

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, April 24, 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
Vanessa Mendoza
Robert Larribas
Rufino Cantu

Staff Present: Sixto Molina, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Angel Lopez, Public Works Director
Joel Gastelum, Planning Director
Michael Ford, Police Chief
Cory Lakosky, Fire Administrator
Bobby Yu, City Attorney

Guests: Chris Reeve
Tom Boyle
Kevin Camberg, Fester & Chapman

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Green: We're going to move the agenda around a little bit. We'll first do the Proclamation, and then we'll go to Departmental Reports. And then the rest of it can be the resolutions and the action items to be taken care of last.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL – All members of the Council were present, except for Councilman Patino, Councilwoman Romero, and Councilman Romo, who were excused.

ITEM #05 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Green: You have three minutes, please. State your name and your address, if you would, please.

Mr. Reeve: My name is Chris Reeve and I live in the City of Tucson at 1255 East Paseo Libre. I read in the news about Public Safety funding and I went to your website. I saw the fact sheet and I'm interested in buying a home here. And that's why I'm here. I want to thank you for drafting the fact sheet, but I would like to just respectfully disagree with the statement on line 12, which says, "This may be too expensive for property owners." And I have three facts that I just want to (inaudible).

Mayor Green: Excuse me. Could you, what is that that you're referencing?

Mr. Reeve: I'm referencing ...

Mayor Green: No, what is the ...

Mr. Reeve: ... your fact ...

Mayor Green: ... item ...

Mr. Reeve: ... sheet that's found as a PDF on the ...

Mayor Green: No, what is too expensive for ...

Mr. Reeve: Oh. That is the, I'll read the whole paragraph. "A primary property tax for the fire district would, or could potentially cover the operating expenditures, 914K a year, but would involve a tax rate of 4., or eight hundred/hundred dollar value." I don't understand. "This would translate to \$3,451 for the average property owner, home value at 77K." And then the line that says, "This may be too expensive for the property owner. I recently moved to Arizona. I'm from California. And I don't know if you can recall the San Marino pipeline flier. But I just want you to be aware when you're making these decisions that you have, or we have a pipeline in the City that transports (inaudible). It's on the right-of-way here at the railroad tracks. And it was the local firehouse, Firehouse 51 and 52, that was critical to limiting the loss of life and property. So having a local firehouse really matters. And when you say that the co-, if we do the, break down the cost by population, so it's \$1,000,000 divided by 5,000 people, that ends up being 54 cents a day. And that's really all I came to say. I think the idea that it's too expensive is a mistake and, you know, I don't have a solution to the problems, but I'm willing to volunteer my time to help the City of South Tucson. And that's what I have to say. Thank you very much.

Mayor and Council: Thank you.

Mayor Green: Anyone else in the audience?

(No response from the audience)

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2017

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR – THE AMERICAN PATRIOT MEMORIAL

Mayor Green read the Proclamation regarding "The American Patriot Memorial".

Mr. Boyle: Mayor, Council, thank you very much for this honor. I would like to express a few things to the audience, if I may.

Mayor Green: You may.

Mr. Boyle: We have the first city in the country to become a patriot city. We represent our first responders. We have a memorial on 22nd Street that the City of Tucson has (inaudible) members of our family who serve our community, such as our first responders or veterans. You are entitled to attend that memorial to yourselves and to your family for (inaudible) City of Tucson. We have been recognized now. You are a wonderful community. All we have to do is go forward and work together. This community has (inaudible) available to veterans who are guaranteed home loans in your community. We have developers that are interested in your community. We need to go forward, support the new Mayor and Council, and make this happen. This is a veteran city and is supported by veterans. We all can do this together if we all look at the situation together. We must all cooperate. We now have a Business Association and this is the Vice-President of it. And this is the first one in Arizona. Maurice?

Maurice: Thank you very much, Mayor and the Council, for recognizing the American Patriot Memorial. I support what Tom was saying and we're diligent (inaudible) like to increase our membership to support the veterans within the United States and City of South Tucson. Thank you.

ITEM #08 – PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT

Mr. Camberg: I know you're running behind, so I'm going to hit the high points. Hopefully, you have your audited financial statements. There's the audit and also what we call the single audit for the federal compliance (inaudible). While you're digging it out, I just want to start by, I really want to thank Lourdes. So this is our fourth year doing your audit. I don't know if you were on the Council four years ago, but the first year we had a number of findings we reported a large number. And then each subsequent year, we've improved that. And this is the first year we actually are reporting no findings, so I really, because of Lourdes' work and her staff. It's fantastic, so I just wanted to thank her. So this audit is for your June 30th, 2016, financial statements. I'm going to take you to a couple pages where I think, you'll have to wade through the entire document to get some of the high points, starting with the financial statements on page 7. There's "Management's Discussion and Analysis."

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Is that an annual financial report?

Mr. Camberg: Yes. It's the thicker one, the annual financial report. On page 7, at the top, it's financial highlights and really want to see how, kind of the big takeaway items from the financial statements. I think that that's a good place to start. Really, I look at highlight number one, government-wise level, you incurred a loss, mainly through by depreciation and pension costs. And that's on the full accrual basis. That's the takeaway from item 1. But in the General Fund, which is your main operating fund, if you look down, it's the fourth bullet point. You basically were break even for the fiscal year (inaudible). It's about \$5,000,000 in revenue (inaudible) \$5,000,000 in expense (inaudible) your General Fund, which is your operating fund. But there's other bullet points, but I think that's, you know, I know that the document can be ridiculously long. It's required, General Accepted Accounting Principles, but this is a good place to go. A couple of the statements I want to highlight. If you turn to page 18, it's the balance sheet, it's for the governmental funds. And I always focus on the General Fund because that's the operating fund as a city. Your liquidity still an issue as of this date

and time. When I talk about liquidity, your liquid assets (inaudible) from other governments, it's slightly over \$500,000. We combine that with accounts receivable. And you have accounts payable and accrued payroll of about \$554,000 so you're still a little bit underwater in the General Fund as of June 30th, as far as current assets against current liabilities. The other statement, on page 22, it's an income statement for the General Fund and the other governmental funds. Of course, most of your funds are break even, if they're funded by grants that are cost reimbursement, but the General Fund is what you hope to see a small gain. And you did have a \$21,000 increase in that assets I talked about. So \$5,038,000 in revenue against \$5,017,000 in expenses, basically break even, pretty close. Driving the expense side, of course, is the, you know, and we'll talk a little bit is the pension cost in the Public Safety. And that's, you know, it's a huge issue across the State. South Tucson is no exception to that. A couple of note disclosures, I'm going to cut this a little bit short because I know you're running behind, but on page 38, there's two notes I want to point out. The contingent liability note, which is note 9. It talks about property tax issue that's still, you know, being litigated regarding the period between 2012 and '14 that there was a property tax levy and whether or not that was going to have to be refunded. That's not accrued as a liability now, but it is disclosed there. And then the other, it's note 10, the subsequent event note, subsequent to June 30th, you were able to sell the complex, the library to Pima County for \$450,000, which that took place in your current fiscal year. And then the last item, I think, to talk about in the financial statements is the, if you look at note 12, which is just on page 39, the net pension liability of the City, unfunded liability, is about 11.6 million, almost 9.8 of that is the, is PSRS, Public Safety, so that's a huge cost (inaudible) for the City. Those are the big issues I want to talk about in the bound document. Now, if you turn to the single audit package, which is the other document, that's the single audit reporting package, it's shorter, about 10 pages. So, you have a financial statement audit which we gave a clean opinion on your financial statements. In fact, not only did you have a clean opinion, we didn't have audit adjustments this year, so that means Council is getting good information in a timely basis. But in addition to the financial statement audit, we also test your federal compliance. If you go to page 8 of this document, there's kind of a scorecard. They call it a schedule of findings and (inaudible), which is ironic because you have neither, no findings or (inaudible) I'm glad to report. This is another place, similar to the NVNA, if you want to see how they audit when, and, you know, you don't want to wade through, you know, 200 pages, you can go right here. We talk about our audit opinion, which is unmodified. It's a clean opinion. And then you have a column with the "no's", so you no internal control findings, no federal compliance findings. We test your public housing, that's your major program (inaudible) every year. That was clean this year. So, if you're able to do that for two more years, you become a low-risk audit, which is kind of a goal to shoot for. Then the last thing is the summary schedule of last year's findings. You can see that they're all fully corrected. So, what we reported last year was corrected this year. Those are the big takeaways that was, and my abbreviated version of the presentation. Do you have, Council have any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mr. Camberg: So my real takeaway was, you know, year one, we had a lot of issues and it's just been a constant improvement in the quality of the information that you're getting over the last three years.

Mayor Green: I think, what, we had fourteen on the ...

Mr. Camberg: I think it was ...

Mayor Green: ... initial, ...

Mr. Camberg: ... fourteen.

Mayor Green: ... fourteen?

Mr. Camberg: Yes.

Mayor Green: And it dropped down to eight, and then four, and then.

Mr. Camberg: Yeah, and then zero.

Mayor Green: Good work. Thank you.

Mr. Camberg: Thank you for having me.

ITEM #09 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – LOURDES AGUIRRE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. REPORT – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL TAX

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor, members of the Council, being that it's the first item on my reports, I'm going to go ahead and distribute to you an information piece. This was to satisfy the Vice-Mayor's request for more information on the residential rental tax. So essentially, what you will see on this document is a list of facts that were originally presented during the budget process last year. Essentially, I'm just going to review them once again. This is just for informational purposes, and should any of you want more information, anything specific, feel free to let me know. Or if any of you are interested in providing any direction to the Manager on this particular item, you can do so as well. So when it comes to the facts, what was presented last year, really highlighted the fact that the current rate for residential rental is 2.5%. And that's been the rate since 1995. So, more than 20 years ago, that's when that was adopted. A tax rate increase in this industry does require voter approval. And so the motion for that would have to go to Mayor and Council just for approval to have it placed on the ballot. But ultimately, the approval of that tax rate is given by the people. The third point on there is that the City of South Tucson, the housing stock is comprised of 71% renter occupied. And that's per the U.S. Census Bureau. So that's a pretty high ratio of owner-occupied to renter-occupied. Also, the residential rental tax is only applied to rental income that is generated from that activity. So, a landlord charges their tenant for the rent. That amount of revenue collected is taxed, that's what you apply the tax to. And just as a point of reference, as an example, for a rental that is charged \$400 a month, the monthly tax on that, based on the 2.5% is \$10 per month. So annualized, that's only \$120 a year. Just to give you some perspective on that. What an increase to this industry would do is bring in additional revenue to the General Fund. The General Fund is the one that pays for services such as Police, and Fire, and other necessary emergency services. All other taxes go into the

General Fund as well. So this is no different. The timeline and the cost. So upcoming election dates are August 29th for the primary and November 7th for the general. Given the timeline that we're currently following with our budget process and all of that, November 7th would probably be the most reasonable date to strive for, if in fact, Mayor and Council would like to consider this item for that. And the deadline would probably be, to approve for placing on the ballot, by the end of June, if that is something that Mayor and Council would like to entertain. The cost of the election, because this is not a combined election, nobody else would be having one, not even the County, so the City of South Tucson would cover the cost. It would range from \$10,000 to \$13,000, and that's based on estimates that I received and the City Clerk had also received from the Pima County Recorder's Office and the Elections Division as well. Going onto page 2, what you have here are (inaudible). So currently, at a tax rate of 2.5%, what the City brings in for that activity, residential rental, the amount is \$48,000. That's all that comes in from that industry. What you see broken down on that page is the net effect of increasing that tax rate by 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, therefore increasing that rate from 2.5% from 3.5% all the way up to 6.5%, you have your ranges there. It gives you a good point of reference as to total, per industry, how much you could bring in.

Mayor Green: I have a question. So on the current tax rate, at 2.5, we get \$48,424.99. And you're saying if we add, let's say we go to the 4%, or the top of the scale, is that an additional \$77,479.99 above the 48, or is it, okay.

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, Mayor. And the reason I did it was just to give you some context as to how much that increase would be. So, of course, you would add that \$77,000 to the 48 to get ...

Mayor Green: I didn't ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... to ...

Mayor Green: ... read the bottom, ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Green: ... I didn't read the bottom line. I'm sorry.

Ms. Aguirre: Yeah, that's exactly how it would work.

Mayor Green: Thank you.

Ms. Aguirre: So, once again, if any of you have any other questions, would like to see any of the information, there's no doubt something like this could potentially be beneficial to the General Fund, but please let me know and let the Manager know as well.

Mayor Green: Any questions?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: I just have one question. So if we get this on the ballot to go to an election in November, when is the earliest that it would be implemented?

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and Vice-Mayor Mendoza, I think that the 60-day period for implementation with the Department of Revenue still stands. So we would be looking at anywhere between the first of January, the first of February, possibly, of 2018.

Mayor Green: Don't you have the 30 days, then a 60-day wait? So you have a total of 90?

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor, that's a good point. But because this is a special, I guess avenue for approving the rate, it's a little different from ...

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Aguirre: ... how you approve the normal, ...

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Aguirre: ... the sales tax rates.

Councilman Larribas: I have a question. Is that, does that go to vote for the people, too, or is that something else?

Mayor Green: No, that's, that's, that goes on a ballot.

Councilman Cantu: I have a question. Does the estimate of the cost include any publications and stuff that we might have to do?

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and Councilman Cantu, this is just the cost of the County Recorder's Office and their Election Division. There is a small cost associated, which I believe this last year wasn't, it did not exceed \$1,000. It was for the publication of publicity pamphlets. That is something that would have to be generated.

Councilman Cantu: In addition to this.

Ms. Aguirre: In addition.

Councilman Cantu: Thank you.

Mayor Green: Any other questions?

(No questions from Council)

2. REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2017 QUARTER 3, GENERAL FUND UPDATE

Mayor Green: The next department will be Fire. Oh, excuse me.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, I'm so sorry. Fire can proceed and then we can save the current year's budget report for the end? However you would like.

Mayor Green: Oh, no, no, no. Do you mind? Okay. Go ahead, I'm sorry.

Ms. Aguirre: Okay. So, this next item right here that I'm going to be handing it, it's just a brief update on the fiscal year 2017 Quarter 3, General Fund. So I've written a brief summary on that first page, but for purposes of expediting this, I can walk you through the actual report, which is on page 2. Essentially, what you see is revenues to expenditures and all of a sudden, you see a net surplus. If you follow that year-to-date actual all the way down to the bottom, revenues to expenditures, a net surplus, and that surplus of \$329,000. However, what that includes is the transaction for the library, the sale of the library, which did not involve a cash payment of any sort. What it did include was, basically, this is a credit to bills that sat in fiscal year '16 and fiscal year '15, in the sum of \$236,000. So, in reality, the true net surplus as of March 31st, it was \$93,000. And if you wish to see exactly how the sale of the library was distributed, it's on the bottom portion right there. So you're familiar with that for \$450,000, the two payments for the settlement, and the remainder for normal bills in fiscal '15 and '16. So, as we've been discussing, when you have a surplus, that makes it possible to pay down debt, pay down bills. Additionally, what we did have was this credit on here, the \$236,000. Earlier this fiscal year, another thing that was taken care of was the Waste Management settlement. So, all of these things have been done and have been moving the finances in a positive direction. And so, you may recall that earlier in the year, and maybe even as far as last year, when I was reporting and providing reports of, for instance the aging or the unpaid invoice report, what you saw was really high balances. In fact, on the financials, if you turn to your balance sheet, you'll see that the liability or the payables, unpaid debt, was around \$250,000 for the General Fund only. And that had carried forward for three, almost four years. But with all these factors taken into consideration, you turn to the last page and you see what the effect has been. It's a very minute list there of payables. So, in essence, what this means is that, of course the sale of the library, some of the savings that we've had this fiscal year by operating below budget, a lot of those have to do with vacancies in positions, and also receiving on-time grant reimbursements, that has all helped us improve our cash flow. And so for this year, at least what we've seen is now whatever bills come in, we'll be able to pay. Now, although that's a really good thing and improvement for this year in addressing the liability, unfortunately, this doesn't help address the deficit going forward. Those expenditures, the deficit that we anticipate for next budget year, it doesn't address that, but at least we can consider this as starting with a clean slate. Of course, from now until the end of the fiscal year, the City will incur some debt and depending on how revenues come in for that last quarter, we might end up with a few more payables on this list, but I thought it would be a really good idea to let you know what has been achieved so far. And as a matter of fact, that \$35,000 that you see to the far right, in the 150 days and over, is currently under dispute. So once we eliminate that, our payables sitting as unpaid is closer to \$13,000, which is a far cry from quarter of a million for the General Fund (inaudible).

Mayor Green: Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mayor Green: Thank you.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – CORY LAKOSKY, FIRE ADMINISTRATOR

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT – GENERAL

Mr. Lakosky: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, the Fire Department sincerely appreciate you giving the Fire Department the time to (inaudible) the service we provide the City. About three and a half years ago, Chief Alvarez and I began a rebuilding phase for the Fire Department. When we first started, we found the department still reeling from the layoffs that were used to balance the City's last major shortfall. Operating procedures and guidelines were non-existent, trucks and equipment were in extreme disrepair, protective equipment was expired, torn and tattered, and the station was making people sick from 25-year old carpeting and furniture. There was no City funding source to make any corrections on how we operate. The first order of business was to build the trust of our members. We began (inaudible) to address all the problems. We used this with great success, not only to make the firefighters feel they were going to be a part of the changes that were going on, but to make us stronger for the fight. What I'm speaking of is for survival. We are a very taxed agency in regards to the demands of our community and the poor funding of the Fire Department. We average approximately 2,500 calls for service every year with one fire engine and four firefighters that handle them. The fight began to make our firefighters safe to perform their job. We, through grant funding, made our station OSHA compliant. We hired a mechanic through grant funding, which was the first of anywhere in the United States to allow federal funding to do that, to begin repairs to our fleet. Within the first 6 months, our first (inaudible) nearly \$42,000 in repairs just to make it safe to operate. Over the last 3 years, we have obtained a fire engine, turn-offs, air packs, chainsaws, nozzles, cascade systems, and fully outfitted and new to us fire engine. All of the funding came from different grants to provide our folks with the best equipment on the market. None of this was at any cost to the City. We then turn our focus to the station. Our firefighters were complaining of feeling sick, light-headed, and flu-like symptoms due to the state of the station. We had nothing in which to correct these conditions. Through hard work, we were able to obtain funding to replace every surface that could hold allergens and disease and make them able to be disinfected. We replaced every appliance in the station and made repairs to our bay doors to ensure they would open when needed. Our (inaudible) modern technology and made nighttime responses safer. None of this cost the City any money. We now turn to operations. We first began placing a four-person engine into service to abide by the OSHA two in, two out law, and add in levels of supervision. We upgraded our Fire Department radios to have communications with any agency that would respond into South Tucson. We created standard operating guidelines and procedures to provide streamlined responses in the way we manage our emergencies. Prior to these changes, any kind of assistance came in the form of mutual aid. These requests would be filtered through channels and other agencies before (inaudible) would be granted or denied. The wait for approval would drastically delay the time it took for help to arrive, and allow fires and emergencies to get bigger. Through the hard work of bringing up our training standards and operations, we now have in place an automatic aid response to all full alarm assignments within the City of South Tucson. There might only be four firefighters on duty, with one engine daily, however, when someone dials 911 in South Tucson for any type of structure fire, a combined force of one Chief, one Battalion Chief, one EMS Captain, four engines, one ladder, and a paramedic unit will respond free of cost to the City. The firefighters of South Tucson are an extremely dedicated, experienced and hard-working group of individuals. We often have shifts with over 90

years of experience on our engine. You'd be very hard-pressed to find that anywhere in the City. We have a total of two full-time benefit suppression personnel, 33 reservists, and one full-time administrative person. We are still down a Chief spot after the recent passing of Chief Alvarez. By the hard work provided by Fire staff, the City pays our reserves a pathetic \$10.19 an hour for firefighter (inaudible) and firefighter paramedics receive \$10.67 an hour. The pay is so low that the City will have to account for the raise in the minimum wage laws this coming year. The reserve firefighter is a non-benefitted employee and in the case of serious injury or death, they would not be eligible to receive any compensation from Public Safety Retirement. The reserve firefighters make a huge financial gamble for them and their families every day they report to work. Yet, with every reason not to come, your firefighters show up every day to ensure the safety of you and your families. The only thing they ask is that you have their backs. South Tucson's extremely challenging department to manage. Our call load is very high for an area of our size and resources, requiring extreme and careful planning and oversight to accomplish our mission. Funding for anything outside of fuel, personnel, and the lights has to be obtained through outside sources. The Fire Department responds to nearly 2,500 calls for service annually with an average response time of 3 minutes and 49 seconds. When a South Tucson engine shows up to your emergency, you, in my opinion, are getting one of the best bargains I've ever seen. Four highly-trained motivated and experienced folks outfitted with the best equipment, ready to lay their lives on the line for you. With the recent discovery through local and national media outlets, our staff found out that all their hard work may be for nothing. Once again, we find the City in financial troubles and once again, the City turns to its protectors to take the burden. We are not the ones responsible for approving the budgets, and we have, in our own ways, prevented or reduced the financial impact through many avenues; sales of equipment; sale of fire truck, \$290,000 for the City; sale of reserve engine, \$13,000 to the City; sale of ambulance, \$5,000 to the City; sale of a rescue truck, \$5,000 to the City; grants, awards, air packs and compressors, \$105,000; helmets, \$10,000; personnel protective equipment, \$90,000; additional masks, \$4,000; and CDBG monies totally over \$100,000 or a total cost savings of \$620,000 to the City over the last three years. None of the monies return, from the sale of the equipment, return to the Fire Department's budget. In fact, upon (inaudible) we were told that we would be able to have money to purchase a used fire engine to replace (inaudible) truck when (inaudible) to 39,000 calls. This never happened. The City continues to say they have no money and our fight to survive alone continues. If not for the generous funding sources of the County, State, Federal, and Tribal, we would not (inaudible) a long time ago. The Fire Department is a business and collects taxes to provide fire protection. However, due to poor planning and execution, the Fire Department has to act alone to ensure people, our people and the City continues to have a safe and effective Fire Department. The Fire Department has now become a bulls eye in the shootout to save the City. We have been told that the top four departments in the City would be assessed for elimination. However, with the many actions of the City Manager and the Mayor, the decision appears to have already been made. When Mr. Molina first took office, he assured me that there would be no cuts to any public safety entity, nor would there be any decisions made to interrupt any of the agreements that we had in place. In a recent sit down meeting with the City Manager, the Fire Department was told that the top two departments looking at being cut were Police and Fire. Now knowing and seeing the operation since then, it's obvious where they plan to cut. Comments are being made by our Mayor to our Finance Department on why a purchase of a fire engine was allowed to be made if we were going to cut them anyway. Unfortunately, the Mayor failed to recognize that the City did not pay for that unit, nor anything that went into putting that vehicle into service. This was for a total of \$64,000 savings to the City. The Mayor, prior to Council approval, directed the Manager to seek contracts for

fire protection. This was prior to the full Council direction for attainment of contracts and against the guidelines of Mayor and Council form of government. With the low paying and limited benefit participation, you'll be ignorant to think anyone could provide the level of service that we do for a lower price. The Finance Department has taken advantage from lowering of our call numbers over the last six months. These numbers were lowered in part to the Fire Department's hard work in code enforcement, documentation of drug cases and arson arrests and convictions. Instead of highlighting the savings from their use numbers, they're using it as a tool to make us appear less valuable to the City. Information regarding the lowering of the (inaudible) was presented to the City Manager shortly upon his appointment to office. I emailed and hand-delivered the documentation that was supposed to be presented before the Mayor and Council at the following meeting. Yet, I have seen nothing to show the hard work of this department, or the cost savings to the residents and business owners. The lowering of the ISO was at no cost to the City, and why would the Manager not want the Fire Department to show off their hard work and continue to have our residents and business owners pay higher premiums? The Mayor, in a recent meeting, berated the Police Chief on why he would not higher three open officer positions. Why would the Mayor want to hire and add to the deficit unless there was a way to pay for it, i.e. the Fire Department. This shows (inaudible) and it showed the true dedication the Mayor has to the Police Department, mainly personal relationships he has formed within it. Why would the City not want to wait two and a half months and see which department would be eliminated before hiring, unless the plan to keep the Police Department was already made? Why is the City Manager looking at filling an additional Detective position as well as an Evidence Tech? Why is the City Manager directing Police employees to seek (inaudible) quotes and replacing all the Police Department's flooring, following suit of the Fire Department? Why has the Fire Department not been included in any kind of budget meeting? In prior years, we have always been able to participate and have our voice heard. Are we not part of this fiscal year? The City Manager, at a recent interview with KGUN 9 reported that the Fire Department in one year responded to roughly 2,000 medical calls for a cost of approximately \$200,000. He stated that normally (inaudible) to recoup through insurance billing. However, South Tucson does not do this. This is a totally incorrect statement. The only way that a medical billing can take place is to provide a service such as an ambulance with a certificate of necessity in place to take patients to the hospital. Nobody can charge for the services provided by a (inaudible) fire engine. (Inaudible) information relates concerning the Fire Department first be checked for its validity by me or members of my department. Why would the City decide to cut the department that would only, in the City Manager's words, fill the gap, when the largest department that (inaudible) additional leftover funding (inaudible) turn in the right direction. Did you, as Council members, honestly believe that a fair and non-biased evaluation would be conducted of the departments using the former Chief of Police? When you hired Mr. Molina, you asked if he was going to act as a cop or the City Manager, and he agreed to take the Manager's responsibilities. However, he carries around a Police Department assigned radio everywhere and (inaudible) for a call (inaudible) to be assigned to him. Running around the City and calling out prostitute locations to the officers is not fixing the issues of this budget. We need someone that has the entire City's interest of safety in mind. In closing, a major (inaudible) cut any public safety is reckless and wrong. I feel the City needs to strongly consider disincorporation as a whole.

Mayor Green: Thank you.

Mr. Lakosky: Questions?

Mayor Green: Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mr. Lakosky: No? Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Thank you.

Mayor Green: Go ahead, City Manager.

Mr. Molina: I'd like to clarify a couple things, some of the statements that were attributed to me and were taken out of context. I did meet with Fire Administrator Lakosky prior to having a meeting where we had discussed the Fire Department, here at Mayor and Council. I did not want him to blind-sided. I explained that the ins and outs of the budget as best that I could. And, you know, how that was translated, only Mr. Lakosky can answer that.

Mr. Lakosky: I was told that the Mayor and Council would not make a decision that would benefit us because it was election year. And I asked him ...

Mayor Green: Where are you getting this information from? If you don't mind me asking.

Mr. Lakosky: Everywhere.

Mayor Green: Okay. Because some of the comments that you made were not, uh, one privy to ...

Mr. Lakosky: I'm seeing, I'm seeing the (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: No, no. Hold ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... on. Hold on.

Mr. Lakosky: ... I'm seeing ...

Mayor Green: Hold on.

Mr. Lakosky: ... what's going on here.

Mayor Green: Hold on.

Mr. Lakosky: I'm seeing all kinds of stuff.

Mayor Green: Hold on. A lot of it, when you said that I ordered without Council approval, that was incorrect. I was told that that was an option that may be coming to the Council before the Board.

Okay. Before the Council. And in order for, for direction, it had to come from the Council as a whole in order to do it.

Mr. Lakosky: I was (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: So, huh?

Mr. Lakosky: That's not what I was told.

Mayor Green: Well, it was, we were sitting in the office together, the Chief and I, or the City Manager and myself, we were sitting in there when this was an option that was presented to us by other departments. Okay, ...

Mr. Lakosky: And also, ...

Mayor Green: ... by the ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... Finance Department.

Mr. Lakosky: ... with your comments made about you're going to cut the Fire Department (inaudible) why were we allowed to get ...

Mayor Green: When, ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Green: ... when did I make that comment?

Mr. Lakosky: You made a comment and the City Manager said he corrected you on it.

Mayor Green: Say that again.

Mr. Lakosky: I said the City Manager said he did correct you. You did make the comment and (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: That I'm getting ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... rid of the, I said it's not up to me.

Mr. Lakosky: That's what was said.

Mayor Green: No. You know, it's not up to me. It's up to the Council. And it's up to the majority of the Council. Now what I stated was if it's going to be, you know, what are the options that we have to do in order to protect the community. That's when I was informed that it would take the Council's permission to have the City Manager or somebody go and talk to somebody else, or another department, to see about coverage. Okay? That's what it was. We didn't say, we were just checking all our bases. So, whoever you're talking to is giving you a ration that you, you know, and you know the love that I have for the Fire Department. You ...

Mr. Lakosky: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... know the ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... respect that I ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... have ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... and, and ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) falling in line. Why is the Police Department doing this? Why is everybody else doing this? I've never been invited to anything as for, concerning the budget. We're in a huge budget shortfall. There is nothing, no contributions at all, anything being talked about ...

Mayor Green: I don't ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... invite staff ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... and everything's (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: I don't invite ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Green: ... staff. Staff can ...

Mr. Lakosky: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... join or staff ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... can ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible). We have our own internal budget meetings, sir. So with the previous comments, everything falls in line.

Mayor Green: Right.

Mr. Lakosky: Which (inaudible).

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Green: Yes, Vice-Mayor.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: We can go back, he said, she said, all night long. The fact is, if that, when is the last time that you were invited to a budget meeting?

Mr. Lakosky: I haven't been.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: At all?

Mr. Lakosky: Last, last budget session.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Why is that?

Mr. Lakosky: Our perception is we're not going to be involved.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay. Well, ...

Mr. Lakosky: We're not ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... I can ...

Mr. Lakosky: ... (inaudible).

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... guarantee you that the City is run the way that it's run and in the position that we have right now because individuals on the Council feel that it is their right to direct people. And it is not their right. And I can guarantee you that as the Vice-Mayor, I won't participate in that. So, I mean, from my point of view, it's not going to happen. It's not going to happen. I'm going to look at every single department contracted to see what's going to save us the biggest amount. And I'm not going to participate when somebody who decides to give direction out of whatever authority they feel like they have. Because it's just a feeling, it's not a fact. So, the fact is is that we can go back and forth all night on who said what, he said, she said, I didn't say, yes, I did, no, you didn't, whatever. The fact is is that the facts show you haven't been invited. I mean, you know, it can be proven that you have not been invited to a budget meeting, correct?

Mr. Lakosky: Yeah.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay. So, the fact is that the Mayor may have internal relationships, you know, with some of the police department. They've been here a long time. He's been here a long time. That's a fact, you know. But the point I'm going to try and make here is just that this is why the City's in the position that it's in, is because instead of working together, and instead of doing everything together, we're doing it as a dictatorship every single time. And this is why we're in the position that we're in. And I am not going to participate in it, and you have my word on that.

Mr. Lakosky: I appreciate it.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Mayor Green: Lourdes?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, Mayor, members of the Council, just to give credit to what Mr. Lakosky said, there haven't been any budget department meetings. What has been discussed has been discussed in open meeting with all department heads, reviewing, you know, the list of challenges going forward. And in reality, what's been provided via email to all department heads have been not only a current report of the finances for this fiscal year, but also a report was provided for, on the baseline budget for next year. There really isn't any changes on there. I mean it assumes that their staffing levels are at the same level, four people per shift, that the cost of gasoline continues to be the same, the cost of utilities, all those costs and factors are the same and so, in sending that, what I did request from all department heads was that they come back to me and they provide me any information on any changes that they foresaw from that point until the end of the fiscal year, or affecting the following fiscal year, whether it was any reductions in expenses for any of their vendors. But really, the same report that I give to department heads is the same report I give to you all. And you could see on the baseline budget that was distributed last time, the difference between the current year's expenditures and what we estimate ending this fiscal year is no different from what was included on that baseline. That last column shows zeroes (inaudible) other than those big line items like the pensions, where there's going to be huge hikes, and also some of the expenditures that are coming over due to lack of funding for police operations. But that's pretty much what I wanted to give you all in context to what Mr. Lakosky said.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Yeah, and I can understand that, that maybe you, as the Finance Director, haven't had department head meetings as far as everybody's budget and what it's going to be or, you know, and I understand that maybe things are not going to change, but I guess my question is as the City Manager, for Mr. Molina, has he met with Cory Lakosky? How many department heads has he met with, other than Cory Lakosky? Has he met and sat down with Cory Lakosky? Have they gone over their budget? Have they talked about it? Has he done that same thing with Angel as the Public Works Director? Has he done that with the Police Chief? Has he done it with Joel? Has he done that with, and that was where you got that question from, was I asked that question of Mr. Molina. I don't know how you know that because it was in Executive Session, which means that some people are talking. So, that again, is a no-no. So, I mean that question was asked of me to you, specifically, on whether or not you were going to be unbiased if you led the City, and if that's not being done, then,

you know, it needs to start happening because, you know, we're, we're going to, we're in a very vital state right now where we can't be messing around with picking and choosing who's going to become buddies with who, and who is going to keep who, and this and that. You know, we have people's lives at stake here. People's lives are at stake. We don't have time for everybody to have egos here. You know, so my question would be has he met with everybody? Has he met individually with every department head? So not just you, and I appreciate you providing me with that information, but my question and, because that would be a fact that I would base a decision off of is whether or not he has sat down personally with him, whether or not he has sat down personally with Angel and discussed budget. And so that would be, yes, Cory Lakosky has a leg to stand on then. He hasn't been invited to discuss his department's budget with the City Manager, and why is that? If that's the case. If that's the case. So, I'm just saying, you can answer that, you know, and I, and I, you know, will take into consideration anything you have to say.

Mr. Molina: If I may, I'd like to answer that. Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I haven't talked to anybody specifically about specific budget items. What we did, the reports are being prepared or based on Mayor and Council meetings, reports that we've prepared from staff, we put on the website and what we did was list some options, we're still looking for other options, to make this budget work for the next fiscal year. I've asked for reports from department heads for this meeting. I specifically asked for reports from Mr. Lakosky for this meeting, which I did not receive. I'm hearing it for the first time. I've met individually with Mr. Lakosky. I've met in a group with all department heads every, every other week we have department head meetings. We talk about things. If there is something that's said during Mayor and Council, we bring it up so that all department heads understand and hear it at the same time. Personally, I'm not, I haven't been ready yet to sit down with specific budget items. I, what I've requested from the different departments are numbers so that I get a sense of what their doing, how much they're doing, or what they're not doing and should be doing. Those I have asked for. But they're not specific budget items. They're operational items about their respective departments. That, I did get (inaudible). But have I sat down with any department heads, other than the Finance Director and the City Clerk, who was the Interim City Manager, to keep me up-to-date on how things went last year, what, how it was done, to educate me, there haven't been any meetings. So, I, you know, I can't respond to that. What I can tell you is I've been kind of watching the Fire Department on and off for about the last four years, and watched their progress. And this particular Fire Department that we have today, is probably the best I've seen and I'm now communicating that to Mr. Lakosky. So, where this animosity, this antagonism is coming from, I have no idea. But if we're going to move to the budget forward and try to work towards a balanced budget, you have to ask some tough questions. And some people aren't going to like it. But, you know, my job is to provide Mayor and Council with all the information that you need to make an informed decision. And if that means I'm going to ask some tough questions, that's what I do. But in direct response to your question, have I had budget meetings with individual department heads, the answer is I have not.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: And along with asking tough questions, you know, it's sort of tough for us to remove ourselves from stuff that we have done and been a part of for a very long time. But I ask that you try and do that, remove yourself from the police department. Remove yourself from being biased towards them because then you are not providing me with a fair analysis. Okay? So I, I ask that of you, to try and dig deep and pull yourself out of, you know, what, the love for the police department because then, you know, I feel then that I'm not receiving an unbiased report.

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, respectfully, I'd have to disagree with that statement. If any department I'm critical of would be the police department only because I know it. But I can also tell you, with regard to the Fire Department, that like I said earlier, it's the best that I've seen. You don't get there because somebody didn't bust a lot of sweat. You don't get there because somebody didn't sacrifice. You don't get there because people aren't dedicated. I know that they're dedicated because they wouldn't be where they're at. I know that they're committed, otherwise they wouldn't be where they're at. What they have done to get this far is phenomenal. I understand that. I feel that. I try to put myself in their shoes. If I was in their shoes, how would I feel, you know, that the City is looking at maybe perhaps making some budget cuts? Understanding it, that's why I requested a meeting with Mr. Lakosky before one of the prior Council meetings, to put it on the table because I know it's, it was not going to be a good feeling. They've worked too hard to get where they're at only to think that maybe something's going to happen. I've been in their shoes. And there's a lot of information that isn't true that floats around. People like to stir the pot. But we try to be upfront and factual with everybody, pulling no strings, no favoritism, leaving nobody behind. And again, for the sole purpose to provide Mayor and Council with information that you need to make an informed decision, because it is going to be tough. And if I was in your shoes (inaudible). I don't know what else to tell you.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: No, that's okay. I, I respectfully disagree with you and that's okay. We can disagree. My job here is to challenge people and it's not to be anybody's best friend, so.

Mayor Green: Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – ANGEL LOPEZ, DIRECTOR

1. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – HURF FUNDS

Mr. Lopez: Good evening, Mayor, members of the Council. (Inaudible) copies of the HURF funding that we have at approximately \$122,831.37 (inaudible) available for the last three months of the year, April, now to June. The breakdown is \$68,400 from payroll and employee benefits, \$17,256; (inaudible) utilities; \$2,567 for gas, oil, and tires. (Inaudible) balance of \$34,607.82, that will be available for projects from now to June.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Mr. Lopez, what percentage is that at, do you know?

Mr. Lopez: Well, that (inaudible) just stated now (inaudible).

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: And you have less than the budget?

Mr. Lopez: Yes, (inaudible). I've given you a breakdown of what (inaudible) accomplished last year. That was brick pavers, sidewalks, curbs, wiring, lighting wires that were stolen, (inaudible) lighting for some of the (inaudible) street lights that were available. (Inaudible). What I do with the little money that I do have (inaudible) a yearly basis is I prioritize what (inaudible). That's (inaudible) the reasons is that sometimes we'll get complaints the lights aren't working because a ballast, sensors, fuses, light

bulbs (inaudible). (Inaudible). Going back to priority work, it goes back to brick pavers (inaudible) broken sidewalks. They're lifted during the winter. Temporarily, some of them were removed. We never put them back to its normal wear and tear because we don't have the money. What I do is I remove them and I cut back (inaudible) leveling out the walking surface on it where they're not this way. They're straight across. So those are actually calculated as to what we need to repair (inaudible). (Inaudible) \$35,000 (inaudible) \$34,607.82 (inaudible) the lights down 10th Avenue (inaudible) from 34th to 40th, both sides of the street. And those lights, we need to get repaired. I get calls from TEP. I get calls from Sun Tran, City of Tucson, it's very dark. It's (inaudible). That's a priority that I need to take care of now. I've been working with Martin Celaya, of Next Generation. The reason we're able to do that (inaudible) trying to do every other light. Hopefully, it's going to be because we're going to do hands on training, which cuts the price down (inaudible) of the actual price. The actual price of this has been estimated, came in about \$65,000 or \$70,000. We don't have the money. Any questions?

Councilman Larribas: Yes, I do. How much funding to you get each time around?

Mr. Lopez: The total I get is (inaudible) about one twenty-two, it varies, \$122,831.37.

Councilman Larribas: Now is that funding down pretty fast with what you're doing or?

Mr. Lopez: Mayor, Councilman Larribas, what we do is we try to get, prioritize what we need to do. It's the only way (inaudible) we actually (inaudible) repair. This project, it's going to be a permanent crew there. It's for the lights, 10th Avenue. I'm also going to go and get the other six lights for 34th and 29th. They need (inaudible). Same guy is going to be working with us (inaudible) so hopefully we'll get all lights repaired from 29th to 40th, both sides. And I'm able to do that, again, by hands-on training. (Inaudible) and some of the other guys. That's the only way we could actually swing it. Otherwise, we could not get those lights repaired.

Councilman Larribas: How many guys do you actually have (inaudible)?

Mr. Lopez: Six guys.

Councilman Larribas: Six guys.

Mr. Lopez: Yes, sir.

Councilman Larribas: (Inaudible) ...

Mr. Lopez: (Inaudible) give you a breakdown. As a matter of fact, give me a second. I'll give you just a little update, just a little summary of what they've been able to, the cost that was actually given to us (inaudible) and what we've been able to do with it. If you look at what the cost is and what the estimate was, it's, you can't compare it.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: The number two on this list, this is the same gentleman that's going to help you with 10th Avenue?

Mr. Lopez: Yes, yes, he is.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay. And so the original estimate was \$60,000 to \$70,000 and ...

Mr. Lopez: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... you said that, I mean obviously you don't have that in your budget so he has agreed to work with you and ...

Mr. Lopez: What we're going to do, Mayor and Vice-Mayor Mendoza, we're going to actually go from a 6-gauge to a 10-gauge wire, which is, it's actually cheaper wire to install. But it's also going to be pre-fit for the LED lights that will be going in hopefully in the future. City of Tucson is going to the 3-prong light, LED light, which will be (inaudible) whenever it happens, and a wire will be in place. There's going to a lot cheaper wire than what we have now. I mean they will be replaced (inaudible). We have a 6-gauge and we're going with a 10-gauge now. It's a cheaper wire. It's the same gentleman that's been doing the work for us when we did 6th Avenue (inaudible). The hands-on training (inaudible). Otherwise, those lights would still be broken. Actually, they aren't broken. It was stolen wire that we replaced.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: And does he charge for the training?

Mr. Lopez: As a matter of fact, no. No, he doesn't. He's been a part of us for a while now and he doesn't do that. As a matter of fact, he's, you know, I'll be honest with you. The reason we're able to get away with a lot of things that we do is we make contacts with the people in the City of Tucson, (inaudible) our IGA with (inaudible). You know, all the lighting. And we're able to go actually have our guy there doing the work while they're watching us. And that saves (inaudible) broken down (inaudible). So those kinds of savings, we do this all the time. And we're able to make it happen. Otherwise, the City itself (inaudible) would have lot of things repaired and very bad. (Inaudible).

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Right.

Mr. Lopez: We have generators, just an example, we had a generator, the police department, but they gave us, actually they were already at a time when they were telling us it had to be replaced at \$25,000, \$30,000, I believe that's what it was. I thought it was a little, something was wrong with it, so I actually had my diesel mechanic that does all the work for the, our yard, and Richard Bracamonte, our Lead Service Tech, we were able to go down to see that, we were able to see that there was actually water in the (inaudible). And it ended up costing us \$125 to take care of it. The generator is now running. Instead of replacing it for \$25,000 or \$30,000. That's a big (inaudible) happened. I got the Finance Director (inaudible) that's what happened. She actually got the phone and she was actually doing a lot of, she was complaining to them of what happened (inaudible). We saved a lot of money. If you look at the rooftop, it was just this building. We had an estimate of \$187,000 plus and that was to come and do the whole thing. The previous administration wouldn't allow me to touch it. They just didn't have, I would say, faith in me, or our department. We were able to go up there and do not only City Hall, but we were able to (inaudible) all the roofs up here, which includes, not the library because the library was sold, but we did the Police Department, we did (inaudible) Department, Administration, Public Works, Fleet Service (inaudible) all for \$10,000. And it

was \$87,000 for (inaudible). I gotta give you a break down of what we have done in the past, and what savings we have done in the past. And I think, again, it's all because we're allowed to do that with the contacts we make. City of Tucson has been great with us. Ernie Encinas (inaudible). They really work with us very close (inaudible).

Mayor Green: Any questions?

Councilman Larribas: I have one more question.

Mr. Lopez: Yes, sir.

Councilman Larribas: You know, in the past, I was going by the yard there. All the equipment that you guys have, I don't know if in the past you guys had (inaudible) equipment. Why has that stopped? I mean I know because of the budget for one thing, but what happened there?

Mr. Lopez: Mayor, Councilman Larribas, you know, my hobby is working on cars. And we like to (inaudible). We don't, we're not going to sit here and make excuses because we do have, we do have, we just got the rear loader back. That's why a lot of our alleys were (inaudible). But at the same time, we need to start, you know, giving violations out because people are told that they can't dump in the alley. Having it back now, again with our, the guy that we actually deal with, Raul (inaudible), I forgot the guy's company, but he did all our work for almost, and I can show you the paperwork for almost 60%, 70% cheaper than anybody else. He was glad to work with us and he did, as a matter of fact, he has (inaudible) truck (inaudible). They're actually doing hydraulics right now. Once we get that back, it's going to be a winner because we'll be able to go out there and, you know, pick up a lot of the heavy bulk. But the loader, we just got it back about a month ago. He gave us the best estimate anywhere; Phoenix (inaudible) as far as California, get somebody out here. And he was the best guy. (Inaudible) that's South Tucson. It's (inaudible) that we're able to do actually contact with and work with, very close (inaudible) department. Otherwise, the department, along with what you just said, we'd probably be done by now. Because the money for it is not coming in. I want to thank Ms. Lourdes Aguirre, the work, working with me 'cause she works with me very close. Again, prior administration, rooftop, never let me do it. Never let me do a lot things. And I just want to thank her for allowing me to do that because, you know, it allowed us (inaudible) and it's very evident (inaudible) this past summer. Ask everybody here who (inaudible). The year before (inaudible) the whole thing. It was that bad. If we didn't have the work done now, we'd have lost the (inaudible). I'm talking about maybe \$150,000 plus. 'Cause they would've come in here, rebuild the whole thing. That's just, you know, a hole here, a hole there. (Inaudible) whole thing.

Councilman Larribas: I've seen you guys work out there. And, you know, I've worked out there before but, you know, I, I can't do that no more. I praise you guys a lot because I see you guys in the sun all the time. That's a really hard job to do.

Mr. Lopez: Thank you so much, Mayor, Councilman Larribas. In the past, we've been told that we take breaks a lot. And I would like to show you the schedules that we ...

Councilman Larribas: (Inaudible) ...

Mr. Lopez: ... have done. I'll just show you, take you out there and show you what we do and then, it's one, one corner, it's complete. The other corner is just started because we don't have the manpower. We never said no to it. We'll keep working as long as we're here.

Councilman Larribas: I know what it's like to work outside. I've been in construction a lot. Pretty much my whole life. And taking a little break here and there, that's no big deal to me.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: It's necessary.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Councilman Larribas: For people to say they take a lot of breaks, you know, and I see you guys working out there.

Mr. Lopez: Well, thank you so much, sir. I'd like to tell you this.

Councilman Larribas: I'd like to, you know, invite somebody to go out there and do that job.

Mr. Lopez: Thank you. Thank you and I appreciate it so much, sir. I just like to let you know if you look at the work here, it's not, it's a whole reclassification of what we do. We go out of our norm to do these kind of things. We're not, a lot of places would tell us, be a liability. We're not trained for it. Back in the time, I used to ask for training. They wouldn't give me money 'cause they didn't have no money. But it was okay for us to do it. So anyway, a long story short, it's out of our norm. To get out of the norm, and we do outside our work scope. Like they tell you, the last, I've been here a while now, the last, what ten, fifteen years, ten years, (inaudible) work here. My guys done great work. (Inaudible). I'd like to thank the Mayor and Council because (inaudible). I can't thank you enough. I really can't.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Well, we appreciate it. Send our ...

Mayor Green: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for your guys and the guys that help you along the way and helps South Tucson like Mark, Martin (inaudible) and everyone else you mentioned, so from the Mayor and Council ...

Mr. Lopez: Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... we really appreciate you guys and, and yeah, I agree with Mr. Larribas. You know, it's not an easy job. We're utilizing and abusing your other duties as assigned in your job description.

Mr. Lopez: Well, I'll tell you what, I (inaudible) schedule the work. And I actually noticed all department heads that when they want something done, they have to let me know ahead of time. (Inaudible) priority is first graffiti as far as water breaks, those are priorities. So I try to (inaudible) you know, all that (inaudible) emergency kind of things around that. Everything else is secondary. So I

let them know that if they do have something for me to do, they should schedule and we can schedule. All department heads (inaudible) Police Department, they'll all you that if they tell me ahead of time, it will get done. If they tell me to do it today, I'll have to say no, and they know that. 'Cause we can't work that way. We gotta do what, in order to complete what we're doing, we gotta stay on schedule. Thank you, sir.

Mayor Green: Hold on. We have a.

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, a little side note to what they're doing in the Public Works and trying to clean the City, since cleaning up the City is, I believe is vital to bringing in economic development, a group of us, including Mr. Opus (ph) met with staff at the County Attorney's Office to see what other resources we could use to force people to clean up their properties, especially some of the rental properties in town. And I think that the meeting went very well. Mr. (inaudible) was present at the meeting also. And I think that it was coming here, I get to see that this town is going to look a lot better, hopefully better than it's ever looked before with regard to how clean the streets and the alleys will look. We're bringing in some, some help, we're working as a team, we're bringing in assistance from the Pima County Attorney's Office. They were instrumental in helping the Town of Ajo get some clean-up done because some of the folks didn't want to clean up their properties. So, hopefully, you will see results in the next, in the near future, in the next few months.

Mr. Lopez: Just one last thing. One last thing, I think, you can go back to my schedules, the Chief when he came in, he actually requested for me to clean up a lot of, like (inaudible) and 5th Avenue. It was a gap in communication 'cause I had told him next week Friday. He thought I was saying (inaudible) so he went out there and he (inaudible) you haven't cleaned this (inaudible). I scheduled it for next week Friday. (Inaudible) just, again, it's going back to what I said. The only thing (inaudible). You can't be jumping around. Not with six guys.

Councilman Cantu: I just wanted to say thank you for, for the, the good job that you have been doing and, and thank you for the times that you have taken to get together with the Manager and, and find out what needs to be done. I, I, personally, know that it takes time to, to make everything click. And we have to wait, but as for what I have seen, you have been doing a great job and thank you.

Mr. Lopez: Thank you, sir.

Councilman Cantu: (Inaudible) working together.

Mr. Lopez: Just Mayor, Councilman Cantu, just (inaudible) extended my time here, but just to let you know, your light being fixed was by TEP. And right now, TEP is here in our intersection, still fixing lights. So whatever lights are not out there, hopefully and Mayor and Council let me know and I'll continue to call them and (inaudible). But right now, they're, they, last time I checked it was 13 lights they had already taken care of. One was yours and ...

Councilman Cantu: I thank you ...

Mr. Lopez: ... (inaudible).

Councilman Cantu: ... very much. Yeah, I thank you very much and, and even though somebody else did, you were in charge of, I mean you were right there to see who was responsible to do the job. And, and it has been taken care of. Thank you.

Mr. Lopez: Thank you, sir.

Councilman Cantu: (Inaudible) I can sleep a little bit better. No more whistling around ...

Mr. Lopez: (Inaudible).

Councilman Cantu: ... 2:00, 3 o'clock at night.

Mayor Green: Yeah, just the same thing. I'd like to say thanks to your staff and everything else. You know, I always, you know, as a City employee myself, you know, everybody has this picture of a City employee. Those pictures are gone long ago. You know, I mean I think you're, you're held more accountable to the community you work for, for the mere reason that you have professionals that are out there. And then we all know that there's a bunch of eyes on us. But, you know, knowing how your staff is and everything else, I've seen 'em out there, I've seen them weed-eating, I've seen them in the backhoe over there hogging it up, doesn't give anybody else another chance. No, but you know, thank you, thank your staff. I mean it's a tough job. It's a hard job. And it's a hot job. Or it's a cold job. So, just understand that the Council appreciates everything that you guys do.

Mr. Lopez: Thank you so much.

Mayor Green: Okay. Thank you.

PLANNING AND ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, JOEL GASTELUM

1. PIMA COUNTY 36TH STREET, 6TH AVENUE TO 4TH AVENUE SEI PROJECT: 36TH STREET WATERLINE RELOCATION

Mr. Gastelum: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. I'll be very brief. Just wanted to give you all an update. I know I've been coming to you all for the past 12 to 18 months or so, kind of updating you on the sewer project that the County has got going. And that's kind of in correlation with our Greenway project that's going to follow up on top of the (inaudible). So, you all saw a lot of the work going on at 29th and 10th Avenue by La Frontera. They've already bored underneath 29th. They're working their way down 10th Avenue. You've probably seen some activity on 6th Avenue, 6th Avenue west of 36th Street. It's currently closed and it will be closed until about July. If you think about it, there's nothing really servicing that area. It's a little area, the Martinez chapel and another little couple houses right there, but they've all been contacted, all the businesses have been contacted. And once they finish that area, come July, they'll make their way east on 36th Street. That will be shut down intermittently for about two months or so, all the way up until the end of the year, going all the way down the tracks. The overall project should finish on Euclid probably about the start of the year. But just keep in mind all the businesses that will be affected going down the 36th Street

corridor have been contacted. The County is going to provide some additional parking at Greyhound. There will be designated (inaudible) and walkways for all people that want to park so they have safe entrances to all the restaurants. So, all the residents have been contacted, business owners have been contacted, and it's been moving pretty smooth. So, just to keep in mind, once this sewer line is complete, the Greenway will then go on top of it and then the additional improvements will come soon after.

Mayor Green: So it's going down the railroad tracks. What's that have to do with the dog track?

Mr. Gastelum: They'll be providing additional parking for all the different businesses and things of that sort that will have to, due to the extent relocation and excavation and things of that sort, a lot of the access to those businesses will be blocked, so a lot of the parking access will be affected. So they're going to have parking at Greyhound Park. So all those people will have designated areas going to the two restaurants. Mainly Rico's and Crossroads will be affected.

Mayor Green: Right. So, we're still looking at the same path as we were before, right?

Mr. Gastelum: Correct.

Mayor Green: Okay.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Will there be repaving of 36th Street?

Mr. Gastelum: Yes. Yes, Vice-Mayor, members of the Council, yes, all 36th Street, curb to curb. We met with the County to make sure we're on the same page 'cause, you know, sometimes, they'll go in, will do one lane and just do that whole lane.

Mayor Green: Oh, yeah.

Mr. Gastelum: No, we, we're requesting curb to curb and they're all on board, so once that project is complete it will be a brand new roadway from 36th Street. And that's how we kind of, Angel's guys, thank goodness, have kind of been babysitting 36th Street, knowing this big reconstruction is coming. 'Cause they've been patching for the past 18 months or so, just until this came done.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Right. 'Cause when I saw that they had closed 36th from 6th to 4th Avenue, that they just kind of patched up what they tore up, ...

Mr. Gastelum: Right.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... and I was thinking we need better negotiating.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mr. Gastelum: No, no, no, you're right.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Once you mess that foundation at one point, it compromises the whole thing and, you know, so I wanted to make sure that we are on top of getting South Tucson, you know, its (inaudible).

Mr. Gastelum: Yeah, for sure. It will be paved curb to curb, and a lot of that was utility relocation. They had to go in and move a few things around underground, repave, and then they're going to go another big opening once they put that underground, an open trench. It will be paved curb to curb.

Councilman Larribas: Joel, is this going to go all the way to Euclid?

Mr. Gastelum: Yes, sir, Councilman Larribas. That will be the final destination point and that would be the termness of the sewer project.

Councilman Larribas: From 36th, from 4th ...

Mr. Gastelum: All the way ...

Councilman Larribas: ... Avenue all ...

Mr. Gastelum: ... down to Euclid.

Councilman Larribas: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Lopez: Excuse me, Joel. Just real fast. Coming south of City of Tucson going into the tracks, we've actually talked to City of Tucson and actually do some signage. (Inaudible) it's going to go (inaudible). (Inaudible) couple of close calls. (Inaudible) ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: They use that ...

Mr. Lopez: ... (inaudible) ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... turning lane.

Mr. Lopez: ... (inaudible). So they're going to put some posters or signs.

Mayor Green: Thank you. Any questions?

Councilman Larribas: I have one more. Now when you go from 4th Avenue down to Euclid, will that whole thing be closed or will there be traffic allowed to flow through there?

Mr. Gastelum: You know, I can't speak for what's going to happen on the City of Tucson side. My guess is it will be intermittent closures where there will probably be a lane closed and it will open, like they're going to do on South Tucson. They'll close down one lane. It will probably be closed for about a month or so, then it will shift to another side. So, I really can't speak for what's happening down there. But more than likely, it will be intermittent closure for the next couple of months, and probably all the way up until December, to be quite honest.

Mayor Green: Thank you.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-05 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S ANIMAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID IGA

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, this is an agreement, an extension of the original agreement that allows Pima County Animal Control to perform their services (inaudible) South Tucson. They project that the cost for this service for this fiscal year will be \$81,270. I have the Finance Director here that can give you a history of ...

Mayor Green: Please.

Mr. Molina: ... (inaudible).

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor, members of the Council, the history on this particular agreement goes back to, I believe, fiscal '16. At that point, there was quite a bit of language changed (inaudible) just to clarify what Pima Animal Care Center's rule was. The City also been going through the process of just making sure that the County had the most up-to-date ordinances, as well as reducing some of the impoundment time. I think we did that last year. So by reducing it from 7 days to 5 days, was in line with the County and State that actually saved us some money. And so we've seen over the course of the years, the expense decline. At one point, it was close to \$100,000. Now, they're projecting \$80,000. And I know that the County, the Animal Care Center, has, along with some of the numbers here, City staff is trying to lodge a program to help people prevent strays or prevent animals from leaving their yards. And so, hopefully, we see the benefits from that. But this here, the contract, it's just, it's basically the second extension. That original one in fiscal '16 could have been extended three more years. So this is the second extension.

Mayor Green: Did we ever get a final count of how many animals they actually picked up last year or whatever it was?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, sir. Well, I don't recall if I gave that specific data to you all, but I have it. So, if you would like to see it, I can provide it.

Mayor Green: I mean do you have a ballpark figure just off of the top of your head right now?

Ms. Aguirre: It was more than 250. (Inaudible) just leave it at that. But I, I will, I'll put together a report and put those numbers in there for you.

Mayor Green: It was 200. Let's say 300 dogs. And \$90,000 we paid last year? Wow!

Ms. Aguirre: Yes.

Mayor Green: That's a really expensive strays.

Ms. Aguirre: Unfortunately, Mr. Mayor and members of the Council, the County's philosophy is to, you know, bring these dogs to health and, you know, get them adopted. It's a no (inaudible) policy. And unfortunately, most of the dogs that get picked up here from the City of South Tucson are very ill. And so that's a lot of money going into the medical and the medicines that they give them. That's where the bulk of the expense goes. And if you have a copy of your IGA, in fact, I think it's page two or three of that IGA, it goes down the line and pretty much breaks it down. So the bulk of it is, yes, an enforcement but also shelter and veterinary services. So, veterinary, spay/neuter, the community cap project, and the sheltering, altogether, make up about \$40,000. So, half of the bill.

Councilman Cantu: I've got a question. Does any money comes to South Tucson (inaudible) whatever they charge for, or the fees they charge for picking up like dogs, money they collect from the owners of the animals?

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor and Councilman Cantu, the answer to that is yes, for whatever is collected. The unfortunate circumstances that a lot of the dogs are picked up are not licensed. And so, there is no one to recover that (inaudible) licensing or those fines from. But whatever it is that is collected, it is offset against our bill at the end of every month or quarter.

Councilman Cantu: Because I was thinking about that (inaudible) any money that is collected from fines, stuff like that, licensing and all of that, do we benefit out of that?

Ms. Aguirre: Now, Mayor and Councilman Cantu, one of the things that the County did bring to my attention a while ago was the City of South Tucson hasn't increased their licensing fees in quite some time. Could there be a benefit to that? Possibly. But then also considering the large number of unlicensed animals, maybe not.

Councilman Cantu: Yeah. The reason I was asking that question is 'cause I wanted to know if the money that, even \$5.00 we charge for a license, does that come to the City? Does that come, come to us?

Ms. Aguirre: Well, Mayor and Councilman Cantu, what happens is that the County, the Animal Care Center, collects that. And so when they collect that, they account for it and they offset against our bill. So it reduces by that much that they've collected. It reduces our bill by that much.

Councilman Larribas: I have one question. I know I've seen, and they're out there chasing dogs and stuff, I've seen 'em when they've chased 'em, catching one on one side (inaudible) across the tracks and they run to our side. And they finally catch 'em. So if they're not from South Tucson, are we going to get charged for that, too, or how does that work?

Ms. Aguirre: Mayor and Councilman Larribas, the answer is if they caught the animal in South Tucson, South Tucson gets billed. So, you know, without having actual boundaries, there's no real way of, unless a dog is micro-chipped and they can prove that the owner lives outside the City limits.

Councilman Larribas: But if they're licensed, that should, so will we have to pay for that dog if it has a license and is chased over into South Tucson?

Ms. Aguirre: No, so, Mayor and Councilman Larribas, in fact, what happens is if they can prove who the owner is, then they charge to that jurisdiction. Of course, they make every effort to contact the owners and have that animal retrieved by the owner.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: I have a question, Mayor.

Mayor Green: Go ahead.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Has there ever been a time when Pima County, since we're having issues with licensing, it seems like, that there has been a time where Pima County has come into South Tucson and held maybe like a reduced licensing fee fair day? You know, because we have so many low-income families here that can't afford that, it's probably the bottom line, is there any programs that, or offers that maybe we can kind of negotiate with the Animal Control, Pima County Animal Control that maybe if they come in here and at reduced rates, we can get some of these dogs licensed, if they can prove that they've low income or, you know, I know that they can go and do that, maybe, outside of that. But the thing is is that we have a lot of elderly, a lot of people who don't have cars here. You know, it's more convenient if we can ask Pima, you know, Animal Control to come here into South Tucson and maybe hold like a day, even at like a health fair type thing. You know, something. Has that ever been done or?

Ms. Aguirre: So, Mayor and Vice-Mayor Mendoza, it hasn't been done. But it's out there and it could be done. It's up to the City, Mayor and Council, on whether to, for a special event, reduce or kind of subsidize, per se, the licensing. So, that could be reduced because it is in your City Code. So then that could eventually promote more licensing. And that would actually help with faster re-homing, so that if animals were found, they would know right away who it belongs to. Absolutely. And I know that they also, Pima Animal Care Center, has additional funding available to help them with also promoting spay and neuter clinics, and shots, and things like that. And that is absolutely something that could held here as an event for South Tucson residents.

Mayor Green: Mr. City Manager.

Mr. Molina: Vice-Mayor Mendoza, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I'd like the Chief to speak on the topic a little bit about the preventive efforts that have been ongoing in the last few weeks between the Police Department and things that he's been involved in with Pima Animal Control. There have been some preventive things to try to keep the costs down so that we don't have to shelter as many dogs.

Chief Ford: Mr. Mayor, Council, about this time last year when we were getting into planning and we were closing out financial reports, one of the things that kind of stood out was the associated costs for Pima Animal Care Center. And so I started a dialogue with Pima Animal Care Center so that we could try to find a way to control or reduce the population, and also work with the education program, people in the community, and they were able to identify some funding. About four months ago now, we actually had a town hall meeting that was over at the Angel Center. Urban League and the City

Manager (inaudible) to attend. We sat down (inaudible) discuss some of the problems that came out in the strategic planning sessions. One of those things was stray animals and the risk to the public, and then also the associated costs. So, as the Finance Director has reported, you know, there are those sections of the pie, that 62% that we have these reoccurring fees with, and so we've been trying to close some of that gap, and that's education, prevention. They brought in some funding for a fencing project. So every Tuesday and Thursday, you may have seen them a little bit more, but we have specific Animal Control officers that are working with us and attending our Neighborhood Watch meetings. So they're coming out and they're speaking with people in the community. I actually got a report from them this past, last week, that they've already had about 74 calls for service this year. And they've also returned a lot of animals to the owners, in addition to education and fence repair. 'Cause they have some money for fence repair. We are transitioning to an enforcement phase. So part of that education is also going to be (inaudible) licensing. We're also going to look into the potential of micro-chipping because the more dogs that are identified by chip, the more we can kind of identify resources needed to pay for animals and things that we shouldn't be responsible for, that owners are responsible for, other people from other jurisdictions to be responsible. So, I think we have a, we started a good relationship with Pima Animal Care Center. It's just the first community that they've reached out to, and this is kind of a pilot program that we've been working (inaudible) in about four months.

Mayor Green: Thank you. Any other questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 17-05 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Larribas. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 - RESOLUTION NO. 17-06 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING, RATIFYING AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PHOENIX AND THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, this is an agreement that will allow our Finance Department to retrieve information a lot quicker, faster (inaudible) do analysis, and be more efficient in the performance of collecting data from tax records. I'll let the Finance Director give you the details about what the program (inaudible). The participation fee for the program is \$1,500. It's a one-time fee. Thereafter, it's a \$275 fee that will be paid annually by the City to the City of Phoenix.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, the City of Phoenix has developed a municipal task dashboard, or a program that's designed to hold and also produce reports based on taxpayer information. They invested about \$2,000,000 in this big program. It's very secure. It's a web program. And so it's intended to do all those things that the Manager said. You know, increase the amount of time that we save, also improve our analysis and our comparison, make really good use of our time and our staff, because that's what we have least of. So, I was very impressed with the demonstration that I was provided by City of Phoenix staff. It seems like this program can provide as little or as much detail as necessary to be able to look at forecasts and audit, taxpayer information.

The way it works is the Department of Revenue pours all taxpayer information for all cities into this program. And so, if you are a participating city that has gone through the IGA process, you are given a login and you are able to pull up information and do all those queries, and analysis, and graphs for the taxpayers in your region, the City of South Tucson.

Mayor Green: Are you talking about individual taxpayers or are you talking businesses, or are you talking?

Ms. Aguirre: I'm sorry, Mayor, members of the Council, this is for businesses, yes.

Mayor Green: Okay. I was going to say that...

Ms. Aguirre: Transaction privilege tax, I'm sorry. I (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: Okay. 'Cause I'm sitting ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... here going, unh unh.

Ms. Aguirre: No. Although property taxpayer information is available online. It's public and anyone can view it. So, ...

Mayor Green: Right.

Ms. Aguirre: ... what this, this is individual per, this is, I'm sorry, for business, transaction privilege tax.

Mayor Green: Okay. So anybody with that license.

Ms. Aguirre: It's confidential.

Mayor Green: Right.

Ms. Aguirre: Absolutely, and all the appropriate legal language to protect the City and Phoenix and the Department of Revenue have been included in here. So, from my standpoint, a small investment in this amount, \$1,500 (inaudible) and then \$275 every year after that would be a good investment.

Mayor Green: Earlier, you had made reference that the City, according to the census, was 71% rentals? How much of that are we actually showing that are paying anything into the City? What percentage of that?

Ms. Aguirre: So, Mr. Mayor, that has yet to be determined because although 70%, according to the Census Bureau, is residential rental, not all of that, of course, was licensed when we had ...

Mayor Green: Have the ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... required ...

Mayor Green: ... license, yeah.

Ms. Aguirre: ... the licensing in-house. It will take some research so if the residential rental tax is approved or imposed, it will require research on the part of my staff to determine who is possibly renting, but needs to be licensed.

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Aguirre: So (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: And this, ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... and this program would help in that?

Ms. Aguirre: No.

Mayor Green: No?

Ms. Aguirre: Unfortunately, Mayor, this program helps analyze the information reported by ...

Mayor Green: Right.

Ms. Aguirre: ... licensed ...

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Aguirre: ... businesses right now.

Mayor Green: Yeah. I was actually giving it more credit.

Ms. Aguirre: I wish.

Mayor Green: Yeah.

Ms. Aguirre: I wish that's what they did.

Mayor Green: All right. Any questions for either Finance Director or City Manager?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: I do, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Green: Go right ahead.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: And this is just for my own clarification. But I received an email about cities and, from the League of Cities and Towns in Arizona about a "P" card. This isn't anything about that?

Ms. Aguirre: No.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay. This is just a total separate system.

Ms. Aguirre: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Mayor Green: I think that, and just piggybacking off of her, the "P" card, my understanding, is going to be the credit card.

Ms. Aguirre: I actually have to do a little more research on that. But if you like, I can come back with you on ...

Mayor Green: If you would.

Ms. Aguirre: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Green: Yeah, because I know when I talk about the "P" card that I carry, it's a City credit card. And it's through, well, actually we're just changing banks. We're going over to Chase now from whoever had it before. So, the actual credit card that they give us is a "P" card. It's a purchasing card. That's all it means.

Ms. Aguirre: The City of South Tucson does not have them for employees. The only thing that the City of South Tucson has is ...

Mayor Green: The City card.

Ms. Aguirre: ... fuel cards. Fuel cards.

Mayor Green: Any other questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 17-06. Seconded by Councilman Larribas. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #12 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Larribas. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 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 24th day of April, 2017. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk