

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, June 12, 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
Rufino Cantu
Robert Larribas
Anita Romero
Carlos Romo

Staff Present: Sixto Molina, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Angel Lopez, Public Works Director
Marilyn Chico, Housing Authority Director
Bobby Yu, City Attorney

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE AVAILABLE

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-11 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, TO REQUEST INCREASED AMORTIZATION PERIOD WITH PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, we have the Finance Director that's going to speak on this topic. But essentially, we are recommending to pay the debt that we owe to the Public Safety Retirement System in twenty years versus, or thirty years versus twenty years. And that will save us approximately \$186,550 per year that is crucial for the City to balance this year's budget.

Mayor Green: Okay. Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mayor Green: Do I have a motion?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Would Lourdes, sorry, Mayor, ...

Mayor Green: Oh, Lourdes, were you going to speak on this or?

Mr. Molina: Yes.

Mayor Green: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I think that the City Manager covered all of the basics of what this resolution really covers. This is a formality we've got to go through, Mayor and Council approval, in order for the Board of Trustees with Public Safety Retirement System to consider it. And we also reviewed some of the benefits and, as well as the challenges surrounding this, in the memorandum that we reviewed last week.

Mayor Green: Correct.

Ms. Aguirre: One thing that I do want to change is that instead of using short-term relief, this is for immediate relief.

Mayor Green: Okay. Thank you. Anything else?

Ms. Aguirre: No, that's it.

Mayor Green: Okay. Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 17-10 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – STUDY SESSION – PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (BRIEF INTRO/OVERVIEW)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to convene the Regular Meeting and enter into Study Session. Seconded by Councilman Larribas. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, the Finance Director would like to give us an overview of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System and why the cities, including South Tucson, are in the situation that we are in. She'd like to present a short video on the topic and then have a question and answer period.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I'm going to be turning on the video we're going to be watching. It's not long. It's about 4 minutes long. But it's a really good educational tool that the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System put together to kind of introduce, educate, and inform not only participating members, but also cities and towns elected officials such as yourself.

(Mayor, Council, and staff watched the video)

Ms. Aguirre: Hopefully you found that informative. I know it was a little quick to follow, but some of the things that it highlights are basically the losses that were taken during the dot com era. Also, the stock market crash, after the stock market crash, the system had just about half in assets to cover the benefits. So, that, of course, affects all the cities and towns who participate in the system. What we're going to go over now are some factors that affect the City of South Tucson directly. Of course they have to do with what we saw in the video, but then there's a little more information on the bottom. So I gave us also a little overview, how it is that the pension system works. Also, what caused the unfunded liability and some of the measures that have recently been taken, what is called now the Pension (inaudible) in 2017. If you follow me on this outline here, just a really quick review, how is the pension, or the retirement, funded. One way is through employee and employer contributions to Public Safety Retirement System. So every single payroll, the City puts in a certain percentage. Right now, it was 100, I think going into next fiscal year it was approximately \$160,000 prior to the approval of the resolution and about 85% for Police, 161% for Fire. That's what the City puts in. And then from the employee's paychecks, there was also a deduction. Now it's gone back to the 7.65%. A number of factors created the situation that we see up above. If you look at the chart above, this is the South Tucson situation here. On the Police side, you have a total liability of 7.6 million dollars. It's only funded \$112,000. Now these numbers right here are the numbers that were presented on the 2016 financial. And, of course, they're always working off of Public Safety Retirement System's numbers from a year ago. Those actuarials are about a year behind. Our funding status, based on some more recent communication that I saw has improve slightly, slightly. But based on the fiscal '16 financials, 7.6 million in liability funded \$112,000 on the Police side. On the Fire side, the liability was 3.5 million and it was funded 1.4 million. So we saw, one of the reasons, or one of the factors that caused this problem. As you can see, on this little chart here, we took a snippet from the video. So there was the dot com crash and the housing stock market crash. You see how that affected the assets. That spilled down to our accounts here in South Tucson. There is also the issue of the permanent benefit increases. So right away, you could tell how the formula for those four already retired, they were set to continue receiving increases in their checks. But the investments were not coming in to meet those. So a part of this pension reform was modifying it so that it wouldn't be a permanent benefit increase but now a cost of living increase. So there's a different formula for those people entering into the retirement system. Number three is what really makes South Tucson unique. The City of South Tucson has a high level of early or medical retirement. On this table that you see here, it gives you a really good idea of another factor that's lead to this problem. In Police, the number of current retirees, fifteen. Of those, eight are medical retirements. Medical retirements from prior to 2016. On the Fire side, there's six retirees, one medical retirement. Now here's what makes up those medical retirements. Looking at those eight, the average number of years that were put into the system is about five years. Yet, they have been collecting on retirement, medical retirement ranging from 21 to 32 years. Just doing a really quick calculation because we do have information as to, you know, the average annual amount paid out, estimating the payments above what their contributions were, that gives you \$6,000,000 right there. On the Fire side, the estimated payments to date above employee contributions have come up to \$220,000. So you see how, right away, the City has been paying the contribution rate that are mandated by the system. It's been making good on what it has to. But it's this other factor right here. It's a really big factor that plays a huge role in what we see. And so, of course, the difference that you see here from total liability to funded, that's the unfunded, which had been designed to be paid off in twenty years, like it was adopted in 2015. But now, as you all have adopted the resolution, it will be paid off in thirty years, to make it a little more reasonable for the City to pay at a lower rate. Do any of you have any questions?

Mayor Green: No, I do. On the retired, on the average year is 5.24, so I mean basically about 5 1/3 years.

Ms. Aguirre: Right.

Mayor Green: Okay. For the Police. Would this be considered, or take into consideration that we're hiring other officers that came with pre-existing conditions? Is that, I mean City Manager, if you, you know, can, you can.

Mr. Molina: I don't know for sure, Mayor, but from some of the experiences that I've heard, that would be accurate. The Police Department is hiring officers (inaudible) existing conditions.

Mayor Green: And they were aggravated by?

Mr. Molina: Exactly. By new conditions that cause (inaudible).

Mayor Green: Okay. And one of the things that I understand and correct me if I'm wrong, is when an officer leaves a department without retiring, he or she takes the money they put into the retirement, but the City keeps the money that they put in, right? The matching fund?

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, that is correct. That had been accurate up until recently. I believe that a part of this reform in 2017 is to change the legislation surrounding that so that any contributions made by the City stay in the City. Let me backtrack. So the case was when employees went from one jurisdiction to another, ...

Mayor Green: They took their portion.

Ms. Aguirre: That was it. Yes, Mayor. Yes.

Mayor Green: And the agency, the losing agency ...

Ms. Aguirre: Picked up on the rest.

Mayor Green: Kept the money that they put in, right?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, sir, I believe that that's ...

Mayor Green: So ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... correct.

Mayor Green: ... then hiring an individual from another department with numerous years, or close to retirement, four, five, three, two years, whatever the case is, is not really beneficial to the City because we would have to make up eighteen, nineteen years of contributions for an individual who may stay here for two years.

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, sir.

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Aguirre: That is correct. Thank you for refreshing my memory.

Mayor Green: No, thank you.

Ms. Aguirre: But that is correct. And so what's going to be changing now is that any intergovernmental transfers will, that, that whole process will change.

Mayor Green: And that was the process before? There's another process?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, coming into play where they may take the.

Mayor Green: The, the, ...

Ms. Aguirre: Let me ...

Mayor Green: ... the City's portion of it.

Ms. Aguirre: The City's portion.

Mayor Green: Contribution to it. So they take not only their contribution to it, but the City's contribution, so it's two pots. The pot that I put into and the pot that the City puts into. So I take, and, and turn it into one pot and I go over to South Tucson, and the City of Tucson, and I have fifteen or sixteen years of monies for retirement in that pot. Is that, is that what it changed to or?

Ms. Aguirre: Sir, I'm getting really confused. I'm sorry. I would like to put this all down in the memo because I know that we have gone over it in the past. I just, my apologies. I didn't ...

Mayor Green: Oh, no, no, ...

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

Mayor Green: ... no, that's, that's ...

Ms. Aguirre: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Green: ... quite all right. No, I think the point that I was trying to make, and I knew that we were having problems is, you know, we would have to look real serious at anybody, especially anybody coming into Public Safety where there's a high risk anyways, that has, you know, a possibility of getting hurt.

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, sir. And when it comes to also those intergovernmental transfers, considering that anybody transferring who is already tenured in the system, would have, back then, transferred over

there liability to the City of South Tucson. But, of course, anybody coming in new, we would really have to look at the legislation to see how it's going to be changing.

Mayor Green: Okay. Appreciate it. Thank you. Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mayor Green: Is that it?

Ms. Aguirre: That was it.

Mayor Green: City Manager?

Mr. Molina: That was it.

Mayor Green: Okay. So if we have no questions for Finance or the City Manager, okay, hearing none, do I have a motion to adjourn out of Special, the Study Session back into Regular Session?

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to adjourn the Study Session and reconvene to Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-11 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING YOUTH PROGRAMS AND RECREATION ACTIVITES AT THE JOHN VALENZUELA YOUTH CENTER, WITH PAYMENT UP TO \$113,000

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, we're recommending approval of this resolution. Some background, youth programs are very important to the City of South Tucson. Usually, what's common is for cities and towns that have high unemployment or poverty-stricken, pretty much like the demographics in South Tucson, those places generally experience a high amount of juvenile delinquency. South Tucson, it's been my personal experience to know that we're the exception to the rule. Our juvenile crime rate is exceptionally low for our city. I think maybe the only community that might beat us out is Sun City or Green Valley where you have to be 50 years old to live there. I think the things that the City of South Tucson has done in the past, which is have good schools, have good youth programs, helps the situation. And I truly believe that having a low juvenile crime rate is something that isn't spoken of very much, but it's something that we should be very proud of. So, what this does is this continues funding from Pima County through South Tucson for the John Valenzuela Youth Center.

Mayor Green: And this is going to be payable to Pio Decimo, correct?

Mr. Molina: I believe so, yes.

Mayor Green: Okay. So that's still the same funding source. Okay. Any questions on the agenda item?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 17-11 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-12 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR, ADOPTING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO MEET THE PUBLIC EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF THE STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, our Finance Director, Lourdes Aguirre, will give us a little bit of overview of what she's going to present. But I want to state, for the record, that I am very grateful to the department heads and City staff to be able to bring this budget to where it is now, which is a balanced budget. Without the cooperation of everybody, and I mean everybody, we probably wouldn't be here. We would have had a couple of breaks that were in our favor, such as the Public Safety situation where we refinanced the debt to 30 years versus 20 years. That helped, that saved the City money, but the situation looked pretty grim. But because everybody pitched in, everybody, the department heads played a crucial role in giving something up that none of us wanted (inaudible). But they did. That helped out (inaudible). With that, I will turn it over to Ms. Aguirre.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, you may recall we began this process during the month of March and there was quite a few presentations, not only to serve as educational tools, but also to point out the needs of the City. At that point, a long list of challenges was reviewed. It was a very long list of challenges totally around \$600,000. I think that the highest deficit that was reported to you all is \$654,000. Options that were considered, the City didn't have many options, were increasing sales tax revenues, but that had already been done in fiscal '15 and fiscal '17. Another thing was, could the City refinance its bonds, currently sitting at a principal of about 7.1 million. Well, possibly in the future, but first, a couple of things needed to be done internally here to bring the City's finances in order. So, in essence, it was finding ways, really, where could the City reduce some costs and find savings. So last Monday, a total of four recommendations were made to Mayor and Council. Three of them were related to cuts in personnel. The total savings from those cuts amounted to \$450,000. And the last recommendation had to do with this Public Safety Retirement amortization extension, and that saved the City \$186,000. So combined, those four recommendations pretty much balanced the budget. What sacrifices did that entail? Well, that entailed unfunding three positions the first round. So, full-time planner, a part-time clerk, a part-time Fire Chief. And then recommendation listed as number three last week was unfunding two full-time positions in the Police Department; one sergeant and one officer. And finally, recommendation number four as it was listed last week, was reorganizing the Fire Department to staff at three people per shift versus four. So, that saved quite a bit of (inaudible). And so, the tentative budget that we are bringing to you all for your approval is in the amount of 8.4 million dollars of which 4.9 million is for the General Fund and 3.4 million is for special revenue funds, which are restricted grant monies. With that said, I'm open for any questions.

Mayor Green: Any questions?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: I would just, I know we were supposed to have been briefed on the meeting between South Tucson Fire Department and Tucson Fire Department, and I don't receive, I didn't receive an e-mail or an update, or a memo, any of what sort, after what, you know, transpired in the meeting. So do we know that we have the mutual aid agreement as far as downsizing from four per engine to three?

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice-Mayor, members of the Council, the Tucson Fire Department is aware (inaudible) downsizing. There was no objections raised. There was nothing in the IGA that mandated that we had to have four. The four comes from another regulation that recommends that when you have a fire and you have firefighters go into a structure, you've got to have two in and two out. But given that we only have very few structure fires, we should be able to handle that regulation with the mutual aid of the Tucson Fire Department. With regard to the initial meeting that we had, we presented what, to the Police and Fire Chiefs and to the City Manager of Tucson, what we were asking for, which was what would it cost us if those two agencies handled Police and Fire service at different times in the City of Tucson, and to date, they have not come back with us with any figures. So there is nothing to report, which is good news because some things came our way. We were able to keep our Police and Fire Departments. We were able to make sure that we continue to respond in a timely manner to calls of emergency, without having to request service, full-time service from Tucson Fire or Tucson Police. So, pretty much, everything stays the same except the fire truck is staffed with three people instead of four.

Mayor Green: Any other questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mayor Green: Okay. I have one. So this is, hopefully, about the most truest budget that we've ever done, right? I mean taking into consideration the trends in the past and, you know, we're not over-inflating the numbers and 'cause, I mean, and I know you've worked very, very hard on it, thank you. I know staff has done the same thing. You know, I've sat and I've been in numerous of these, you know, budget, you know, doing the budgets. And just sitting there being able to see how they were dealing with it. Or saying, okay, well, we still need to make up \$150,000 deficit so guess what? We're raising the taxes that we're taking in in revenue by 160, so we're now \$10,000 in, in the black, you know? And they, I mean, they over-inflated a lot of the budgets and that's what got us into a lot of trouble and carrying from year to year. I really appreciate the work that you did, that staff has done. And, you know, thank you. You know, I mean we were in a lot of trouble but because of your hard work and just luck, or guts, or whatever you want to say, it was that these things came in line to help us balance the budget. So, Mr. City Manager, you know, please send all the staff, you know, a hardy thank you from the Council for all their hard work.

Councilman Cantu: We thank you.

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, consider it done. I feel the same way. And just to reiterate, yes, the budget was worked out with real numbers. There was no over-estimating. If anything, we took a conservative route and under-estimated. We want to live within our means. But by no means are we out of the woods.

Mayor Green: Right.

Mr. Molina: We fully expect prices to go up, wages to go up in the coming year. And we're going to try to find new revenue streams to be able to handle that so we can survive as a City. And one of the things that we're pushing for very hard is trying to fit in to all the economic development that's occurring all around us. And we have meetings with other governmental agencies set up and we've had meetings with local investors to see what we can do to enhance the revenue streams through economic development.

Mayor Green: Okay. Thank you.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 17-12 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Larribas. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #11 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-13 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE PRE-APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, Marilyn Chico, our Housing Director is here to, as the subject matter expert.

Ms. Chico: Mr. Mayor and City Council members, our Section 8 program has a very small waiting list right now. So we've got to go out and we're going to have open enrollment. We've discussed this with HUD when they were down, and we found out that we had two sentences left out on our Low Rent Pre-Application and Application, and the Section 8 Application. And those were, it's going to be asked of anyone in the household, is a registered sex offender, predator, subject to a lifetime registration. Before, we only asked if they had household (inaudible). Now it's anyone. And the applicant must list all states that they previously lived in. As small as that is, those are HUD mandated things that have to go into the Pre-Applications and the Applications. So, in order to be able to go out and have an open enrollment, I've got to change these, and of course, any change to any policy goes before Mayor and Council for approval. So that's what this is about; adding those two blurbs on both the Pre-Application and the Application.

Mayor Green: Okay. Do we have a copy of the Application or, or is it just? It's just basically ...

Ms. Chico: (Inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... more household clean-up? You know, just internal?

Ms. Chico: I've got it here if you'd like to see. I don't know if one was given to everybody.

Mayor Green: No, I didn't. Would the Council want to see it or? I mean it's not a fun-, or it's not any monies involved or anything else.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Chico: If you'd like, I can more than ...

Mayor Green: No, no, no, that's fine. I was just asking the Council because I didn't want to go into a motion and then have it brought up.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: I have a question. So, I'm a little alarmed at the fact that we didn't have this question on there before. So I question if the residents didn't have to answer that before, are the residents who could possibly be registered sex offenders in our housing units right now as we speak?

Ms. Chico: Madam Vice-Mayor, no.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Chico: The reason I can say that is anyone who is eighteen and older, we automatically check through ...

Mayor Green: (Inaudible).

Ms. Chico: ... criminal background checks and through (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: The CSC?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: (Inaudible).

Ms. Chico: Yeah. For ...

Mayor Green: (Inaudible) ...

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

Mayor Green: ... data bank.

Ms. Chico: ... sexual, registered predators. So no one in our housing is.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Chico: And we also check again every year when we do their re-, their annual re-examinations, because things can happen in a year. So both Section 8 and Low Rent, our public housing, every person eighteen and older is checked again.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Anyone listed on the application.

Ms. Chico: Pardon?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Is that anyone listed on the application or is it just head of household that you check?

Ms. Chico: No, ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: As with your prior application.

Ms. Chico: Madam Vice-Mayor, we check everyone. Everyone that's eighteen or older also had to sign a release of information, which gives us the right and they also know we're doing this. So every person in there was checked. The different now is we're letting them know, in writing, on the Pre-App and on the App, again, that we are going to be checking. So if somebody is going to try to sneak somebody in, and we find out when we do the check-ups that they didn't tell the full truth, they're dropped immediately. Gone. Unless they get rid of that person from the household. But we've been checking, but now we're simply putting it on the Pre-Application instead of just head of household, it's every one, so they're aware of it.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: And then will it be upon the renewal application, is there a renewal application that now it's going to be listed on as well?

Ms. Chico: A renewal application?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Are there? I'm asking. Like is there a renewal application that they have to fill out, the tenants, to renew their leases or renew ...

Ms. Chico: Oh.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... you know, whatever (inaudible).

Ms. Chico: Yes. That's when we have the annual re-examination. That's when we go through all of their income, you know, any changes in the family, all of that. And once again, we also do the background checks on everyone eighteen and older. So we've got that for every person, eighteen and older, every single year.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: And this question will be placed on those applications as well?

Ms. Chico: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Renewal packets.

Ms. Chico: Well, they've known it anyway. It was more of a verbal thing. But, and we even had signs that anyone, eighteen and older, would be checked in our office when we had open Applications. So people are made aware of it verbally, but now ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: It's in writing.

Ms. Chico: ... it's saying everybody instead of just the head of household.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Councilman Larribas: I have a question. Does that fall only to eighteen and older, or do they go under, like say they're seventeen?

Ms. Chico: Councilman Larribas, we can't check people under eighteen. It's illegal for us. We can only check eighteen and older. But sooner or later, those people are gonna reach eighteen and then we'll nail 'em if they are some kind of a registered predator, whatever.

Councilman Larribas: So if they are, they can still live there if they're under age?

Ms. Chico: Well, we won't know that they are until they are of age, and then we find out. When we find out, they're asked to leave. Either the family makes that eighteen year old person leave, or the entire family leaves. And they're given that choice.

Councilman Larribas: Thank you.

Mayor Green: Any other questions?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: No, I guess my only concern, Mr. Mayor, is that if we adopt this as is, we're only including the Pre-Application and Application. And I would like to have seen wording about the renewal application as well.

Ms. Chico: There is ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Or whatever, there's no specific ...

Ms. Chico: No, there's ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... form that ...

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

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... they're filling out that this should also be worded on?

Ms. Chico: Actually, what they're doing, and I take it back, I'm so totally wrong. They are doing the Application again. And that's the same wording that's on the ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Chico: For Low Rent because we had such a low turnover for a while. Now, it's a very high turnover, unfortunately, because of people passing away. We had a Pre-Application that we would accept when the people get to the top of the waiting list, that's when we would check 'em and do all of our criminal background checks. When they get to that top of the waiting list and we're about to

house them, then we give them the true Application. That's where they've got to come in with their bank statements, all kinds of ...

Mayor Green: Social security, everything.

Ms. Chico: Well, social had to be before because we've gotta ...

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Chico: ... make sure they've all got a number. But now, we really ask for the nitty gritty of things; medical receipts if they are claiming medical deductions, bank statements, if they have any assets. You know, any of that but, again, that's on the same application. So they ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: That you ...

Ms. Chico: ... will see ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... use for the first time they move in ...

Ms. Chico: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... and then renewal, ...

Ms. Chico: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... every renewal after that.

Ms. Chico: Yes.

Mayor Green: Yeah.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Chico: Every ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: That's my ...

Ms. Chico: ... one ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... only concern.

Ms. Chico: ... (inaudible) application. I'm sorry. I was just confused.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: No, I just, I mean 'cause, you know, some things, you know, if they get missed in renewal stages versus the very first time, so.

Ms. Chico: No, we'll ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: As long as the wording is in there that they know every single time that they're renewing this application, it doesn't change, that these are still going to be checked. And, you know, the wording is still going to be there.

Ms. Chico: Yes.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Applicable. Okay.

Ms. Chico: And we can't change it unless it's brought before Mayor and Council anyway. And then when we do that, then we would also go over this with them as they're applying.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Chico: Or renewing.

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, if I may interject an opinion, having been a cop for 35 years, and supervising the Child Sex Offender Unit at Tucson Police Department for about four and a half years, I can tell you that what is happening in public housing is a good thing. I would feel probably more comfortable living in public housing and knowing that there's no sex offenders there, versus living in a neighborhood where there's a lot of rentals. There is no requirement for the private owners of rental property to let anybody know that a sex offender lives close to them. If you look at the sex offender registration map that's provided by the Department of Public Safety, you will see that there are many sex offenders that are our neighbors, that are living near schools, because there is no requirement that covers them to keep away from public schools or any place else. So I guess I'm giving a pat on the back to Ms. Chico here. She's doing everything she can to keep the sex offenders out of public housing. But I don't want you to be misled to think that everybody's that way because it isn't. They're still living amongst us in our neighborhoods.

Councilman Cantu: Mr. Mayor, I have a question. Is this wording going to appear on the Pre-Applications they're filling out or is this going to be at the end? Or the information they, they have on the application?

Ms. Chico: On the Pre-Application, which is, by the way, English and Spanish, okay? Right here, and I did make a copy. I guess it didn't get to you. But it says, list below the names of all persons who will reside in the household, including the head of household. No, wait a minute. I'm sorry. That's the wrong line. List all states that you previously lived in. That's on the second page of the Pre-Application. And then on the third page, when we're getting in, have you ever been arrested, convicted, and that kind of thing, we really check them out. And there was an arrow here, is anyone in your household a registered sex offender/predator, subject to a lifetime registration? Yes or no? If yes, this makes that person ineligible for housing. And ineligible is in caps. We want them to know, right up front, I don't want you. And your neighbors don't want you either. Sorry.

Councilman Cantu: But that's, that's the Pre-Application?

Ms. Chico: This is the Pre-App.

Councilman Cantu: All right.

Ms. Chico: And the Application, this is the actual Application, it does say that the South Tucson Housing Authority will conduct a criminal background check on all individuals eighteen years of age and older. And again here, on the third page, is anyone in your household a registered sex offender/predator subject to a lifetime registration? And it says the same thing. Yes? No? If yes, this makes you ineligible for housing.

Councilman Cantu: Thank you.

Councilman Larribas: One more question. Let's say that you do have a, someone underage as a sex offender, and if they do list it on that, what happens then?

Ms. Chico: Councilman Larribas, if they are honest and tell us that they their fifteen year old is a sexual predator, I'm going to deny them. A fifteen year old cannot live by him or herself. If the person was older, eighteen, maybe twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, they could be on their own. But throwing a fifteen year old out, I think the family, the entire family would go with this person because it would be made known to mom and dad, son, daughter, whomever, is not allowed to live here. We get pretty hard when it comes to this.

Mayor Green: Any other questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mayor Green: Anything else, Mr. City Manager?

Mr. Molina: I would just like to make one additional comment. In cases where sex offenders are extreme, where they're predators, a level 3 sex offender, the police department is required to make notifications to the folks, the neighbors living in that immediate area, that a sex offender lives amongst them. So there are some safeguards. So if there is a predator living in your neighborhood, you would have gotten notification from the police department.

Councilman Cantu: But that would be on the private rentals and all that, ...

Mr. Molina: Yes.

Councilman Cantu: ... not.

Mayor Green: Yeah, they're required to register.

Councilman Cantu: Right.

Mayor Green: And, okay. Any other questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 17-13 of the Mayor and Council. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #12 - RESOLUTION NO. 17-14 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 2016 (STHA) LOW RENT OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 AND APPROVING THE LOW RENT OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2018, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD

Ms. Chico: I'm sorry, Mayor. I was looking at the resolution and it's not written correctly. This is to approve our Public Housing and Section 8 operating budgets for fiscal year 2018. We're not revising 2016. So I don't know where we go with this.

Mayor Green: Well, I believe that we can go ahead and ...

Ms. Chico: Reword it?

Mayor Green: Make the changes that we need here, if there is, is there a time crunch? I think we're going to have another meeting next Monday, right?

Ms. Moreno: Yeah.

Ms. Chico: If we can reword it now, it would be wonderful. Then I can get this off. If not, if you prefer, ...

Mayor Green: Okay. What are the changes that you recommend? And then we'll take a look at it.

Ms. Chico: Okay. "The Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and adopting the South Tucson Housing Authority's 2018."

Mayor Green: So change '16 to '18?

Ms. Chico: Yeah.

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Chico: Okay. "Approving, adopting the," and I'm crossing out "revisions," so "approving, adopting," I'm crossing out "to the South Tucson," or wait a minute. It should read, "Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and adopting the South Tucson Housing Authority's (STHA) 2018 Low Rent Operating Budget, low rent operating budget, low rent, oh, no, that's not right. I'm sorry. Let me back up. "Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and adopting the Low Rent Operating Budget for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2017, and approving the Low Rent ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: It wouldn't be '17 ...

Ms. Chico: It would be ..

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... (inaudible) ...

Ms. Chico: ... '18.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... 2018 budget.

Ms. Chico: "And the Section 8 Operating Budget for fiscal year ending 2018, authorizing the execution of this resolution for the purpose of authorizing the City of South Tucson Housing Director to submit same to HUD."

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: So when you read it right now, Mr. Mayor, if I may, you omitted also South Tucson Housing Authority (STHA), you didn't say that right now.

Ms. Chico: I didn't? Oh, I ...

Mayor Green: No.

Ms. Chico: ... (inaudible). I thought I ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: So are you ...

Ms. Chico: ... did.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... omitting that or are you ...

Ms. Chico: No, no, ...

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: ... keeping that?

Ms. Chico: ... I want that in there. It's got to be for our South Tucson Housing Authority.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay.

Ms. Chico: STHA.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Right.

Ms. Chico: Thank you.

Mayor Green: Okay. Hopefully, we got it on the recording. City Manager?

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I'd like the City Attorney to ...

Mayor Green: To look ...

Mr. Molina: ... (inaudible) ...

Mayor Green: ... into it?

Mr. Molina: ... what we just did.

Mr. Yu: I would hesitate to amend it in this manner.

Mayor Green: Okay.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Okay. So, Mr. Mayor, if we could table agenda Item #12 until next Monday, the next Regular Council meeting.

Mayor Green: Marilyn?

Ms. Chico: That's fine.

Mayor Green: Yeah, I mean we gave it a shot, but because, yeah. And then our legal beagle said no. And that's to protect, you know, everybody.

Ms. Chico: Oh, absolutely.

Mayor Green: So we'll go ahead and bring this item back. I believe we are having a meeting next Monday. If we are, it's next Monday then.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Next regular Council meeting.

Mayor Green: Next regular schedule Council meeting. Correct. Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Chico: Thank you.

Mayor Green: So we're down to Item #13, Reports. City Manager.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Do we need to second that, and vote on tabling or?

Mayor Green: Because we really didn't do anything with it. We just took it up to, took it up. City Manager, or City Attorney? Well, let's just do a, yeah, let's just do it. Let's go ahead. You made the motion to bring this back.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: To table it.

Mayor Green: To table it until the next scheduled meeting.

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: Regular meeting.

Mayor Green: Regular meeting. Do I have a second?

Councilman Larribas: Second.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #13 – REPORTS

No reports at this time.

ITEM #14 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 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 12th day of June, 2017. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk