting.

Ms. Quihuis: Okay. And let's see. Okay. So every house that's by itself on a lot is going to get a bin?

Mayor Rojas: One house per bin.

Ms. Quihuis: Okay. And you haven't determined how much you're going to charge us?

Mayor Rojas: Not yet.

Ms. Quihuis: So tomorrow, every house in South Tucson should have a bin?

Mayor Rojas: Tomorrow and the (inaudible).

Ms. Quihuis: Okay. Well (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Thank you. Long time no see. Rudy Miranda.

Mr. Miranda: My name is Rudy Miranda, (inaudible) South 8th Avenue. Okay. Waste Management is already passed. That company was forced upon us. I hope that the next company you get will not be forced upon us and you'll let us vote for it. And this, the money that the City is, you said \$21, that's a lot more than what Waste Management was charging us. Unless you're just guessing, ...

Mayor Rojas: You were ...

Mr. Miranda: ... more or less.

Mayor Rojas: ... paying attention. You were paying attention. No, it's just a figure I threw out, Rudy.

Mr. Miranda: Okay.

Mayor Rojas: It's not the cost.

Mr. Miranda: So the next company you get, if you don't stay with the City, will it be, well, whoever it is, they won't be charged as much or you're going to let the public know?

Mayor Rojas: Most certainly.

Mr. Miranda: That's all I wanted to know.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much. Olga Romero.

Ms. Romero: Can I (inaudible) here?

Mayor Rojas: Puede quedarse alli, seguro. **(You can stay there, sure.)**

Ms. Romero: All I can tell you is I have (inaudible) years in South Tucson. And I have never had it so nice till we got Waste Management. In back of my yard, in back of the alley, it always looked like a City dump. After we got Waste Management, no more (inaudible). (Inaudible) the water, the gas (inaudible). So I am (inaudible) I'll pay. As long as I don't have a City dump in back of my alley.

Mayor Rojas: And that's 29th Street, right? Thank you. Yes. Next speaker is Terri, I think it's Santa Cruz.

Ms. Santa Cruz: Terri Santa Cruz, 415 West 29th Street. Again, I agree with ...

Mayor Rojas: Ma'am.

Ms. Santa Cruz: ... what she said.

Mayor Rojas: Would you like to come forward?

Ms. Santa Cruz: No.

(Inaudible background conversation)

Councilman Green: No, they want to get it on the recorder for the transcript.

Mayor Rojas: For the, for the microphone here.

Councilman Green: Yeah, so we can put it on the minutes. Please.

Mayor Rojas: Otherwise, when we read the minutes, it's going to say "can't hear, not audible".

Ms. Santa Cruz: Okay. I agree with the lady over there, the alley that's clean with Waste Management. I don't want the garbage to be put in the alley any more. You said it was \$4 per resident? I was paying \$17 a month for a single-family home.

Ms. Moreno: Do you not live there?

Ms. Santa Cruz: Yes, I do.

Ms. Moreno: You do live there?

Ms. Santa Cruz: I do.

Ms. Moreno: Are you the owner of record?

Ms. Santa Cruz: Well, my mom is.

Ms. Moreno: Okay, that's why.

Ms. Santa Cruz: Whoever is ...

Ms. Moreno: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Santa Cruz: ... (inaudible) ...

Ms. Moreno: ... yeah, whoever is the owner of record should be residing there.

Ms. Santa Cruz: Yeah, she is.

Ms. Moreno: Yeah, we'll have to look at yours, then, to ...

Ms. Santa Cruz: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Moreno: ... try to determine ...

Ms. Santa Cruz: ... yeah, 'cause I pay her bills. It's \$17 a month. And the other question was when were you going to assume again collecting garbage, so you said Monday.

Mayor Rojas: Correct. Next week. Thank you very much.

Mayor Rojas: Esteban Steve Soto.

Mr. Soto: Hello. My name is Steve Soto. I live at 222 West 27th Street. And I want to ask about the payment 'cause I know a lot of older citizens they're on a very fixed income, especially on my block over there. They're on very fixed income. (Inaudible) 12 bucks. They have a hard time paying that. And we chip in and help 'em out and whatever. But if you're going to go like you're saying, \$15 to \$25 a month, you're going to, you're saying some tenants weren't paying, I think you might see that again. Because they're just not going to be able to afford, I mean they're (inaudible) no chance of part-time work, no (inaudible). And I just want for you to bring that, that thought in your mind that, that \$15 to \$25, ordinary people like us, we can probably squeeze it through. But you get somebody (inaudible) years older than me, they're on a very fixed income. You know, their food, their medicine, all this other junk they gotta pay as it is. Say, well, we'll pay what we can. I just want to let you know that, that when you fix that price, you have that in mind.

Mayor Rojas: Sure enough. Will do. Thank you. And I have a young lady here who didn't tell me what her last name was. 221 West 26th. Virginia.

Ms. Yap: That's me.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Ms. Yap: My name is Virginia Yap and I live at 221 West 26th Street. My question to the Council is why didn't you guys do something when all this abandoned property kept coming up and Waste Management kept telling you about it? Maybe we wouldn't have gotten in such a mess now. That's my question.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Thank you very much. I guess I'll take it since Green doesn't want to take it. You want to take it, Green?

Councilman Green: No, I'll probably (inaudible) off of yours.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. First of all, thank you very much for the comment and it's well-taken and well-received. That happened before this administration so, again, I hate to tell you, you know, they gave me the trash again.

Ms. Yap: Don't blame it on the other administration. It fell in your hands when you guys took over from the other administration.

Mayor Rojas: We, we, we started ...

Ms. Yap: Don't be ...

(Audience clapping)

Mayor Rojas: That's when we ...

Ms. Yap: ... like our, ...

Mayor Rojas: ... started negotiating.

Ms. Yap: ... don't be like our president, blaming it on somebody else.

Mayor Rojas: No, that's when we started ...

Ms. Yap: You guys ...

Mayor Rojas: ... negotiating ...

Ms. Yap: ... are in, you guys are in the boat now ...

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Ms. Yap: ... so you have to row the boat or you're going to sink.

Mayor Rojas: We are rowing the boat. And we're going to put some action on this thing and this is why I'm saying, this is why when you see your bill come to your home, don't argue too much about it because we want to make sure the boat moves and the boat floats.

Ms. Yap: And it's the same way when I've been trying to get my sidewalk fixed for four years now. And they keep telling me you guys don't have no money and I even volunteered to buy the cement. And it was never, it's never been fixed.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much.

Ms. Yap: And I talked to the former City Manager, and they said, "Oh, we'll fix it." Never.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much, Virginia.

Ms. Yap: And he even saw me at the grocery store, and I talked to him about it. He said, "Oh, it'll get fixed in another week." Never.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. I saw a hand over here.

Unknown female: I have one more question. How are you going to make sure that people that didn't pay their bill before will pay the new bill?

Mayor Rojas: That's something that we will have to work out.

Unknown female: Yeah.

Mayor Rojas: We will.

Unknown female: I mean if we're going to have this again in five ...

Mayor Rojas: Right.

Unknown female: ... years, ...

Mayor Rojas: We hope not.

Unknown female: Okay.

Mayor Rojas: Or we'll be here, and I saw another hand over there. Yeah, the young, yeah.

Unknown female: Yes (inaudible). I live on 209 West 26th Street. And I pay my property tax for the City and I pay a property tax for South Tucson. Where's the South Tucson property tax going then?

Mayor Rojas: Okay. First of all, this is, property taxes are not used for trash contributions.

Unknown female: Well, then how ...

Mayor Rojas: The trash is separate than the property tax.

Unknown female: How were you picking up the trash before if we weren't paying South Tucson property tax?

Mayor Rojas: No, the trash before was a different type of a situation. You mean before even Waste Management?

Unknown female: Before Waste Management.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, no, that was a different situation then and we had to get out of it because it was a lose, lose, lose situation. There was nothing win about it. We lost two trucks. And lost a lot of money on that. It was not bringing any revenue because we weren't charging for the trash. And the property tax has nothing to do with trash payments. Okay?

Unknown female: So, but where's all that money going to then?

Mayor Rojas: Property taxes go to take care of other issues and other items in the general budget.

Unknown female: Then her sidewalk should have been fixed.

Mayor Rojas: Her sidewalk probably should've been worked on.

(Conversation in background)

Mayor Rojas: That's something we'll work on later. Any other statements? Any other comments, please? Yes, sir. Do you want to come here to the podium, please?

Mr. Garcia: My name is Steven Garcia. I live at 244 West 30th Street. I know this is a poor town. I know people can't afford much. So it seems to me that any type of suggestions or ideas as far as raising revenue are in order. So here's my suggestion for raising revenue. Let's get the City Attorney to find out whether it would be legal for South Tucson to double their traffic fines. We have the lowest paid police department in the area. Okay. We can kill two birds with one stone. We'll give the police officers one dollar per ticket or whatever the City Council might decide to pay each police officer for, to write up a ticket, a citation. Okay? Not only does that improve the police officer's pay, but it adds revenue to our City government. And the way I see it, if a police officer writes ten tickets an hour, that's money in his pocket, at least several thousand dollars in the City coffers. And I'm not talking about arresting people. Okay? We can't even afford to pay the money we owe the County for the prison system. I'm not talking about arresting people. And 95% of the people that come through our town don't even live here. So as far as I understand, if we do this, if it's legal, if the City Attorney can say that the State will allow it, I think that's a very good idea to do, double all the traffic fines. It helps put money in our coffers and raises the payment to the police department, to the police officers who are very low paid. And then this might even be able to help us afford to do our trash.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you very much.

Mr. Garcia: Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: And I did allow you to say the speech, it has nothing to do with trash.

Mr. Garcia: Yes, it does. It's revenue.

Mayor Rojas: Anybody else?

Councilman Green: Mr. Mayor, can I ask the Chief to lead off on that, the legality of that?

Chief Ford: (Inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: There would be like ...

Chief Ford: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... a bounty, wouldn't it?

Mayor Rojas: Or the principal.

Chief Ford: Generally, we don't really collect the revenues from those things. So I mean we don't have a bonus and we don't usually profit in any way from writing citations. Those things usually go

back into the Court processes and those things go to the State and to the County and then there are proceeds that come back to the City from those.

Councilman Green: No, but the gentleman was saying, can the Council or the City itself direct the ...

Chief Ford: (Inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... issuing officer ...

Chief Ford: (Inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... (inaudible) ...

Mr. Matchett: (Inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... (inaudible) ...

Chief Ford: ... local ordinances ...

Mr. Matchett: So they can benefit ...

Chief Ford: ... there are local ordinances such as parking ordinances that you could probably adjust. But then the Arizona Revised Statutes that are for things like running stop lights, running stop signs, ...

Mayor Rojas: Speeding.

Chief Ford: ... speeding, so all those things are set by Arizona Revised Statutes, so the City itself doesn't make a determination of what those fine fees are. The State does. But other things that are local ordinances, such as parking or ...

Councilman Green: No, the ...

Chief Ford: ... things like that.

Councilman Green: Chief, the question is can you direct your officers to write, ...

Mayor Rojas: Tickets.

Councilman Green: ... in other words, I want you to go and write a ticket and for every ticket you write, we're going to give you a dollar.

Chief Ford: No, no.

Councilman Green: Okay. It's, and that would be ...

(Simultaneous background conversation)

Councilman Green: ... (inaudible), right?

Chief Ford: No, that would be a conflict of ...

Councilman Green: Yeah.

Chief Ford: ... (inaudible).

Councilman Green: See, that's what I was trying to get to.

Chief Ford: Oh, no. Arizona Revised Statutes don't allow for ...

Mayor Rojas: Don't allow for, okay, any other comments? Any other statements? Is the audience, you know, one would never be satisfied. I know I'm not. You know, with this whole situation. Is there any other comments from the Council?

Councilwoman Mendoza: I do, actually, have one. I just want to reiterate that, you know, I couldn't help but, you know, feel like you didn't get heard right now. You're absolutely right. We have to stop blaming the past, and we have to stop blaming old Council and old things that happened. We've got to get out of that rut. And we've got to fix the problems that we have now that are, you know, here in front of us right now. What we were given is what we were given. And we do have council that tried to fight it at the time. It didn't happen. It still went through. It's a poor contract. It's a bad contract. South Tucson should have never been forced to go under this contract, but it is what it is. And we're trying to move forward. We are in this boat, all of us, together. My trash is not being picked up. I still have to pay the money. They have to pay the money. Their trash is not being picked up. We all, and that's why we wanted this public forum was so to let you guys know that we're all in this together. We all have trash. We all, I mean I can't just set my trash out and have it collected and you guys are just thrown, you know, oh, here's some bags. Collect it yourself. It's not how it happens. We all, I mean I have to worry about where's my trash going? Who's going to pick up my trash? You know, tomorrow, I have a question, do I set my trash out on the curb for, you know, Public Works to pick it up like they did today for the west side, or will the bins be here in time in the morning, or should I put 'em out? You know, there's all these questions that I have as a homeowner, just like you guys. So, but I want to make sure that you guys know that you're heard and that we know that \$4 was tough for a lot of people. That's why, you know, it was so hard, you know, that's why we went into this contract with the City of Tucson, pretty much taking on the financial responsibility right now to get it started. And so that way the, you know, residents didn't see an impact in their garbage pickup, or the impact was very minimal, that you only had to wait a couple days and then you're kind of left with, well, where do I put my trash bags right now, which is what I was left with. And I have dogs outside. And it's like could you imagine if my dogs got into my trash because I put my trash bag out in, you know, my yard and then it would be all over the place? So I have worries just like you guys. Everyone up here has worries just like you guys. The Council will do everything that we can to make sure that the residents see minimal impact with this. And we will try and make sure that we go about this the right way and not force a contract upon the residents. That is one questionably legal or not, and then, you know, too, is going to impact the residents so much that we're going to be in a situation five years

from now because the residents can't pay it. You know, it's going to be something that we can all make sure that we take into consideration everybody and the low incomes here and all that other stuff. But, you know, I just want to make sure that, too, that you get heard, that when Waste Management was here, you thought it was cleaner. One, I think that the biggest thing was not because Waste Management was picking up our trash in the alley, because they weren't. It was Public Works. But if the bins helped out in having them in your own residence, then that's something that we need to take into consideration with the next contract. Because if the bins in your own residence was the whole primary support or whatever inside of keeping the alleyways clean because the big bins used to be in the alleyways and there used to be all kinds of trash and all that other stuff, it was actually the bins being inside the residential residence that helped keep it cleaner. Waste Management wasn't in here cleaning up our alleys. It was Public Works that have kept it clean since then. And so to me, when I heard that statement, I just wanted to make sure that I was hearing that right and saying you liked it because the bins were personally in your own yard. And you were accountable for that trash. So if that's something that we need to consider, too, as a Council that in our next contract we have something that has personal bins inside residence then that's what we need to also take into account. Because it was a lot cleaner. And I saw that just as much. So I just want to say that, you know, that we're all in it together. We need to take the necessary steps to make sure that the residents see minimal impact and that's what we're trying to do. Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Any other comments? Anybody else?

Councilman Green: Did you have a question?

Unknown female: No, I just (inaudible) the alleys are clean but I don't want the bins to be put back in the alley.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Right, because what I'm hearing you say is that ...

Unknown female: Even if we put them in the ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: It was so much cleaner when Waste Management was here, although it wasn't Waste Management picking up our ...

Unknown female: I know.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... you know, in the alleyways. It was the fact that we had personal bins and that our trash was accounted for in our own yards.

Unknown female: You know, since I was paying \$17 a month instead of \$4 a month, how many more homes were paying \$17?

Councilwoman Mendoza: Well, and ma'am, that is just the point of why this contract was so messed up to begin with, and why we're in a legal proceeding with them right now which we can talk minimal about the exact details on that, but that is why we are trying to fight that amount is because one, they weren't charging correctly or two, they were overcharging or they were double-charging some rental units, you know, when they already had private contractors. It's just a mess. And in order for the

residents to see, you know, who cares about what happened before. This is what we're in right now and this is what we're trying to do to make sure you guys see minimal impact about it. And I get it. I get that a lot of people are on low income, fixed income, and senior citizens. But, you know, it's those of us who actually can fix that, you know, that maybe, you know, we think of something as far as like I think either Southwest Gas or TEP has something where we, you know, put a, volunteer a little bit or donate a little bit more to somebody who can't pay it. Or, you know, if there's things like that that we need to think about and kind of think outside of the box here and make a circle and think in that, then we need to do that. But, yeah, I mean there's, that's exactly why this contract is such a mess is because of poor billing and, you know, it was a contract that we needed to get out of. You know, regardless of what the whole logistics of it was.

Councilman Green: Mr. Mayor.

Unknown female: Notice ...

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Unknown female: Notice how much we don't know what we were supposed to be charged. When you establish something, we need a letter that says one unit, this much. Two units, this much. Please. I'm noticing that, I was charged \$103 every three months. I don't know if it was right or wrong.

Mayor Rojas: Oh, my goodness.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Yeah, see, and that's exactly why we needed to kind of let the contract go and if we, you know, it was kind of like, you know what, let's just make a clean slate. Let's try and make the process as little impact on the residents as we can. And then let's involve them as much as we can in this new contract because we were not involved when we got put into this Waste Management contract. It was forced upon the residents and that's just a fact. Doesn't matter who did it. Doesn't matter who was here. The fact is is that we need to clean it up and we need to move forward.

Mayor Rojas: Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: Yes, thank you, Mayor. One of the things that you have to understand is that the contract was toxic and what I mean when I say toxic, the contract only favored one side, and that was Waste Management. And when I say that, I can prove it because Waste, okay, if you're going to do a contract with an individual, okay, you don't, and you let them come in and do business in your house, okay, and they get there and they agree to a certain amount, okay, then they turn around and they say, well, not only is it a certain amount that I want, I want you to turn around and say, you know, over here this property is, I have to go and clean it up, too. I go, but that's not my property. But that doesn't matter. You're getting paid for it. Okay? That's what I'm saying is what was happening is they used the City as a, tried to use the City as a collection. In other words, where does a business go and make a contract, or go into business picking up garbage for residents and then where does the City say that we're going to be responsible for paying for any trash that wasn't collected? Okay. That was bad to begin with. Okay? Then the description of a rental versus, a rental property versus

a homeowner's, changed. In the contract it says that we have 2,122 houses that are rentals in South Tucson. And we only have 700 that are owner-occupied. What they did was they have a hotel or hotels, or whatever. Typically can dump all their garbage into a bin. Okay? And I know that, you know, I'll take Mr. Dennis Latrell's property, he was being abused basically by Waste Management. He had a contract with Waste Management with two or three bins. Okay? And his address is 305 East Benson Highway. Am I correct? Okay? They're saying that 305, that's the office, 305 A, or are they numbered?

Ms. Moreno: Some have numbers, some have letters.

Councilman Green: Okay. Let's say they're numbered. One is an address, two is an address, three is an address, a hundred and fifty is an address. So let's say that that gentleman over there has 150 units in a hotel. They're saying he needs to pay 150 times 17 times 12. And if you do the calculations real quick, it's a lot of money. Okay? It's not fair to him. He's already got a contract with the same company to deposit the garbage in there for his residents. But then the City came in and says we're going to give you, you're going to pay 150 times 17. And then if he doesn't pay it, that's what created a lot of hostility, a lot of problems, and a lot of issues not only with him, I'm saying other owners. There's a trailer park down here that's vacant. Every slot there is an address right behind the Arizona Motel. There's no trailers or hardly any trailers. Any one that's vacant, they're still charging. So it's when the ma'am earlier made a comment that they're really, the money really isn't owed, it really isn't owed. But the way the contract was written, and it was adopted by the previous administration, nobody on this Council had anything, and to say that we're not trying to do everything that we need to do, we are. But when they come in and they bind you, and they put a bill that comes up, and we have to dispute it and say show us where you collected. And then they say well, blah, blah, blah, we're going to quit the service. Okay? That's the problem we're at. The problem at hand is that. What we do as a Council collectively here and my counterpart, Vanessa, said is absolutely right. We all have to take ownership of this. We have to ensure that we make sure that nobody's dumping in the alleys. But we need to make sure that we, when we do get a bill, we pay it to the City. Because that's the only, and we're not making money. We're not going to make money off this. We're probably going to lose money. Because there's going to be individuals that don't pay. Okay? And those are things that we're going to be discussing. Okay? And you know, I mean you can say, you could probably sit here and tell us, well, cite them. Fine them. Bring them into court. Put a lien against their house. Do whatever. Okay? Can you imagine arresting somebody for not paying their garbage?

Unknown female: Yes.

Councilman Green: No, no. I mean can you imagine the publicity that's going to show up on the news?

Unknown female: Well, if you don't pay your light bill, they turn off your light.

Councilman Green: Okay. But we do not ...

Unknown female: If you don't pay ...

Councilman Green: ... have a ...

Unknown female: ... your gas bill, they turn off your gas.

Councilman Green: Oh, I understand that. But we do not have that luxury right now because we do not own the water. We do not own the electricity. And we don't own the gas, ma'am. Now if we can enter into an agreement with these companies, you know, the utility companies, and if we can call up, that may be an option. But then we look at rentals. If you live in a rental, your landlord gets the bill. Okay? You're paying your rent every month on time. You're a good renter. Your landlord refuses to pay his or her garbage bill. Okay? That's an obstacle we have to look at. Do we penalize the individual? No. Okay. What can we do to a landlord? Those are the items that are facing this Council right now. So, yeah, be patient. We have the cans. Okay? Your service will continue. Your interruption is probably going to be a day, maybe a day and a half more. Okay? And please don't put your garbage out next Monday because (inaudible).

Councilwoman Mendoza: Labor Day.

Councilman Green: Labor Day. (Inaudible). Okay.

Mayor Rojas: Labor Day. Go to a park. Go have a picnic.

Unknown female: I have a question.

Councilman Green: Yes, ma'am.

Unknown female: Waste Management was charging if you owned the house and lived there, it was \$4 a month. If it was a rental, it was \$17 a month.

Councilman Green: Right.

Unknown female: So is, how is the City going to charge us, or how are you going to charge us?

Councilman Green: Well, one of ...

Unknown female: Is, is it a, if it's a rental, you're going to charge us more like Waste Management did?

Councilman Green: No, right now, I think and I don't ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: Well, we haven't decided.

Councilman Green: We haven't decided.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Those are the things that we have to take into consideration.

Councilman Green: And those ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: Nothing's ...

Councilman Green: ... (inaudible).

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... been decided right now.

Councilman Green: Nothing's been decided. Those are the numbers that we're going to talk about ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: We just ...

Councilman Green: ... and discuss ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... want to make sure ...

Councilman Green: ... that.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... that the trash gets picked up somehow, some way because we do not want our City looking like a dump. And we've got to figure that out. And ...

Unknown female: So tomorrow it's ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... all the logistics of it is going ...

Unknown female: ... tomorrow it's going to be City of Tucson trash cans.

Councilwoman Mendoza: It will be City of Tucson trash cans that are delivered to your residents.

Unknown female: Are they going to be ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: Is it just ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... (inaudible) ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible) left at the side?

Councilman Green: They'll be left at the curb. When they're left at the curb like you ...

Unknown female: And coming ...

Councilman Green: ... would roll it out.

Unknown female: ... here, I noticed there was still a lot of trash cans from Waste Management.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, we know.

Councilman Green: They're in ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: If they didn't ...

Councilman Green: ... the process ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... put them out or if they didn't, you know, if they were locked in their gate or something, they couldn't get 'em, so.

Unknown female: And can she repeat again the days? Like I live near, I, I have a house ...

Ms. Moreno: You know what? Well, I'm ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible).

Ms. Moreno: ... going to make more copies of is this notice if you could just disregard the portion where it says that Public Works is going to be picking it up because, as you know, you're going to be getting your bins. But it does have a schedule. So for those of you that live west of 6th Avenue, the pickup is Monday. And for those of you that live east of 6th Avenue, it's on Tuesday. So I'll make more copies.

Councilman Green: Unless it's a holiday.

Ms. Moreno: And let's focus on this schedule here. Unless there's a holiday. I believe that ...

Councilman Larribas: Next Monday.

Councilwoman Mendoza: It would then be, maybe, Tuesday.

Councilman Green: Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Then we go to the regular schedule.

Ms. Moreno: Right. And then we'll go back to the regular schedule. If it falls on a holiday, we'll go back to regular schedule. You don't have to wait another, you know, four days or whatever. (Inaudible) so just focus on the schedule here. And for those that aren't here, maybe you can pass on the information to your neighbors. But we'll have it on our website. And as soon as the Council determines what we're going to do as far as any of the fees that they're going to charge the residents for this temporary phase, the schedule will be on that notice as well.

Mayor Rojas: You have your hand up over there.

Unknown female: Will you consider to keep it low, lower the rate?

Mayor Rojas: We will take everything into consideration. Correct.

Unknown female: For a lot of people that are on fixed, you know, income.

Councilman Green: Yeah, and we understand that. And that's one of the things that we're going to take into consideration. But there's going to be a base price, and then what the Council (inaudible) and that's basically going to cover the usage of the mater-, or the vehicles, paying back the material, or paying back the City of Tucson for the use of all the equipment, and the cans, the maintenance, the tipping fees, the salary of the employees. Those are the things that are going to come out of the money. There is no money that is going to be, yes, ma'am.

Unknown female: Because also, like she mentioned, something like \$13 a month, that's almost like a circle from what we were paying (inaudible) three months.

Councilman Green: No, and that's understood. But ...

Unknown female: Yeah, but I just want to make sure that everybody here is ...

Councilman Green: Yeah, well if we, ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... those are the numbers that we need to crunch.

Unknown female: And we can't refuse (inaudible) right?

Councilman Green: Huh?

Unknown female: We can't refuse the cans.

Councilman Green: No.

Mayor Rojas: Refusing for what?

Unknown male: We don't want a can.

Unknown female: If we don't want, if we just want to go and dump it some place else.

Unknown male: I, I never wanted Waste Management but I couldn't refuse the cans they were going to give me.

Mayor Rojas: I see. So that's what you're talking about. But unfortunately, it's also a public law on, public health law that we do have so as long as we don't see any trash, you know, you, you're going to, you'll do the things that you want to do. But if you are there, and we do put a can in your, in your property, you know, you'll, you'll be charged a fee for it.

Unknown male: We're not going to get another bill from Waste Management?

Mayor Rojas: Waste Management, ...

Councilman Green: No.

Mayor Rojas: ... I hope not. Don't pay it if you do. Well, I saw another hand over there, a young lady. Yes.

Unknown female: So did, are you, did you guys, or did Waste Management reach a contract?

Mayor Rojas: No, they cancelled the contract. The contract was going to be good for another two more years, I think it was. Am I right, Veronica?

Councilman Green: I think two and a half years.

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Mayor Rojas: Two and a half more years.

Unknown female: It's not considered breach of contract?

Mayor Rojas: So they decided they were not going to, they were not going to go through with the contract any more because we weren't going to pay them. And we told them if they wanted to continue, we were going to have to negotiate these crazy fees of empty apartments, empty lots, double billing, you know, everything that they were doing that we thought was crooked. We didn't want to go, we didn't want to play with a crooked game so that was it. So they stopped. Anything else? Yeah, Gloria.

Ms. Quihuis: Can I ask something that has nothing to do with the trash?

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Just because we haven't seen each other for ...

Ms. Quihuis: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Rojas: ... 50 years.

Ms. Quihuis: ... years ago in the newspaper they said that we had overpaid on our property taxes. And we're supposed to get a refund somehow. When is that ...

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Now, well, that, ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Rojas: ... we're not discussing ...

Councilman Green: We can't discuss that right now.

Mayor Rojas: We're not discussing that one today, Gloria.

Ms. Quihuis: Well, that's why I ...

Councilman Green: Okay.

Ms. Quihuis: ... asked you ...

Mayor Rojas: Okay.

Ms. Quihuis: ... is because it had nothing to do with it.

Mayor Rojas: Good question.

Unknown female: I pay more in South Tucson in taxes than I do in the City.

Mayor Rojas: Oh, my goodness.

Unknown female: So how can, how, ...

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Unknown female: ... how is that?

Mayor Rojas: We're not discussing that one today. Any other questions?

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: Is there a reason why?

Mayor Rojas: Yes. And then you, ma'am.

Unknown female: Okay. I understand that you have a, I guess sort of like a little mini agreement with the City of Tucson to pick up our trash. How are we going to get billed for that?

Mayor Rojas: No, you heard it wrong, mi hijita.

Unknown female: Oh, I heard it wrong?

Mayor Rojas: It's, no, it's not an agreement with the City. We're not doing anything with the City. We're leasing two trucks from the City. Our personnel would be driving, using them, and they will be taking it to the refuse place. It's not a little mini agreement that the City is going to pick our trash. And I know in some of those articles, you're right. It kind of read like that. But it's not that. Are we correct?

Unknown female: So how are we going to get billed?

Mayor Rojas: South Tucson, we will bill you.

Unknown female: You will send me a bill through the mail?

Mayor Rojas: We will send you a bill through the mail. Yes, ma'am.

Ms. Quihuis: But you don't when or how much?

Mayor Rojas: It will be a surprise, Gloria.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: So what is this, why are you talking about factoring wages? I mean if they, if the guys are already work for South Tucson, why are you trying to factor in wages?

Mayor Rojas: Do you want to answer that one, Veronica?

Ms. Moreno: Basically, I think the overall costs, you know, the way this is, I think, part of a factor, but a lot of the employees here were responsible at one time or another for picking up the trash so those responsibilities have been redirected to other paths, so we'll just temporarily reassign them to pick up the trash and it will take them about ten hours a week. So based on the costs for the overall, you know, employees in general, that's going to be factored into picking up the trash. So it's not so much, you know, having to hire more employees, it's just the cost behind the labor. I think that, you know, that was (inaudible) but it's just the cost behind the labor and then, you know, fuel and then the tipping fees and the other costs for the lease of the equipment and so on and so forth. But it's not so much, you know, additional cost which is what we're already paying for now. It's just factored into the labor portion of it.

Unknown female: Okay.

Unknown male: (Inaudible) lo que han dicho todo, como un dies, veinte (inaudible) entendido. (Inaudible). **((Inaudible) everything that you have said, about ten, twenty (inaudible) understood. (Inaudible).)**

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, I know. And mire, vamos a continuar haciendo el servicio por levantar la basura. Eso va comenzar el martes despues del dia de Memorial Day? **(And look, we are going to continue providing the service by picking up trash. That will begin on Tuesday after the Memorial Day?)** Is that what it is?

Ms. Moreno: Labor Day.

Councilman Green: It's Labor Day.

Mayor Rojas: Labor Day. Es todo lo que tienen que saber. Despues de eso, vamos a mandarles este una factura para que paga el costo de lo que va pagar para, para levantar la basura. Es todo.

(Labor Day. That is all you have to know. After that, we are going to send you a bill to pay the cost of what you're going to pay, to pick up the trash. That's all.)

Unknown male: Okay.

Mayor Rojas: Okay? Yes, Miss.

Unknown female: Is the bin, are we going to put it in the front on 29th or are we going to put it in the alley?

Mayor Rojas: Wherever it was before. Veronica, the bin.

Councilman Green: Well, where were you having the bin ...

Mayor Rojas: Before.

Councilman Green: ... picked up before?

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Moreno: I'm sorry. I didn't hear her. What was the question?

Mayor Rojas: The bin for the young lady on 29th Street.

Councilman Green: It's going to be the same thing.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Yeah, the bins should not be put in the alley. They should be putting ...

Unknown female: Right, the curb.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... them on curbside.

Ms. Moreno: It's the same. It's the same ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: It's the same.

Ms. Moreno: ... system as far as what you already have in place currently. The only difference is the bins from Waste Management are being collected and you'll have a bin but it's for trash only. No recycling for this temporary period until we find the long-term solution. But just temporarily, it's going to be the trash only. So, I mean if you can recycle your trash and send it somewhere else, otherwise, it's all going to have to go into this receptacle.

Unknown female: That's all I want to know.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? Any other comments?

Unknown male: (Inaudible) tambos? **((Inaudible) bins?)**

Mayor Rojas: Mande? Uno nomas. **(What? Just one.)**

Ms. Moreno: Manana. **(Tomorrow.)**

Unknown male: Manana. **(Tomorrow.)**

Mayor Rojas: Manana pasado. **(Tomorrow or the day after.)**

Unknown male: Manana pasado. **(Tomorrow or the day after.)**

Unknown female: Can I make a comment regarding another ...

Mayor Rojas: No, because it's only for Waste Management. Otherwise, we'll be staying here all night. It's only about trash.

Councilman Green: No, and the thing is is that we really can't speak as a Council on anything other than ...

Mayor Rojas: (Inaudible).

Councilman Green: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: It's illegal. We cannot do anything else other than what's on the agenda.

Councilman Green: What's on the agenda. So it's not that we're trying to be rude, we're just following protocol.

Mayor Rojas: A couple of things happened here that got off, but we'll take care of them later on. It's got to be only about Waste Management, trash, and recycle. It's 7 o'clock. What are the wishes of the Council?

Councilman Green: Hold on. I think we still have another question.

Unknown female: Just to reiterate, this is only a temporary situation.

Mayor Rojas: Right.

Unknown female: Do you know how long it's going to be ...

Mayor Rojas: No.

Unknown female: ... before, or what other companies are there ...

Councilman Green: No.

Unknown female: ... besides Waste ...

Mayor Rojas: No.

Unknown female: ... Management?

Councilman Lopez: Can't discuss that either.

Councilman Green: No, (inaudible) ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown female: (Inaudible) being a permanent solution?

Councilman Green: No, no. That's what I'm saying. What the process, ma'am, is going to be is that right now, we're doing this. Okay? But the process that we're going to look at here, is we're going to have to sit down and say are we ...

Mayor Rojas: (Inaudible).

Councilman Green: Huh?

Mayor Rojas: It's going to be a couple of meetings.

Councilman Green: Yeah, it's going to be a couple of meetings. And what's going to happen is the first one we're going to have to say, we're going to have to call everybody and then put it in the newspaper that this is what we're looking for. We're looking for a company to provide service to South Tucson. Okay? And it's going to be open bid to anybody and everybody. They can make an application.

Unknown female: So are you going to have more meetings like this ...

Councilman Green: Yes.

Unknown female: ... for the public? And you'll let us know.

Councilman Green: Yes. Okay. So that's one step. But that could take up to 3 months. Am I correct?

Ms. Moreno: We hope not.

Councilman Green: I hope not. Okay? 'Cause I mean we're looking at, at least a month, a month and a half right now.

Ms. Moreno: The timeline should be one month to two months.

Councilman Green: Yeah.

Ms. Moreno: I'm expecting it no longer, I mean at the very, at the max, it should be three months for this temporary situation. It should be at least three months.

Councilman Green: And then at that point, the selection of the, you know, the bidder, depending if we're going, I think we have to abide with the (inaudible)?

Mayor Rojas: Mm hm. Yeah.

Councilman Green: Lowest bid that can actually serve the City is how we do it. So that's it.

Mayor Rojas: You had your hand up over there. Yes, I'm calling you.

Unknown female: When you factor in the fee that we're going to be paying, is it just going to be for gas and work force and all that? You're not going to be factoring like Waste Management did like for rentals and non-rentals and all this other stuff?

Mayor Rojas: Oh, no, no. You, as a homeowner, will be, you know, everything is going to be truck, gas, fuel, tipping fees, and that's it. It's not going to be home versus rentals. I think that's your question.

Unknown female: And then when you decide on a company who comes pick up the trash, then that's going to be decided on a rental and ...

Mayor Rojas: We will tell them the same thing. We're not going to fall into that same boat again. I guarantee, we're not going to go into this homeowner versus rental. It's going to be a different process. We're trying to get out of that.

Unknown female: The reason I'm asking is, as long as you let everybody know what's going on, if we're going to get charged for homeowner or rental, then, you know, it's okay with me. And it's okay with me if, because when we went, when I had to do Waste Management, I had to call the City Inspector to come and check one of my houses because there's two houses on the lot. And the first house has never been occupied for over ten years. And Waste Management was going to charge me for a rental.

Mayor Rojas: Correct.

Unknown female: So that's when I had to go and come down here to the City 'cause I called but nobody was paying any attention to me. So I finally called, I finally came in person and told 'em I need a City Inspector to go to my house and give me a paper and pass that on to Waste Management that the house in front is not occupied. It can't be occupied. It's getting ready to fall apart. It doesn't have no wiring, no plumbing, no nothing. So the City Inspector came. And that's how I got my fee reduced from rental to just one owner. But I had to fight for that.

Councilwoman Mendoza: I wish there was more (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, we're not, we should not have that problem again.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Yeah.

Mayor Rojas: That's the plan. Any other comments? Gloria.

Ms. Quihuis: I was just going to say if you can hurry up and decide how much you're going to charge so that three months from now, people aren't getting a bill for three months time. If they can't pay their bill, like they weren't paying their bill, you know, how are they going to pay three months worth? Or two months worth? So you can't let this go on month after month.

Councilman Green: Oh, no, exactly. And that's one of the things that, you know, we're already dealing with the finance issues of that. Okay.

Unknown male: La situacion no (inaudible) todavia aqui o nomas es temporal y (inaudible)?. **(The situation (inaudible) still here or is it just temporary and (inaudible)?)**

Mayor Rojas: Por lo siguiente, quisas dos o tres meses por horita. **(For now, maybe two or three months for now.)**

Unknown male: Okay.

Mayor Rojas: (Inaudible) alli va terminar. Si no, hay lo vemos en el segundo inning. Esta bueno? Andale, pues. Gracias. **((Inaudible) will end there. If not, we'll see you at the second inning. Is that alright? Okay, then. Thank you.)** Any other questions, comments? 7:06. If everybody is satisfied to some degree, I know, like I said before, we never will be or we ought not to 'cause if we get too complacent and say we're satisfied, we're not doing our work. I know we're not. We keep working at it every day. I'm here practically six, eight hours a day. I don't know why I'm here sometimes. And secondly, I'd like to thank the staff, especially Veronica, especially the Finance Director, and all the ones that assisted the Chief, David. And everybody that assisted the staff, I'd like to really thank them because they really did everything. I know they were working more than 8, 10 hours a day. I was just here drinking water.

Councilman Green: They have a question back there.

Mayor Rojas: Shoot. Where?

Mr. Diaz: I'd like to make a closing comment. I would like to address the Council again regarding the co-ops because a lot of those problems that are being talked at right now, all those issues would be taken care of way before and you guys (inaudible). It would be taken care of by, through their membership and through the board, or through bylaws, through all kinds of articles of incorporation. And everything would be fair. And I suggest (inaudible) a \$10 fee. And that's viable for everything and including recycling. So you know, it's a win-win situation for everybody if we do a co-op.

Councilman Green: I have a question ...

Mr. Diaz: (Inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... for you. I have a question for you. When you saw a co-op, okay, do you have the funding to start the co-op? Because in order to start the funding and get everything dealt, you have to have trucks available. Do you have the assets to do the trucks?

Mr. Diaz: I can get it. Yeah.

Councilman Green: Huh?

Mr. Diaz: Yes.

Councilman Green: Well, work on that and see what can, you know, and propose it. I mean, but we're not going to sit here and, and sit here and, and wait while our trash piles up. I mean if you can get in, you're going to be more than welcome to join in ...

Mr. Diaz: (Inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... on the (inaudible).

Mr. Diaz: ... (inaudible).

Councilman Green: Excuse me?

Mr. Diaz: If I'm recognized as a co-op ...

Councilman Green: Well, ...

Mr. Diaz: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... but we can't have, we cannot recognize you as a co-op until you are a co-op and then you will have to make application like everybody else and put a bid in.

Mr. Diaz: That's what I'm asking.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Councilman Green: You have the right to do it.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Councilman Green: You don't need our permission.

Mayor Rojas: Sure.

Mr. Diaz: But I would like to have another presentation with you.

Councilman Green: You're going to have to wait until you submit your application because then it would be an unfair selection process. At that point, you can.

Mayor Rojas: Put it together. You had a hand.

Unknown male: That co-op, is that the same thing as a homeowner's association thing?

Mr. Diaz: No.

Unknown male: No?

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mayor Rojas: Okay. I'll go ahead, at this time if no more comments from the audience and from the Council people, 7:09, 7:10, I would like to, is there a comment from reports?

Ms. Moreno: No, I just want to, can I just say something real quick?

Mayor Rojas: You, sure, you and Lourdes both.

Ms. Moreno: I just want to tell everyone, I want to thank everybody for coming. I really do. I was born and raised in South Tucson and I think it's, and I've been here for a little over twenty years. And I think it's nice that we get this much input from the community and I wish that this room was filled all the way to the back room. I really do. We sent as much notice as we can with the little time that we had. But we welcome you to every single one of our meetings. We have a Call to Audience, and if you have any questions that has to do with property tax, secondary property tax, the garbage, the police, administration, if you can't get through the lines, I mean give me a call and I'll give you my card after the meeting. But we have a meeting that is set by a code at the 2nd, and 3rd, 4th Monday of every month. We meet here. If it's cancelled, if you have access to the website, everything is online nowadays. If not, if you happen to come, you'll see the doors are locked. But we do regular me-, we've been really good about meeting every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Monday of every month, so if you have any concerns, if it has to do with anything that you want to give us ideas to, or if you have a concern because there's something that you always wanted to say, but just haven't been able to talk, give us a call or come over to City Hall. I mean we're always there, there's somebody always in the front office so I just want to welcome everyone.

Unknown female: What's the website?

Ms. Moreno: It's www.southtucson.org. And want to just let everybody know that we're here. And we actually are going to be going door-to-door here in the near future to talk to everybody about this new ordinance that we have in place. It's called "Neighborhood Preservation". And it has to do with, you know, keeping your property orderly and clean, and you know, I know a lot of people have abandoned vehicles and then there's those neighbors that maybe you've said, you know, I wish they

would clean their yard. I wish they would clean their yard. But we're going to go out in an effort to talk to our property owners and tell them to help us, you know, to keep South Tucson clean. Because I think we have to take back our community. I think it's way past due. I think it's time that we all work together. And, you know, talk to our neighbors, you know, welcome ideas and things like that. And if you guys have any ideas, maybe you guys can work with our Neighborhood Task Force we have in place with the Police Department. I mean you're welcome to do that, too.

Unknown female: Because South ...

Ms. Moreno: (Inaudible) ...

Unknown female: ... Tucson has to start out, South Tucson has to put the example on the common areas that are a mess. And I don't know what the problem is.

Unknown female: Does that include like abandoned buildings?

Ms. Moreno: Everything. Abandoned ...

Unknown female: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Moreno: ... homes, ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible).

Ms. Moreno: ... abandoned vehicles, dilapidated structures. If there's like weeds, you know, people have overgrown weeds, you know, things like that. That's what we want to do. We want to, you know, start and just kind of like let people know that we need to start (inaudible) so that we can take it back.

Unknown female: You've got to pick up the common areas first. You have to set the example.

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Unknown female: Because ...

Mayor Rojas: Let me ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Rojas: ... have, let me have the young lady in ...

Unknown female: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: ... the back there.

Ms. Moreno: If you want to just make an announcement ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Moreno: ... (inaudible).

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, I am.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Unknown male: My house is full of shrubs. Do I got to take them out? Because if you want (inaudible). Do I gotta take all my junk out? I (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: We're going to ...

Ms. Moreno: It's just, we an talk about that later, but ...

Mayor Rojas: Veronica.

Ms. Moreno: ... it's something, if it's just trees ...

Unknown male: 'Cause I'm not gonna cut my shrubs or my flowers to ...

Ms. Moreno: No, no, no, no. No. Not cutting those ...

Unknown male: That's what it sounds like, HOA type rules.

Ms. Moreno: No.

Unknown male: They're the only ones (inaudible) walls and tell you no, you can't have that rock there, you can't have that ...

Ms. Moreno: No, ...

Unknown male: ... tree there.

Ms. Moreno: ... it's 'cause ...

Unknown male: I don't want that. That's not South Tucson.

Ms. Moreno: It's just ...

Mayor Rojas: Okay. I have to call the order here on the meeting because we are getting off the subject ...

Ms. Moreno: I just wanted ...

Mayor Rojas: ... and I ...

Ms. Moreno: ... to thank everybody.

Mayor Rojas: ... want to entertain from the, ...

Unknown male: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Rojas: ... from the, ...

Unknown male: ... (inaudible).

Ms. Moreno: Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: ... from the Council people, what is the next item on the agenda?

ITEM #08 – REPORTS

None at this time.

ITEM #09 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to adjourn the Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

Minutes of Special Meeting

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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 31st 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