

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, July 10, 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
Oscar Patino
Anita Romero
Carlos Romo

Staff Present: Sixto Molina, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Kevin Shonk, Acting Police Chief
Cory Lakosky, Fire Administrator
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.

ITEM #05 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Green: State your name and your address, please, and you're limited to three minutes, please.

Mr. Reed: Hello, my name is Chris Reed. I live at 1255 East Paseo Alegre in Tucson. Every time I see South Tucson on the television, they have a shot, a B role, of the signage out front, which is broken and it's, if you just have a look at it. I don't think it represents the City very well. And if it could get a fresh coat of paint, perhaps took in the wires that's there, that would be really awesome. Thank you very much.

Mayor Green: City Manager, could you get with Public Works to take a look at that?

Mr. Molina: Yes, Mr. Mayor. The sign was stolen. There was a real nice sign that was custom-made and it was stolen. So we're going to redesign it so that somebody can't take it away.

Mayor Green: Okay. So it is in the works? Okay. I guess you're next. Thank you.

Mr. Guzman: My name is Lorenzo Guzman. I live at 308 West 31st Street. Good evening. I come forth to bring to your attention my dire concern and opinion as a resident of South Tucson. Over the past few weeks, there has been many notable accounts of negative exposure about the City of South Tucson. And not only does this drastically affect our reputation as a small community, it shows a

prime example of failed community obligation. (Inaudible) community representatives. As a small community, we must strive to make South Tucson a safer and well-developed place for future and present generations. And the most sensible and watchful way we can attain this goal is by you, the Mayor, and all the South Tucson City representatives to obtain and perform transparent communication with all residents and enact conscientious obligations that positively affect South Tucson. So, as my final statement to you, I, Lorenzo Guzman, as a resident of South Tucson, formally ask South Tucson City Mayor, Manager, and Council to perform an extensive reform to all South Tucson departments, employees, and representatives. God bless you, give you wisdom. Have a good evening.

Mayor Green: Thank you. Anyone else?

(No response from the audience)

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING JUNE 19, 2017, AND REGULAR MEETING JUNE 26, 2017

Motion by Councilman Patino to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2017. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-19 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY ("ACOP") FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH NEW FEDERAL REGULATION MANDATES AND NEW PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING ("PIH") NOTICE MANDATES

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, we have Marilyn Chico here, our Housing Director, to speak on this topic. This stems from a recent audit that was done by HUD and Ms. Chico will indicate what changes have been made (inaudible).

Ms. Chico: Mr. Mayor and Council, as the City Council agenda report stated, these are actually HUD mandated changes that we had not put into our policy yet; the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy that we call the "ACOP". Most of these deal with (inaudible) reauthorization bill with notices going to applicants, as well as to residents. Just further detailed what we've got to do for our victims. It also brought up arrests, either arrest or arrests that we find on our criminal background records that cannot be used to drop an applicant. However, there is always a however, if there were several arrests for say public drunkenness, we know we have a problem with alcohol abuse. We can drop them at that point. But if it's something other than that where a court needs to be involved, then we have to put off doing anything to that applicant until we get a conviction or the person is not guilty. But there were quite a few changes in here. I hope you've had a chance to at least review the changes. HUD requires that when we make a change, we also make a copy of the page where the change is. So, I also included all those, with an arrow, indicating where all those changes are and how it impacts the paragraph or that subject matter. So, hopefully, it's all right here and you've seen it.

Mayor Green: Okay. Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Mayor Green: Okay. Can you just give us an explanation on what VAWA stands for?

Ms. Chico: Victims ...

Mayor Green: Violence ...

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

Mayor Green: ... Against Women ...

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

Mayor Green: ... Act. No, Violence ...

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

Mayor Green: ... Against Women ...

Ms. Chico: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Green: ... Act?

Ms. Chico: Yes, thank you. My mind just went blank. It's been a bad Monday.

Mayor Green: No, it's been a long Monday, yes.

Ms. Chico: And PIH, Public and Indian Housing Notices. These are notices sent out by HUD that affect both Indian and Public Housing.

Mayor Green: Correct. Okay. So, and then you said something to remind you about Section 8.

Ms. Chico: Yes, sir. But it has nothing whatsoever to do with this, but we are, I am now working on all the revisions for the Section 8 Administrative Plan, which is basically the same thing except it's only for that program. These revisions tonight are only for our Public Housing. And I did want to let you know that South Tucson Housing Authority is getting with the program now. We are going to be opening our applications for all bedroom sizes starting July 17th. And we have them online. So they, we are letting everyone know they can either come and get a hard copy. If they are disabled, they can request a fax copy, or they can do it online and we now have a link through the City's website. So, people will be able to apply online, submit online, and they should get a notification that it has been submitted. We are going to keep this open until August 7th. I have no idea how many applications we're going to get. We opened it in 2010, and in two days, we got 1,200 applications. Out of the applications we receive this time, we will have a random drawing. I'll probably ask the City

Manager to do the actual drawing of numbers. We will number every application we receive in the order that we receive it. And whomever will select 250 only. And we will notify every applicant if they were selected or not. That's just to get them on our waiting list because right now, we have about twenty people on our waiting list. So we finally got through 1,200 people.

Mayor Green: Question?

Councilman Cantu: Yes, Mayor. Do we already have a list of people that have already applied?

Ms. Chico: We have a current list that had applied in 2010. That's why we only have twenty left. This new opening, which we will not accept applications until 8 o'clock a.m. on July 17th. Between that date and August 7th, we'll start a whole new waiting list of those people. And, of course, it's by preference. They have preferences. We do have preferences that we assign people and their application date and time.

Councilman Cantu: Are those twenty-eight that we got left from the other list, are they going to be included in there?

Ms. Chico: They will be our first ones because they waited the longest. This will be another application list after these folks have been taken care of.

Councilman Cantu: Thank you.

Mayor Green: So are you going to be accepting vouchers from other jurisdictions, or Housing Authorities?

Ms. Chico: We have always accepted vouchers from other jurisdictions and we absorb them, which means we take them as ours. So, we don't bill. We consider them South Tucson's voucher holder.

Mayor Green: Okay.

Ms. Chico: If they, if we have somebody that goes to the City of Tucson, though, they bill us because we don't want to give those numbers up.

Mayor Green: Right. Okay. Anything else?

Councilman Larribas: Yeah, I have one question.

Ms. Chico: But I had to get my two cents in about Section 8 opening.

Mayor Green: Yes, go ahead.

Councilman Larribas: In here where you have Public and Indian Housing, I've never seen where you have Indian Housing before. Is that something added or? 'Cause I haven't seen it since I've been here.

Ms. Chico: Oh, any time you see a PIH Notice mentioned, it's Public and Indian Housing. There are Indian Housing Authorities. Actually, that's where I started in 1978. We don't deal with Indian Housing here. We're only Public Housing. But the same notice affects Indian Housing and Public Housing, us.

Councilman Larribas: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Green: Any other questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Councilman Patino to approve and adopt revisions on Resolution No. 17-19. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-20 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON (“COMPANY”) AND THE GREAT SCOTT ENTERPRISES I, LLC (“CONTRACTOR”), AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, this is the contract renewal for Great Scott Enterprises. They've been providing service for at least a decade and a half to the City of South Tucson. The changes in this particular agreement, there is an increase from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for consolidated services, of IT services. There's actually a net decrease in expenses in that we no longer have an IT Director. So, Great Scott has assumed the services of a former IT Director and that's why you have the \$10,000 increase. There is a net savings there. These are for services to maintain Courts, Police, Fire, telephones for City Hall, anything having to do with information technology.

Mayor Green: Any questions?

(No questions from the Council)

Motion by Councilman Patino to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-20. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 17-21 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 JOHN A. VALENZUELA YOUTH CENTER RECREATION FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND THE PIO DECIMO CENTER, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Mr. Molina: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, this is for contract renewal for the running of the John Valenzuela Youth Center in conjunction with the Pio Decimo Center. I can't say enough about what the youth center has done over the years for South Tucson and youth. Normally, you have youth centers that provide recreational activities. This particular youth center actually has goals that

they follow and a program that they follow to develop youth into responsible citizens. And those goals have to do with educational-setting goals, achievement, development of resiliency skills, which is how to say no, how to stay away from people that you shouldn't be hanging around with. And also, positive and social life skills. And those are, in today's world you have to have social and life skills to be a survivor, to get the good jobs, and to be a responsible citizen. That's what the public school system teaches. These goals that they teach at the youth center are in line with what the public school systems are teaching today's youth. I can, I don't have the exact numbers but I can tell you that the juvenile crime rate in the City of South Tucson is very low compared to other cities this size with this many youth. Despite the obstacles that we have and some of the challenges that we have in this community, in many communities that would trigger a very high juvenile delinquency rate. That is not the case here in South Tucson. And I can only attribute it to programs such as the John Valenzuela Youth Center and the public school systems that we have here that are responsible for youths being successful, being safe, and for being able to achieve their goals. The amount of, well, the contract amount is for \$80,000.

Mayor Green: Okay. Is that it?

Mr. Molina: Yes, sir.

Mayor Green: Okay. Do I have a motion to accept Resolution No. 17-21?

Councilman Patino: I have a question. Why were they at about \$110,000 or \$120,000 about one or two years ago?

Mayor Green: That was the first portion of it.

Councilman Patino: The first portion of it?

Mayor Green: Yeah, this is the second portion. Yeah. Any other questions?

Vice-Mayor Mendoza: I do, Mr. Mayor. I notice here on the list of activities that's provided by the Pio Decimo Center, there's an asterisk next to a lot of them that says "Does not meet during summer." Is there any chance that we can kind of communicate with Pio Decimo, I mean I believe that summertime is the biggest time for youth to get into trouble. And when we don't have activities during the summer, it poses a problem. It creates them not having anything to do, extra time on their hands. So, I would like to see either if we can be provided a list of things that are offered during the summer, or if we can kind of work in conjunction and have them kind of start brainstorming on activities that can be offered during the summer, and different programs because summertime is our most, you know, time that they don't have anything to do. And, you know, they have, during the school year, extra-curricular, you know, activities, they have sports, they have all these other things, but the summertime seems like, you know, kids start getting more and more time on their hands and they need extra things to do. And so that kind of concerns me that it says, "Does not meet during the summer," and there's one, two, three, four places that have asterisks next to it. Specific activities, homework and research, assistance is provided to youth, which yes, I can understand that. However, that could still be offered to kids who are in summer school or, you know, that extra help, kids that are trying to get ahead in high school or who need to catch up on credits. Either one, you know, can help, can benefit them a lot; social activities, specializing programs for young men ages 12 to 18, that

is such a critical age in young men's lives, especially here in South Tucson where they need things to do. You know, so I mean if we can kind of come up with some kind of programs or something, grants that we can apply for to have them either, you know, help with our Fire Department, or help in our Police Department, help with Public Works, help, you know, other things. And I know we have some, certain things that go on, but we want to make sure that our numbers stay extremely low for youth crime and youth, you know, other extra-curricular activities that are not so good for our youth. So, that sort of concerns me. If we can maybe address that, or have that addressed just a little bit more in-depth, that would be, that's my only concern.

Mayor Green: No, I had seen that also, so thank you. Any other questions or concerns?

(No questions or concerns from the Council)

Motion by Councilman Patino to approve and adopt Resolution No. 17-21. Seconded by Councilman Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 - REPORTS

Mr. Molina: We have no written reports, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. However, I would like to bring to your attention that a gentleman by the name of Kevin Peraza, who is not from South Tucson but is from this part of the City, attended Sunnyside High School, will be competing in the X Games this weekend; Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It will be televised on (inaudible) and ESPN channels. Mr. Peraza is competing, is the defending champion, last year's champion for BMX bike, the BMX bike event. And the significance, the reason I bring that up is because the bicycle that he will be riding was built right here in South Tucson, right across the street from City Hall at the CP (inaudible) Bike Shop. And he, you know, he's going to give notoriety to South Tucson. He told me a couple days ago that if he gets interviewed, South Tucson will get notoriety on national television. He's very proud of his bike and who built it, and where it was built. In fact, if you go to the bike shop, on the side there is a mural. It's got his face and, on his bike and with his name right on the mural, on the side of the bike shop.

ITEM #11 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mendoza to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Patino. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 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 10th day of July, 2017. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk