

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, February 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Veronica Moreno, Interim City Manager
Joel Gastelum, Planner
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Mark Raven, City Attorney
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Michael Ford, Police Chief

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.

Mayor Rojas: We'd like to move to Item #07, and #08, and #09, and then go to Item #14 because I do have two Council people that have asked to be excused after that. We'll still have a quorum but we'd like to move those items, they want to participate, so we want to make sure that we get all the real meat of the subject on these items. So, we'll go ahead and Call to the Audience.

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

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE AVAILABLE

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 16-01 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RATIFYING, APPROVING, AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES WITHIN SOUTH TUCSON CITY LIMITS

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, and members of the Council. The first item we have on the agenda is a resolution between the City of South Tucson and City of Tucson. As you recall, and I'm going to go back some time here, but when I was first appointed to the interim position, about two weeks after, I received a notice from the contractor at the time that was providing solid waste services for the City

of South Tucson, Waste Management of Arizona. And it was in mid-July that I was notified that they were going to cease the contract effective September 30th, so I had to, along with the Council, think of different options as to how we could pursue providing service to the residents here in South Tucson. So what we were able to do, at that time, was work with the City of Tucson, thankfully, to have a lease agreement with them on an emergency basis for 6 months to provide the services by, here locally, by our Public Works Department. So we're nearing that 6 months here at the end of February. So because of that, I actually had requested one additional month because we need a little bit more time to bring this item to you. So it was during that time that I received direction from the Council on how to move forward on a long-term resolution so we could provide environmental services to our residents here in South Tucson. And the direction I received was to seek assistance from the City of Tucson to see if they would be able to provide services here on a long-term basis. So we worked on a proposal here and we sent it up to their Council and their administration, and Environmental Services Department, and so between November and probably the last couple weeks, or the first week in January, they worked out those numbers and we received how much that would be for our residents here in South Tucson. So the IGA you have in front of you provides you with the information as far as the cost associated for providing that service, and that is for one year. I'll go ahead and let our Finance Director explain to you what the cost is. There is going to be two options. The first option will be to include all the services which is with the bulk and brush pick-up, and that is something that they provide to their residents and that is the whole package. Option #2 will be the same option, minus the bulk and brush. So Lourdes will provide you with the costs associated with those two options, and what that means to our residents here in South Tucson. And the implementation we're looking at for this service is to begin on April 1st.

Mayor Rojas: Any questions from the Council?

Councilman Larribas: I have one. Now when you talk about bulk and brush, is, what's that going to, what does that mean actually? Are they going to put a dumpster out there for?

Ms. Moreno: No. Currently, the City of Tucson provides their residents in their City limits the service of curbside pick-up, which is the trash collection and recycling, which is their standard service, and also included in that service is the brush and bulk, which is twice a year they go out throughout the whole City limits and, of course, they, you know, have dates set up where those residents can throw out brush and bulk items that are specified in what can be picked up. And I believe it's things like appliances and, you know, brush. If they cut the limbs on their trees and things like that, so they pile up along, you know, the curbside on their property so that's the service that is called brush and bulk that is offered bi-annually to the residents.

Councilman Larribas: Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Lourdes.

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and members of the Council, as the City Manager was mentioning, there's two options we've been provided with. The first one provides for the delivery of the recycle bins, the weekly refuse and recycle pick-up, brush and bulky pick-up, low income credit for those who qualify and roll-off services for neighborhood clean-ups. The cost for this is \$19.68 per month. Option #2 includes all these services, except brush and bulky. And the monthly rate for that is \$18.26 per month. Now included in the rate for both Option 1 and 2 is \$1.05 for what is referred to as "in lieu"

contribution, which is really the applicable tax that is due to the State for the use of their equipment. This is required by law. If you want to get a better idea of what a side-by-side comparison on the rate, you know, proposed to South Tucson is versus what they provide to their residents, you can find that on page 2. It's mainly that "in lieu" contribution is there to put them on the same level as other private companies that provide the same service to keep things fair. So, if you look on page 2, the difference on the base rate under Option 1 is \$1.88. And just compare to base rate without that in lieu contribution. If you look at Option 2, which excludes the brush and bulky, then the difference is \$.46.

Mayor Rojas: Any questions?

Councilman Green: I have a question. Okay. So the first option includes the brush and bulk twice a year. And one of the things that we need to know or have the people understand, hopefully, if it passes, is that just one trip to the dump costs you more than it's going to cost for them to come and pick it up at your curbside. You have to load it, you're going to have to fuel up your truck, you're going to have to drive it down there, you're going to have to unload it, you know, shipping scale fees or whatever. And then drive home. This is done twice a year. Not only will it, you know, for a dollar, \$1.42 difference per month, I mean it's still cheaper than one trip to the dump and they're doing two runs a year. I mean that will help actually clean-up the City. And it seems like a lot of money, but you know, you're looking at the actual, and I'm looking at the low-income credit, it drops it down to the same thing. So anybody who qualifies for that is not going to pay the nineteen.

Mayor Rojas: Right.

Councilman Green: They're going to pay the \$4.75. Am I correct?

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and Councilman Green, that is correct. For those who apply and qualify.

Councilman Green: Right.

Councilwoman Mendoza: No, but it's not \$4.00 like he said. It's ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Aguirre: It will be \$6.00.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Yeah.

Councilman Green: Yeah, \$6.26.

Mayor Rojas: \$6.26, which is ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: It will be \$7.68, with the brush and ...

Councilman Green: Okay. Yeah, ...

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... bulk that you're ...

Councilman Green: ... okay.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... talking about. Without it, it would ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... be \$6.26.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah. I have a question. If the bulk is pulled out and the City of South Tucson is tasked with the bulk, could that be possible?

Ms. Moreno: Yes. As a matter of fact, we determined that between providing the both options and we met with the Public Works Director, and he actually was the one that said if we look at all the factors associated with the costs that they initially proposed, the fee we can take out to try to reduce the cost to the residents, and one of the services that Public Works could assume would be to provide the bi-annual brush and bulky pick-up to our residents here and then we would assume that responsibility and provide it to our residents and then that came out to \$1.42 for that one service of bulk and brush.

Councilman Green: If we did it?

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Ms. Moreno: Right. If we were to ...

Mayor Rojas: But we wouldn't ...

Ms. Moreno: ... remove it from what they proposed on Option 1, it calculates to \$1.42 per month.

Councilman Green: Right.

Ms. Moreno: So if you take that away from Option 1, ...

Councilman Green: You're left ...

Ms. Moreno: ... then it ...

Councilman Green: ... with Option 2?

Ms. Moreno: ... translates to the ...

Mayor Rojas: Two.

Ms. Moreno: ... Option 2 option, which you're going from \$19.68 to \$18.26.

Mayor Rojas: \$18.26.

Ms. Moreno: So that's the difference of the \$1.42 and then just like Councilman Green mentioned and Councilwoman Mendoza, if you also consider that part of the service that they offer, aside from the bulk and brush, if you go back to your summary here, the service includes the delivery of recycling bins, the weekly refuse and recycle service, the bulk and brush, or without it, the low-income credit for those who qualify, which is \$12.00, and roll-off services for neighborhood clean-up. So neighborhood clean-ups mean that if up to 10 property owners at any given time can get together and determine that they want to have a neighborhood clean-up, or mini-neighborhood clean-up, they can contact the City of Tucson and they can get roll-offs, and it's part of what's embedded in the cost to have that clean-up. So the roll-offs would be provided by the City of Tucson at that particular, you know, block or whatever, and they would clean-up those homes and that's another service that's embedded in the cost as well.

Mayor Rojas: Is that on option 2 or both options?

Ms. Moreno: That's standard.

Mayor Rojas: Standard.

Ms. Moreno: So that's already part of either option.

Vice-Mayor Patino: And would we still have our, the option of the homeowner's if they need the truck sent to their home from Public Works?

Ms. Moreno: Oh, yeah, definitely. That's always, we're always going to offer what we provide here. I think it's known as a, what do they refer it as, special pick-up.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Right, right, right. Is somebody from here, from the City going to send out a letter for the low-income, to those who qualify, or is somebody going to go out door-to-door? I mean I know it's going to be a lot of work, do this, do that, but it's just to let the people know 'cause you have a lot of elderly that are out there and a lot of people just get letters and they just throw 'em in the trash can.

Ms. Moreno: Right. So part of the notification process is we're going to have three public meetings before implementation of the service in April. We're anticipating it to be April 1st. And there's also going to be circulators that the City of Tucson will send out to all account holders. And also, the City of South Tucson will provide an additional notification on our newsletter. So there will be plenty of notices given out to all the residents, in both English and Spanish, advising them of the transition from what we're providing with them now to City of Tucson, and it's going to describe all the services that are embedded in that, along with the low-income. So those that can take advantage and qualify for that subsidy will be able to do that ahead of the April 1st implementation date.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Okay. And what are the numbers for low-income?

Ms. Moreno: Right now?

Vice-Mayor Patino: Right now.

Ms. Moreno: As far as for ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: No, ...

Ms. Moreno: ... account holders?

Vice-Mayor Patino: ... for account holders, for the City, what's the, more or less, the magic number going to be; 25,000; 30,000?

Ms. Moreno: Well, currently we have, if I understand the question correctly, Vice-Mayor, the current amount of account holders we have are approximately, I believe, 1,200 and of those 1,200, about 50 take advantage of the subsidy, the Tucson Water.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Right.

Ms. Moreno: So about 50 of the account holders take advantage of the subsidy as provided through the water bill. So because this is going to be billed through the water bill, then more than likely those 50 account holders will take advantage of the subsidy, apply for it, and be able to get that \$12 credit.

Vice-Mayor Patino: That I understand, but what I'm asking is what is going to be, what is the magic number of income ...

Ms. Moreno: Oh, the cap?

Vice-Mayor Patino: Right, the cap of how much a person makes a year to qualify for the low-income credit. I mean is it \$20,000, \$25,000, \$30,000?

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and Councilman Patino, I know that they provided some information with regards to the requirements. I honestly don't recall reading anything specific to an amount. The only thing that I noticed under one of the amendments that will be coming up in the next item is residential customers with an income at or below 100% of the U.S. Department of Labor Western Region (inaudible) Living Standard shall be eligible.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Correct, but ...

Ms. Aguirre: It doesn't indicate an amount.

Vice-Mayor Patino: It doesn't indicate a number.

Ms. Aguirre: And all the applications are actually going to be administered by the City of Tucson Water. So they will hold them to the same standards (inaudible).

Ms. Moreno: I found it. Okay. And I'm going to just go through it up to, so if you have a household of one, the annual income limit is \$15,441. And I'll get this for you. For a household of two, the annual income limit is \$25,300.3. For a household of three, the annual income is \$34,741. For a household

of four, the annual income limit is \$42,887. For a household of five, the annual income limit is \$50,608. Do you need me to go onto six, seven and eight?

Mayor Rojas: No, that's good.

Vice-Mayor Patino: That's good right there.

Ms. Moreno: Do you need me to go over any of those numbers again?

Councilwoman Mendoza: I would just suggest that in the newsletter portion, at least of our part for City of South Tucson, to include those numbers.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Any other questions?

Councilman Green: Okay. You said that brush and bulky, if we opted for Option 2, would be ran by Public Works?

Ms. Moreno: Yes.

Councilman Green: At what cost to the City?

Ms. Moreno: Do you have a number, Lourdes, on what we paid for our neighborhood clean-up?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, Mayor and Councilman Green, if I recall correctly, it would cost us about \$500 a time for two roll-offs to be placed on one side and then, of course, we did that twice a year.

Councilman Green: But that's not.

Mayor Rojas: That's not the whole City.

Councilman Green: Okay. But when they do the brush and bulk, are they coming to pick it up or is the resident responsible to wheel it into the roll-offs or?

Ms. Moreno: No, what we would do is we would do exactly what they're offering and we would have curbside service. And we would ...

Mayor Rojas: We have the ability.

Ms. Moreno: Right. We would have that same type of service to our residents here.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Councilman Larribas: Okay. I have one. Now when you're talking about dumpsters, if the City provides the dumpster on one of these plans, and we do it at the end of the year, however you're saying, wouldn't it cost us more for us to get the dumpster or are they going to provide the dumpster so that we can do it?

Ms. Moreno: No, it's already imbedded in that option. So if you were to do the neighborhood clean-up, it's up to 10 households that can organize it, so then just 10 households would organize that clean-up for that particular section, or block, or whatever it is. And then the City of Tucson would send a roll-off to that area there and then the roll-off would be at that location and those property owners could ...

Councilman Larribas: I, I understand that part, but what I'm saying is if the, if South Tucson was going to do the pickup, like you're saying, at the end of the year or twice, whatever it is, now is the City of Tucson going to provide the dumpster or is South Tucson going to provide the ...

Ms. Moreno: No, ...

Councilman Larribas: ... dumpster?

Ms. Moreno: ... we would. We would because it would be taken away from the option. We would assume the whole responsibility and we would take care of that service. So then we would have the curbside where we wouldn't necessarily, I mean I would have to get more into specifics with the Public Works Director, but as far as the resident's responsibility that they would have, get their bulk and brush items on the curbside and then we would take care of, meaning the City of South Tucson picking up the brush and bulk and sending it to the landfill. And it would be at the cost of the City of South Tucson versus in option 1, it would be imbedded in that monthly fee.

Councilman Larribas: Okay. But wouldn't that cost the City of South Tucson more than it would cost the City?

Ms. Aguirre: City Manager, if I may interject, Council member Larribas, I haven't yet quantified the cost of that option. But another way to mitigate that would be through those community pickups that they are offering already in their service rate. They don't have a limit on the amount of community pickup. I mean all they require is for 10 households to come together. That could be another option for our residents to dispose of, you know, excess debris and things of that nature. There is no limit on the amount of pickups (inaudible).

Mayor Rojas: Any more questions?

Councilwoman Mendoza: I just have a ...

Mayor Rojas: Yes.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... statement real quick. And I know we're maybe trying to move this along, but I think that the miscommunication is coming from that if the City of Tucson is providing roll-off services imbedded in whatever amount we choose in either/or contract, South Tucson, basically what you're saying is cannot utilize that because it is customer paid. It's individually paid so the City of South Tucson can't utilize that service. It has to be initiated by ...

Mayor Rojas: Residents.

Councilwoman Mendoza: ... the residents.

Ms. Moreno: The account holders.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Right.

Mayor Rojas: The wishes of the Council on Resolution No. 16-01, please?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-01 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Councilwoman Romero opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Green to elect Option #2, to exclude the brush and bulk. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Councilwoman Romero opposed. Motion passed.

Ms. Moreno: Can I just make clarification for the record? So Item #07, which is Resolution 16-01, it is the IGA between the City of South Tucson and the City of Tucson. And what we provided the Council was the IGA with either Option 1 or 2. The Council made a motion to adopt Option 2, to exclude the brush and bulk.

Mayor Rojas: Correct.

Ms. Moreno: Right. And then I have one nay.

Mayor: Correct.

Ms. Moreno: Thank you.

ITEM #08 – ORDINANCE NO. 16-01 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RELATING TO CHAPTER 20, SOLID WASTE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AMENDING THE SOUTH TUCSON CITY CODE BY AMENDING AND DELETING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE I, II, III SEC. 20-1 THROUGH 20-45 AND CREATING AND ADOPTING SECTIONS 20-1 THROUGH 20-28, SOLID WASTE BY REFERENCE, THEREOF; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. Item #08 is the Ordinance No. 16-01 which will amend the current code under Solid Waste. And that would repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith of the approved IGA that we just did with the City of Tucson, and excluding those items and putting in place new definitions for service requirements, rates, etc. for Chapter 20.

Mayor Rojas: And this is our City Code ordinance, right?

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Mayor Rojas: That relates to this.

Ms. Moreno: Under Solid Waste.

Mayor Rojas: Right, so this is just a formality to change the ordinance from one to the other.

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Mayor Rojas: But it's a lot of pages. I don't know if you, I read quite a bit and then I kind of fell asleep half through it. I'll be honest. Wishes of the Council, please, on Ordinance No. 16-01?

Motion by Councilman Green to pass Ordinance No. 16-01 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson relating to Chapter 20 Solid Waste and repealing all ordinances in conflict. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Councilwoman Romero opposed. Motion passed.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 16-02 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THOSE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND ENTITLED CHAPTER 20, SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE 1, 11, 111 SECTIONS 20-1 THROUGH 20-27 AND CREATING AND ADOPTING SECTIONS 20-1 THROUGH 20-28, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 16-02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. Item #09 is Resolution 16-02 and this resolution makes public the record adopted under Ordinance 16-01. It makes Ordinance 16-01 a public record. This is standard for all adoption of ordinances where we have 30 days to make it effective. And this will not take effect, as we mentioned, not until April 1st.

Mayor Rojas: So it's just a formality, again, public notice ...

Ms. Moreno: Right.

Mayor Rojas: ... type resolution. And the wishes of the Council on agenda Item #09 on Resolution No. 16-02?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-02 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – ORDINANCE NO. 16-02 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RELATING TO PRIVILEGE TAX; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 11 ("LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS") OF THE SOUTH TUCSON CITY CODE, AMENDING AND ADDING TO ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 5 REGARDING PRIVILEGE TAX

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. Item #10 as described by the Mayor is Ordinance 16-02 which is a request to properly (inaudible) to that of residential property which is non-residential. So non-residential, meaning commercial. So I'll let the Finance Director provide you more information as to what that means.

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor, members of the Council, the purpose of implementing this change is simply to help improve the reporting to and from the State as well as, hopefully obtaining information from this

in the future just to be able to quantify the difference to residential and rental. And I should make it clear that this ordinance does not propose any increase in transaction privilege tax due from the non-residential rental industry.

Mayor Rojas: Questions?

Councilman Green: Okay. But let me get this straight, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Rojas: Yes, Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: I have a question, I'm sorry. Basically what we're doing is we're separating rentals and owner-occupied.

Ms. Aguirre: No. Mayor, Councilman Green, we are separating rental activity between commercial and residential.

Ms. Moreno: So it's not, ...

Ms. Aguirre: Commercial rentals ...

Ms. Moreno: ... it's not property owners at all. It's just rental, residential and commercial rental.

Councilman Green: So, okay. Say that again.

Ms. Moreno: It's rental properties and commercial rental properties. So there's properties that you rent for residential purposes, and there's properties that you rent for commercial purposes. So this right here, will segregate those two. One residential and one commercial.

Councilman Green: Okay. I was, ...

Ms. Moreno: So it ...

Councilman Green: ... no, I, ...

Ms. Moreno: ... defines those two and it separates them.

Councilman Green: ... I'm sorry. I misunderstood.

Mayor Rojas: So you got it?

Ms. Moreno: I know.

Councilman Green: You were doing it the other way.

Ms. Moreno: No, no, no.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Mayor Rojas: Are we good?

Councilman Green: Yeah.

Mayor Rojas: Larribas, you had a question.

Councilman Larribas: Yes, I do have a question. Now when you're talking about commercial, are you talking about apartments and like in the, say like ten apartments compared to a duplex rental?

Ms. Moreno: No. So anything that is inhabited by residential, like to live in, is residential. So that's, and it's being rented, it's a residential rental. If it's another location that's inhabited by commercial, meaning like a business, then it's a commercial rental. So if you own ...

Councilman Green: (Inaudible) ...

Ms. Moreno: ... a property ...

Councilman Green: ... yeah.

Ms. Moreno: ... and you rent it to someone to occupy the space for commercial activity, then it's a commercial rental. And if you rent a property for it to be occupied by residential where someone would live in, it's residential. So residential rental being segregated, meaning separated from a residential to a commercial rental, so that's the difference from one and the other.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Councilman Larribas: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you.

Ms. Moreno: You're welcome.

Mayor Rojas: The wishes of the Council on agenda Item #10?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-02. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 RESOLUTION NO. 16-03 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS PUBLIC RECORDS THOSE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND ENTITLED AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 5 (PRIVILEGE TAX") ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 16-02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Moreno: Thank you Mayor, members of the Council. The item before you, Resolution No. 16-03, makes Ordinance No. 16-02 a public record and open for inspection and that resolution will make that public.

Mayor Rojas: The wishes of the Council on Item #11?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-03. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moreno: I'm sorry, Mayor. Do you still want to jump to Item #14?

Mayor Rojas: Could we go ahead and do Item #14? It's getting close to you.

Ms. Moreno: Okay.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Yeah, it's getting close to my other meeting.

Mayor Rojas: Yeah, we'd like to go ahead, at this point, and move to Item #14, which is Resolution No. 16-05.

ITEM #14 RESOLUTION NO. 16-05 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PIMA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON REGARDING THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EL PASO AND SOUTHWESTERN GREENWAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. The resolution you have before you is the IGA between the City of South Tucson and Pima County for funding and implementation of the El Paso Greenway Project. I'll refer to the Planning Director so he can give you some more information on (inaudible).

Mr. Gastelum: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. What you have before you today is an IGA for the greenway. It's basically setting forth our responsibilities that the Manager stated for this project. And it's specifically the 29th Street going down 11th Avenue. As you recall, there's been quite a bit of extensive outreach done in the community with the El Paso Southwestern Greenway. A master plan was created. We were part of that whole planning process. There's a whole document dealing with, you know, neighborhood involvement, community meetings, whatnot. It's kind of a project that's been in the works probably since about 2006. Now we're finally, this is one of those projects where you've got to seek funding. We're gaining momentum now. We also discussed how Pima County is going to be redoing their sewer in that area on that raised track bed. So again, this is accelerating the project. They will be managing it. And this is just giving their contractors access, County staff access to conduct work within the right-of-way. What I'm passing out now to you all is, and I apologize, I had to change my printer. It came a little bit darker but you can make out that green line on what I'm talking about. And again, this is a pretty standard document. Whenever you're working in the right-of-way to gain an IGA with the jurisdiction in which they're working. And I'm open to any questions you may have on this. This is pretty much a nutshell of this project.

Mayor Rojas: So I'm looking at Silverlake Road.

Mr. Gastelum: Yeah, it's right into our City limits, going on 29th Street ...

Mayor Rojas: South 10th.

Mr. Gastelum: ... as you enter the City. And then going south down 11th Avenue.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Down to the old bridge.

Mr. Gastelum: Correct. And at this point, this is going to allow for us to participate in design, some ideas out there, and also have our say in construction activities, things of that sort. So there is a master plan document, but again, we haven't gone down right to those design standards but we will have a say on some things we want in that area.

Mayor Rojas: So does it stop at the bridge?

Mr. Gastelum: This is just, actually this is just the part we're doing is this IGA on at this point. The County is actually the owner of the raised track bed at this point so they will be going in there and doing some construction. And I believe they're working towards Park Avenue. So the County wanted to get in these documents and get this IGA approved. It will go to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting. And it's just kind of a formality as the process starts going. This is just specifically for the 29th Street and 11th Avenue area because it is City-owned property.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Yeah, 'cause I had questions for, from 35th and 9th all the way down to, past Mr. Sierras house, or to the bridge. So I guess it will have to just wait for the next one.

Councilman Lopez: Next phase.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Next phase.

Mr. Gastelum: But like I said, we did do extensive outreach for the past, actually, gosh, over 5 years, I'd say. We've done outreach, we completed a master plan. It's available for review. And I'll send you all the link on the master plan document kind of specifying just the South Tucson portion, everything involved and what the plans are. And I'd be more than happy to sit down with any of you guys and kind of go over it more in-depth as well.

Vice-Mayor Patino: What would be a possibility of a boxed culvert starting, more or less, from 9th and 35th, all the way down to the railroad track where that bridge is with the County?

Mr. Gastelum: You know, what I can say is we have discussed some drainage issues and problems we've had out there. We met on site with some other engineers. We do feel there's going to be some drainage mitigated with this project. As far as going into a box culvert, I really don't want to speak for Pima County being as ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: No, exactly.

Mr. Gastelum: ... it is their project going on out there. I really couldn't tell you but, you know, I'll definitely sit down, once I have an update on what's happening more on the sewer and some of the drainage issues crossing 10th Avenue, going west towards (inaudible) I'll definitely update the Council on that.

Mayor Rojas: Is this going to also be discussed at the RTA or is it all passed that?

Mr. Gastelum: This one, this is a unique situation in which we had the money allocated through RTA to complete and actually purchase that right-of-way. Throughout that process, right when we were kind of going to start wrapping things up, Pima County came to us. As they're doing, of course, their due diligence on their project, whether they're going to go through a lease arrangement with us or whether they're going to just outright purchase it and work with RTA to complete that transaction. And the money we're allocated from RTA will still go into this project to do some other construction, so it will be a bigger project.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. What is the wishes of the Council on this item that we just (inaudible)?

Vice-Mayor Patino: I have a question. It's City property anyway, right?

Mayor Rojas: Yeah.

Councilman Green: I have a question. What exactly are they going to be doing off of 11th, off of 29th? What is the project? All I see is a green light.

Mr. Gastelum: So sure, so this is all part of the Greenway. That's why ...

Councilman Green: Okay.

Mr. Gastelum: ... I keep referencing the Greenway master plan, how we came and presented that probably a few different times to you all. The most recent was with the trust for public land. So this is that whole project. It's part of the whole loop system that's going to connect. (Inaudible) is actually the first part that's been completed at this point. The next portion realistically to be completed is the South Tucson portion. So, of course, we need a crossing coming from 29th that's going to come down 22nd. That's the City of Tucson (inaudible) figure out how they're going to cross. Our cross is going to be somewhere at 29th or 11th. This IGA is going to allow us to actually participate and do some of the design on that with Pima County. More than likely, again, there may be a hawk light at 11th Avenue to cross that area. Eleventh Avenue will be, we're envisioning, again, this is just preliminary, there's no design on it, these are just ideas we've had, is to slow it down to like a bike boulevard they call it. So bikes would shoot down there and eventually catch this historic bridge and then catch the Greenway headed through town and head on down the race track there.

Councilman Green: But we're still going to have traffic on 11th.

Mr. Gastelum: There will still be traffic. We're not blocking vehicular traffic or anything like that. It's going to be open. If anything, it will just be, you know, maybe a bigger bike lane kind of just to make it definitive that it is a Greenway trail system. But it's not going to shrink the roadway. It's not going

to take away from anything there. It will be a shared bike lane. But again, once you get to the Greenway, that is limited access, which is pedestrians and bicyclists.

Councilman Green: Right. Okay.

Mayor Rojas: The wishes of the Council on Item ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: So there will be no, ...

Mayor Rojas: ... #14?

Vice-Mayor Patino: ... no parking or anything on 11th, correct?

Mr. Gastelum: Councilman Patino, in reference to parking, do you mean on-street parking, or dedicated ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: On-street ...

Mr. Gastelum: ... parking ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: ... parking ...

Mr. Gastelum: ... (inaudible)?

Vice-Mayor Patino: ... on 11th.

Mr. Gastelum: For use of the Greenway, a resi-, I mean ...

Vice-Mayor Patino: No, for use of, for example, Kateri, 'cause they're right, a lot of their parishioners use that area right there for parking. So would they ...

Mr. Gastelum: I'm sure there would still be parking. Like I said, we don't have a specific design for that area. But once we get into that implementation period, we'll meet with everybody within that area, Blessed Kateri being one of them. And again, I don't see anything blocking vehicular traffic in that area. I'm sure there will still be some on-street parking. But again, we want to make it designated that it is a separate route, it is a Greenway, it is a bikeway system but, again, shared with the road.

Vice-Mayor Patino: Okay.

Councilwoman Mendoza: I have a question, Mayor. So basically, this IGA is asking the Council to just approve the IGA for yourself, I'm assuming, to meet with Pima County on the design and implementation of the Greenway.

Mr. Gastelum: Councilwoman Mendoza, what the IGA is basically spelling out is just what our duties will be and our roles. It's basically just giving those contractors access to use our roadway, to use the

right-of-way within South Tucson, be it to conduct work, to do a curb cut, to conduct any type of work within our streets. So that's on 29th Street as well as 11th Avenue.

Councilwoman Mendoza: And how much of a influence does the City of South Tucson actually have on the work that is being implemented on these streets as far as like you're saying, like no parking or pedestrian walkways? I mean is there any chance that our Police Chief would ever have to be in the loop about things as far as like, you know, traffic flow and pedestrian walkway, like you're saying, or, you know, I just want to know exactly what IGA we're getting into and who's going to be representing the City, and if there's going to be points in time that we need to contact, you know, the Police Chief or whomever to make sure that it's going to be feasible for our residents as well. You know, Pima County, you know, or the City, or whoever, just doesn't go run wild and not involve the City at all, that we have a representative that's responsible enough to, you know, bring everything to our attention as needed.

Mr. Gastelum: Councilwoman Mendoza, to answer your question, I will most likely be the point of contact as well as Mick Jensen. He's kind of been the lead for the City, kind of representing us in having our say. With respect to having the Chief involved, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief involved, we definitely want their involvement. And as we get further along in the design phase, once we start holding some meetings, they'll definitely be on point. We actually met with the Public Works Director on some of the drainage issues once it came to that point with Pima County. So as we start getting a little bit more on the, kind of going with this project, we'll definitely, on the design phase, you know, they're key to the whole idea, Fire and P.D.

Councilwoman Mendoza: Okay.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. The questions of the Council on Item #14, please, Resolution No. 16-05.

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-05 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Patino: I'm sorry, Mr. Mayor, but we do have to leave to the next meeting.

Mayor Rojas: Two Council people have to be excused so you are definitely, thank you for your time. We still have a quorum. Five, yes.

Vice-Mayor Patino and Councilwoman Romero were excused at 6:45 p.m.

ITEM #12 – ORDINANCE NO. 16-03 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3 (“ANIMALS AND FOUL”) OF THE SOUTH TUCSON CITY CODE, AMENDING SECTION 3-99 REGARDING THE IMPOUNDMENT TIME, NOTICE AND COSTS

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. Item #12, which is now #13, is Ordinance No. 16-03. And this is pertaining to Chapter 3 of the City of South Tucson City Code under “Animals and Foul”, and amending the Section regarding impound time. And this is to abide by what's in the

Arizona Revised Statutes. And it's actually a cost-saving measure, which is going to work in favor of South Tucson. We'll go ahead and let the Finance Director go over that with you.

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor, you are correct. This amendment just drops down the impoundment time from 7 days to 5 days. And according to the numbers I've been provided by the Pima Animal Care Center, I estimate that that might save us about \$15,000 throughout the course of the fiscal year. According to their experience, what they're seeing is that nearly all owners who go into redeem their animals, their pets, do it within the first 5 days. So in actuality, you know, any animals that are remaining there from South Tucson an extra 2 days, really don't need to be there. Those animals can actually now, with this implementation, be streamed out for adoption as well.

Mayor Rojas: So then they're no longer a charge to the City. Now they're going to be adopted and somebody will take the cost.

Ms. Aguirre: Correct.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. The wishes of the Council on Ordinance No. 16-03?

Councilman Green: I have a question. When, I, I, last we discussed it prior and I don't, I'm not sure if we ever came back or anybody got back with us, and I may have missed it, do we know exactly how many animals are being picked up by Pima County?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, Councilman Green. In fact, they provide us reports on a quarterly basis, to all jurisdictions. And through December, their records indicated they have picked up about 244 animals from South Tucson from July through December. So they do provide some information and should you become interested in obtaining additional statistics on, you know, what they're being held on, treated for, things of that nature, I can certainly request that from them.

Councilman Green: Well, and the second part of the question would be if we had 250 something, so let's say 500 animals a year are picked up. What percentage of those did they say were recovered by the owners and did they pay the fines, and so did the City or was the City not charged the housing of the animal if it's picked up? Or is it, are they making money at both ends?

Ms. Aguirre: Councilman Green, that's an excellent question. In fact, I've gone out to request some data from them and some information so that I can personally evaluate all of that because it hasn't been made that clear to me which is the case. They do charge property owners or pet owners for whatever it is that is due to them. But to the extent of whether it's the full amount or not, that, I'm not quite sure.

Councilman Green: Yeah, because, yeah, you figure that the animal, that the owner of the animal is going to be, you know, charged not only the housing and the pickup, which is like \$50 for the pickup, \$50 for the first day, let's say \$50 for every additional day, then they're going to be cited, I believe. You know, they're going to come into Court. Now they're going to pay, now the County, I believe, gets a portion of that fine, do they not? So now, compounded on top of that, the City is going to pay them out of the budget to, so they're getting, they're getting paid out of three different pockets for one animal?

Ms. Aguirre: Councilman Green, like I said, I don't have all those ...

Councilman Green: Yeah.

Ms. Aguirre: ... numbers but I will look into that. As far as what I was able to tell from those statistics they provided from July through December, I would be led to believe that none of those animals were claimed. Just by looking at, you know, what they charged us in relation to the amount of animals. You know, taking into consideration the amount that they charge per day for shelter and for vet, which is about \$15 or \$16 a day, I was led to believe that none of the animals were claimed.

Mayor Rojas: Well, no more questions? Yeah, I'll be interested in that because I know I got a hefty fine, and I claimed my animal. But I'm just wondering if South Tucson also paid for the fact that my animal was there for one, I don't know if it was one day or two days. It wasn't that long.

Councilman Green: There's one other pocket that they're picking, too, is on the adoption side.

Mayor Rojas: Well, yeah. Yeah, on the adoption side, too, so we'll be interested.

Councilman Green: Yeah.

Mayor Rojas: We've got some questions there. Why don't we write them down and have them inquire.

Ms. Aguirre: Certainly, Mayor and Councilman Green, I will be, and I'm happy to follow-up with those questions.

Councilman Green: And one of the things that I don't know if they provide it or if there's a 501c3 out there. I thought it was part of the County or somebody associated with the County that they do these spay and neuter clinics. Is that something that we, or, yeah, I mean feral cats are feral cats. You got 'em, release 'em, they cost you \$35 to neuter 'em or spay 'em. You release 'em back in, they die of old age or they die, you know, getting run over or chopped by a bobcat or something but, you know, I'm not saying, but they're feral cats. That's their life. Okay. A feral cat is not going to get adopted. So if there's things like that, not only that, for the elderly or low-income to have them, because they charge us more for the licensing fee of an animal than anywhere else in the County.

Ms. Moreno: Us, meaning South Tucson?

Councilman Green: Mm hm.

Ms. Moreno: For a license?

Councilman Green: Mm hm.

Ms. Aguirre: Actually, Councilman Green, (inaudible) provided with a side-by-side comparison of all jurisdictions, which is something I can provide for you all as well, of how much South Tucson charges in relation to all the other jurisdictions and we're pretty much in line. In fact, there's some charges that we don't have a fee for.

Councilman Green: Okay. Like what? I mean I don't think you understood. No, I'm saying the license on the animal, the rate, the, through the County, I believe when I went and tagged my dog, was \$10 more than anywhere else in the County. But specifically because I live in South Tucson.

Ms. Aguirre: Councilman Green, I believe that that's what I was referring to ...

Councilman Green: Okay.

Ms. Aguirre: ... and that that specific license fee is pretty much in line with ...

Councilman Green: Okay. So ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... all the other ...

Councilman Green: ... they, they ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... jurisdictions.

Councilman Green: ... may have changed it then.

Ms. Aguirre: So I will go ahead ...

Councilman Green: Okay.

Ms. Aguirre: ... and I can provide that information.

Councilman Green: All right.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. The wishes of the Council on Item #12, Ordinance No. 16-03, what is it going to be?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-03. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #14 RESOLUTION NO. 16-04 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS PUBLIC RECORDS THOSE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND ENTITLED AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 3-99, IMPOUNDMENT TIME, NOTICE AND COST ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 16-03 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST

Mayor Rojas: That's the one we just passed. It's just to make it a public record. The wishes of the Council?

Motion by Councilman Green to pass the ordinance as written. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #15 RESOLUTION NO. 16-06 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE SOUTH TUCSON PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICIES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE STHA DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD

Ms. Chico: Mr. Mayor and Council members, I'm sure that you are aware that we received our PHASS, Public Housing Assessment System Scoring, and we came out substandard as far as management. That's because of our occupancy problem. We were to submit a recovery plan to HUD to Ms. Barbara Griegos, who is the Director in the Phoenix office, HUD Phoenix office, which we did. Two things came immediately to mind when I was speaking to my Public Housing Specialist, that's Cecilia (inaudible), was the time that it takes to hear back from our applicants when we have sent them a packet. And instead of sending a pack, we have a two system application process. When somebody is interested in our housing, we send them a pre-application. When they get to the top, after we do a criminal background check and everything comes up, we send them the actual packet. That's where we want copies of social security cards, birth certificates, income, everything. To hear back after we have sent a packet out takes a long time. And we're sitting there in limbo. That's one of our problems. And most of our folks don't bother to let us know if they're not interested any more, even though we purge our waiting list annually. But things come up in between that time of purging. So one of the things we thought is we are no longer going to just send out the application. What we're going to do is call. Simple phone call, "Are you interested? Do you want this place or not?" If they are, we're going to say, "How can you get down here, get the packet, here's what you're going to need." Let them know over the phone, get 'em done, they'll (inaudible). Of course, you know, it's going to take a couple of days. We understand that. Sometimes people can't find all the kids social security cards, or the birth certificates. We'll give them a little time. That's it. So what we've done is we, and that would be in our applications. It's in Chapter 4. It's spelled out in a little sheet here. Exactly, we're just wiping out that entire chapter temporarily until we get to 100% occupancy. Soon as we reach that going by this fast forward system, then it will revert back to the original policy. Because then we can keep up. And HUD, for their infinite wisdom, does not understand people die. People have the right to choose if they want to live in public housing or not. If they decide they want to move, we give them our blessings, we wish them well, get the place turned around and get ready for another occupant. And I don't know why HUD doesn't understand that we're talking and we're dealing with people. They're not robots. So anyway, we've changed Chapter 4. Another thing that we realized that was messing us up was the amount of transfers. So we have put a moratorium effective tonight if Mayor and Council approves this, we'll put a moratorium on any transfers until, again, we get to the 100% occupancy. Then it's done, we void all of this, we go back to the original policy. So somebody that's in a 3-bedroom that somebody moved out, they should be in a 2-bedroom, we're going to leave them in that 3-bedroom, we're going to fill the 2-bedroom. Otherwise, I've got another vacancy and another unit to turn around. HUD realizes what we're trying to do. So far, I haven't heard back from them and I hope I don't because I'm not going to be the nicest person in the world because I'm tired of playing their games. These are our policies. We do have some discretion in this. We're doing what we can, and always have, to get these units filled.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Any questions? The wishes of the Council?

Councilman Green: Yeah, I have a question. On the moratorium, is, are you saying transferring within the Housing Authority here or transferring anywhere?

Ms. Chico: Councilman Green, this is only public housing. The only people that can move out of our housing some place else are only our Section 8 people with portability. There is no such thing as portability in public housing.

Councilman Green: No, no, no. I, I understand that. What I'm saying that let's say you have an individual that's over-housed or under-housed. Are those going to be under the moratorium themselves or, because what may happen and what I think might happen is if you give a 3-bedroom to somebody who's over-housed, or under-housed who needed a 3-bedroom, and at the time that you fill up to 100% you don't have a 3-bedroom, you still have somebody that's under-housed, or over-housed.

Ms. Chico: Councilman Green, yes, that is part of the moratorium. But you've also got to remember we will always have a vacancy. And when we have the vacancy, we do have a transfer list. So as there are vacancies, when we hit our magic goal, when this is lifted again, then we will start making those transfers again. But for right now, and that's what I was saying with our, we have our standards, our occupancy standards where a certain number of people are supposed to be in a certain bedroom size. That's going to the wayside right now. I need to get these units filled. We will fill them with the correct number of people from our waiting list.

Councilman Green: And how many units do you have exactly? I mean ...

Ms. Chico: Right now, ...

Councilman Green: ... (inaudible).

Ms. Chico: ... I believe we have 12. Out of 172.

Councilman Green: Well, that's not bad.

Ms. Chico: It's not bad, but it's ...

Councilman Green: No, no, yeah.

Ms. Chico: ... substandard.

Councilman Green: No, no, that's what I'm saying, yeah.

Ms. Chico: Because we've got 12.

Councilman Green: Yeah. Do you have any of them that you have taken (inaudible)?

Ms. Chico: Pardon?

Councilman Green: Have you taken any off line?

Ms. Chico: One unit is off line, that's our police unit. We have a scattered site here.

Councilman Green: According to the (inaudible), don't you have the right to take off if it's more than just normal rehab?

Ms. Chico: They're not just normal, they are pretty much normal rehab.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Ms. Chico: One of the things that we're also ...

Councilman Green: I'm just looking, ...

Ms. Chico: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilman Green: ... I'm just looking ...

Ms. Chico: Yeah, I know. We've gone through this, trying to come up with everything in the world. We're actually going to bring in some more labor crew, trying to get these things whipped out. You know, Cecilia is going nuts with everything else she's doing trying to, you know, contact people saying, you know, "Bring your stuff in. We're going to have a unit ready in a week," or "in four days," you know, trying to (inaudible) it down.

Councilman Green: Do you have the funds for contractors?

Ms. Chico: Yes, we do. That's why we're (inaudible) some more labor.

Councilman Green: Okay. There's several contractors that we use in our field in the City of Tucson that are very, very good. There's some that aren't. So, I'll get with you off-line.

Ms. Chico: Excellent. Thank you.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Wishes of the Council on agenda Item #15, Resolution No. 16-06?

Motion by Councilman Green to pass Resolution No. 16-06 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, approving and adopting the revision of the South Tucson Public Housing Authority's PHA. Seconded by Councilman Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #16 RESOLUTION NO. 16-07 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S WRITE-OFF OF AN UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD AND ITS FEE ACCOUNTANT

Ms. Chico: Mr. Mayor, Council members, this is also part of the scoring that we had was because of our heavy accounts receivables. That's why we write these off. If you'll notice, we do have a couple that had pretty large balances. Unfortunately, one of them was residents I had tried working with who was in and out of the hospital. Family would come in, pay \$100. This person would come out of the hospital, meanwhile the rent's racking up. I just can't throw a elderly sick person onto the street. Meanwhile, I can't get the family to take this person. When we tried to get them in, they actually stole everything this person had. Finally, somebody else came in to take him. And we have this debt. Another large one, we had a person who was in a PDA, kept promising to pay. Agencies actually called us and wrote, they said they would help, and the agencies did not. Finally got to a point where this resident just said, "I need to get out of here," and I said, "Yes, you do, with or without our help." So this resident left without actually going to court. And the one thing about these, we write these off so it gets them off of our records. However, I just spoke to somebody who I have got to talk to, I believe tomorrow morning in a collection recovery company, and we're going to get together. Of course there's going to be a fee, but a fee is better than not getting anything. So I will be talking to that person. If it's a nice contract, I will bring it before Mayor and Council so we can start going after some of our folks and getting some of this money brought back to us so it goes into our collection loss, and lowers that (inaudible). This does not hurt us. I want you to be aware of that. Writing this off does not hurt a Housing Authority. As a matter of fact, it helps us because we don't have those huge debts.

Mayor Rojas: Okay. Thank you very much. On Item #16, Resolution No. 16-07, the wishes of the Council, please?

Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-07. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #17 – REPORTS

Ms. Moreno: I just have one report that I wanted to inform the Mayor and Council on. And I just wanted to let all of you know that we are continually, both myself and every department head here, we're continually seeking creative measures to implement cost-saving measures. Lourdes has been, just recently provided all Department Heads with their budget. And we will be meeting with each Department individually to see where, you know, where we can do some more savings as we approach the end of the fiscal year. And she will be providing the Council with those reports.

Mayor Rojas: Thank you, appreciate it.

ITEM #18- ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

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 1st day of February, 2016. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk