

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, September 16, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Council Present: Paul Diaz
Miguel Rojas
Mary Soltero
Ildefonso Green
Vanessa Mendoza
Oscar Patino

Staff Present: Luis Gonzales, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
William Lackey, Police Chief
Dennis Rankin, Police Dept.
Richard Vidaurri, Police Dept.
Kevin Shunk, Police Dept.
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Andrea de Castillo, City Attorney

Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #03 – INVOCATION – Councilman Patino led the Invocation.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL – All members of the Council were present except for Councilman Rojas, who was excused.

ITEM #05 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 - Motion by Councilwoman Soltero to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2013. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #06 – RESOLUTION NO. 13-34 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY FOR THE INCARCERATION OF MUNICIPAL PRISONERS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON TO EXECUTE SAID IGA – Mr. Gonzales stated this resolution provides for the housing of municipal prisoners and the contract expires June 2014. There are no

changes to the IGA. Motion by Councilman Green to approve the IGA between the County and the City of South Tucson. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – DISCUSSION REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL CAR PURCHASE – Chief Lackey addressed the Mayor and Council. The police department is in need of new patrol vehicles due to safety and repair costs. A quote obtained from the State Contract Dealer (Peoria Ford) provides for the lease of seven 2014 Ford SUV Interceptors. Six vehicles will be paid for with RICO funds and one through the General Fund. Total cost per vehicle, including Emergency equipment and warranty for six years is \$42,728.71. Chief Lackey answered questions from the Council and explained that at the end of the lease, the vehicles can be purchased for \$1.00 per vehicle. Councilwoman Soltero asked how long it will take for the vehicles to be delivered. The vehicles will arrive eight to 10 weeks after the order is placed.

ITEM #08 – REPORTS

POLICE/FIRE – Southwest Risk conducted an annual inspection of the Police Department and Fire Department. Chief Lackey provided a memorandum to the Council detailing activities that are occurring in the Police and Fire Departments including: sponsorship of a cadet to attend the September 11 Pima College Police Academy; Grants; Advanced Officer Training; Video Surveillance Camera Installation; police re-visits; National Incident Reporting System; Dispatch; Certified Engine Mechanic working on fire engines; and Monthly Inspections. Chief Lackey answered questions from the Council, and addressed the issue of South Tucson residents having to go through a central dispatch system when they call 911. The residents are frustrated when they speak with dispatchers because on certain occasions, dispatch will not send officers out. Chief Lackey explained that Tucson Police do not respond to certain incidents including shoplifting, parked cars, vehicular accidents (unless there are serious injuries), etc., whereas South Tucson responds to all incidents. When TPD hires new dispatchers, they are trained for TPD. Chief Lackey stated these problems are brought up at meetings with TPD and the problems get resolved. However, when new dispatchers are hired, the problems surface again until the next meeting. He explained that calls cannot be re-routed straight to South Tucson. Recommendations were made on how these issues might be resolved. Mr. Gonzales addressed the Council on dispatch services for the Fire Department. A one-year contract with Rural Metro is in the works and should be completed within a week or two.

HOUSING – Ms. Chico stated there were no health or safety issues at the Housing Authority when Southwest Risk conducted the annual inspection. The report Ms. Chico provided to the Council included information about Capital Funds; Low Rent Program; Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8); bids for exterior painting; bids for green flush toilets, energy efficient windows, etc., and she answered questions from Council as she reviewed each item. Ms. Chico spoke briefly about the Thanksgiving dinner provided for the elderly and disabled residents. She reported that Officer Cajas provided an overview of the Neighborhood Watch program and residents seem interested in participating. The Council asked questions about the Housing Choice Voucher program, the Neighborhood Watch program, etc., and Ms. Chico answered questions and provided details. Discussion followed regarding security at Casa Seniorial and Bernie Sedley.

ITEM #09 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – No response from the audience.

Mayor Diaz asked Mr. Gonzales to provide an update on the transfer from the old server system to the new system. Mr. Gonzales stated a couple of items are still being worked on. Two servers have been replaced, all information has been transferred, and the computer system is working very well. The IT Department will be providing a report at the next Council meeting.

ITEM #10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431(A)(4) – Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Paul Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 16th day of September, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk