

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, February 27, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Council Present: Idelfonso Green
Rufino Cantu
Robert Larribas
Oscar Patino
Anita Romero
Carlos Romo

Staff Present: Sixto Molina, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, Interim City Manager
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Michael Ford, Police Chief
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Joel Gastelum, Planning Director
Angel Lopez, Public Works Director
Cory Lakosky, Captain
Bobby Yu, City Attorney

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no Invocation.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL – All members of the Council were present, except for Vice-Mayor Mendoza, who was excused.

ITEM #05 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

(No response from the audience)

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2017 AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 29, 2016

Motion by Councilman Larribas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2017 and the Regular Meeting of December 29, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 - RESOLUTION NO. 17-03 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND MR. BOBBY YU, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. I'm actually sitting here to help out our newly-appointed City Attorney, so I'm going to (inaudible) this meeting, maybe a couple here coming in the near future, but just to let you know that I will be running them until otherwise. The first item on the agenda here for action is Resolution No. 17-03, and this is, if you recall at the meeting that took place January 23rd, Mayor and Council adopted Mr. Bobby Yu to be the City Attorney. And for those of you who were not present, I know Councilman Patino and Councilwoman Romero, both of you were not here at that meeting. And it was at that meeting that the Mayor and Council conducted interviews at that time and eventually appointed Mr. Bobby Yu as City Attorney. Previously, that position was separated between two persons. One person served the City in the capacity of City Attorney, and the other as City Prosecutor. Our City Code actually defines that position to be responsible for both Prosecutor and Attorney. And it was this Mayor and Council's decision to go back to that role in which the City Attorney would be the Prosecutor and Attorney. And he has been with us since February 1st. And this item before you, Resolution No. 17-03 will be the contract with Mr. Bobby Yu for a period of six months, which would provide the Mayor and Council an opportunity to kind of oversee him as a probationary period. Until such time the six months is up, the Mayor and Council can reconvene and determine how they want to move forward.

Mayor Green: Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Councilman Cantu to accept Resolution No. 17-03. Seconded by Councilman Larribas. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green: Welcome aboard.

ITEM #08 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-04 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND MR. SIXTO MOLINA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. Again, going back, as you know, I have been Interim City Manager since, I think it was July 2015, maybe. So it's been about a year and a half since I've been in this role. There has been a lot that has gone on during this time, including a lot of changes here, administratively, and also our Council, which I think gave the Council an opportunity to prepare themselves to appoint a City Manager. And that's kind of the reason why I think that the decision was to hold off for that long. Anyhow, so now with the recent election, and now having a Mayor and a new Vice-Mayor, it was determined that they held a interview at the last meeting, which I know both Councilwoman Romero and Mr. Patino, you were not present, but interviews were conducted where Mayor and Council appointed Mr. Sixto Molina as City Manager. And today is the actual first day. So today, being February 27th, it's his first day. For those of you that don't know him, or maybe have heard of him, he was our Police Chief from 1997 to 2007, which I think is really good for the community and also for those of us who have been here at that time. It's nice to get somebody on board who kind of knows the history, knows our needs, and I know that Mr. Molina really has a heart for South Tucson. And I congratulated him before, but also on the record, and I feel

confident that he's going to do a great job. And like I told him, I'm here to help, you know, whatever it is that he needs and I know the staff has welcomed him as well. And he was busy today, you know, kind of going from office to office out there already meeting with the community. So I'm sure that you will see a lot of him but, again, the resolution before you is Resolution No. 17-04, is the contract for Mr. Molina for two years. And again, congratulations, Mr. Molina.

Councilman Patino: I have a question. How many people did we get to see before he was appointed as City Manager? I don't remember there being like before, when we used to do the evaluation of several applicants.

Ms. Moreno: Yes, ...

Councilman Patino: I mean ...

Ms. Moreno: ... (inaudible) ...

Councilman Patino: ... I have nothing against you. It was just a different thing that we used to do before.

Ms. Moreno: I can answer that question, Councilman Patino. As a matter of fact, you are correct that the Mayor and Council did previously, another Council with another Mayor, decided to actually go through a public recruitment process. However, City Code does allow the position of City Manager as well as that of the City Attorney to be a direct appointment.

Councilman Patino: Okay.

Ms. Moreno: So, yes, you know, it is an option. However, it's not a requirement.

Councilman Patino: Okay.

Ms. Moreno: So, this was a time where they did sit down during the last meeting and they were able to ask questions, in Executive Session, to kind of get to know Mr. Molina. And I can't really talk about the discussion in Executive Session, but ultimately, when we reconvened into regular session, that was the direction.

Councilman Patino: Okay. That's fine.

Mayor Green: I have a question. On the Executive Summary, the page, it states that the contract is for one, for twelve months. You said it's for twenty-four?

Ms. Moreno: Yes, it should be for ...

Mayor Green: Okay. So.

Ms. Moreno: I'm sure, I can't recall, Mayor, but ...

(Background conversation - inaudible)

Ms. Moreno: I'm sorry. Yes. Let me take my words back. It was actually a twelve year, ...

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Moreno: ... for twelve months.

Mayor Green: Oh, so, okay, so the ...

Ms. Moreno: It will be up ...

Mayor Green: ... twelve months ...

Ms. Moreno: ... for renewal in twelve months.

Mayor Green: Okay. Or it's an open, I was reading, it is an open contract, so he can continue at the will ...

Ms. Moreno: Yes.

Mayor Green: ... or the whim.

Ms. Moreno: Yes.

Mayor Green: Okay. Do we have any discussion? Any questions?

Motion by Councilman Romo to approve Resolution No. 17-04. Seconded by Councilman Cantu.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Green: Welcome aboard, Mr. Molina.

Mr. Molina: Thank you for giving me your vote of confidence and approval. I can tell you I'm here to work on your behalf, on behalf of the City, to try to keep the City moving forward. I think the City has a lot of potential. I've been out meeting, greeting people today, not only internally but out in the community, mostly business people. And it makes me very excited to be here once again. I had been in retirement mode for about seven months. It gave me a lot of time to rest. So I come well-rested and anxious to get started and start moving the City in a new direction, whatever direction that may be. Having worked here, this is my, the third time I would be employed by the City of South Tucson. I started working here in 1971 as a police dispatcher and booking officer. And that's when we had prisoners, and we had our own jail, and prisoners were allowed to make coffee, just like you see on Andy Griffith show; unlock the door to the jail and the guys would come in and clean and make the coffee, and make breakfast for the guys. That was the first time. The second time I came back in '97 as a Police Chief. I was here for ten years. The reason I'm mentioning these things is because I've been (inaudible) South Tucson practically all my life. And I think I have a pretty good feel for the City and for the community. I have a feel for what the City needs to keep moving forward.

Hopefully, with your direction, I can do that. And I can guarantee if I don't feel that I'm doing the job, I will fire me. So, but I'm open to any suggestions. I'd like to have a conversation with all of you to get your thoughts about whatever is on your mind. And I'll try to schedule meetings with every one of you in the very near future to do that.

Mayor and Council: Thank you.

ITEM #09 – REPORTS

Mr. Gastelum: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. A brief little, you all may remember Cyclovia that comes through town. Cyclovia 2017 is coming. It's going to be April 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For those of you that, some new Council members and those of you who are not familiar with Cyclovia, basically, it shuts down select streets to automobile traffic, opens it up to jogging, bicycling, walking, and other types of activity. This year's focus is solely on 8th Avenue. It starts in the City of Tucson, kind of in the Armory Park area, all the way down 8th Avenue. So it's going to shoot all the way down 8th Avenue. In the past, you all remember it may have crossed 6th Avenue. This year, we're not doing it. Actually, Cyclovia is not doing it. It's going to be that one main route on 8th Avenue. At H & S, they're going to have a health fair down there. That's going to be a main hub of activity down there. There will also be music and food, and things like that. There will be different hubs in the City of Tucson as well. So, again, that's April 2nd, 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. There's fliers in all of your boxes.

Mayor Green: Okay. Thank you.

ITEM #10 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Larribas to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Patino. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 27th day of February, 2017. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk