

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Monday, September 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Luis Gonzales, City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Joel Gastelum, Planner
Angel Lopez, Public Works
William Lackey, Police Chief
Kevin Shonk, Police Dept.
Richard Vidaurri, Police Dept.
Kevin Shunk, Police Dept.
Marilyn Chico, Housing Director
Artemiza Mejia, IT Specialist
Andrea de Castillo, City Attorney

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

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

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

ITEM #05 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 - Motion by Councilwoman Mendoza to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2013. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #06 – PUBLIC HEARING: NEW LIQUOR LICENCSE APPLICATION, LICENSE SERIES #10 BEER AND WINE LICENSE; BEEF MASTER, 527 WEST 29TH STREET, SOUTH TUCSON, AZ 85713 – Motion by Councilman Green to open the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed. Marco Lopez addressed the Mayor and Council, and informed them he

is applying for a liquor license as he wants to sell “package deals” of meat to include beer. He stated he is proud of the City of South Tucson and hopes to make a good impression of the City by maintaining clean grounds, and by selling the beer and wine only with his product. Mr. Lopez answered questions from Council regarding the location of where the beer will be kept and whether the beer will be locked up, etc. Mr. Lopez explained he is willing to store the liquor where he is directed to store it. Councilman Rojas and Councilman Green referenced page five of the liquor license application and noted the proximity of other churches and schools that were not listed on the application. Discussion followed regarding the inaccuracy of the liquor license application. Motion by Councilman Green to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #07 – NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION, LICENSE SERIES #10 BEER AND WINE LICENSE BEEF MASTER, 527 WEST 29TH STREET, SOUTH TUCSON, AZ 87513 – Beef Master is seeking a positive recommendation for a Series #10 Beer and Wine License, new license application. The posting requirements for the transaction were met. The City Clerk’s office has received one written communication in opposition and zero telephonic inquiries in favor and/or in opposition regarding this application. Motion by Councilman Rojas to instruct the City Manager to forward, with a denial, to Liquor License and Control regarding the application of Beef Master, 527 West 29th Street. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #08 – RESOLUTION NO. 13-35 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE SOUTH TUCSON PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY’S POLICIES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE STHA DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT SAME TO HUD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Gonzales informed the Council there have been many revisions to the Administrative Policy, and Ms. Chico provided a summary for the Council in their agenda packet. Motion by Councilman Rojas to pass Resolution No. 13-35. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #09 – RESOLUTION NO. 13-36 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF SEVEN PATROL VEHICLES FOR THE SOUTH TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE MAYOR’S

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST – Mr. Gonzales reviewed the funding sources and details, provided at the last Council meeting, of the lease purchase for seven vehicles for the Police Department. Motion by Councilman Green to approve Resolution No. 13-36. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Councilman Rojas asked if the interest rate of 5.9% was the best that could be negotiated, and Chief Lackey explained that it was the best rate for the five-year lease purchase. He explained that after the lease expires, the City can purchase the vehicles for one dollar each and turn around and sell the vehicles. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #10 – DISCUSSION REGARDING BIG BOX ORDINANCE – Mr. Gonzales reviewed the City's Large Retail Establishments and Shopping Centers ordinance adopted in 2005. He stated the City's "90-10" rule does not make it feasible for large retail establishments to locate in South Tucson. In order to attract large retail establishments, it is critical the City review and, if appropriate, eliminate the 90-10 provision in the ordinance. Mr. Gastelum addressed the Council and reviewed a draft ordinance regarding community aesthetics, standards for development, elimination of the 90-10 rule, etc. Staff will place this item on the agenda of the next Council meeting. The Council provided an opportunity for public comment. There was no comments from the public.

ITEM #11 - REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Lopez thanked the Council on behalf of all employees in Public Works for the two new employees hired recently. A detailed report of activities completed in Public Works was provided to the Council in their agenda packet, and Mr. Lopez reviewed the report with the Council, and was available to answer questions. Mayor Diaz directed the City Manager to investigate the possibility of the City entering into an IGA with TUSD for the use of the playgrounds at Mission View and Ochoa schools in South Tucson. Mr. Lopez provided a report on the lighting situation in the City. He thanked the Mayor and Council, Fire Department, Police Department, and JVYC for their support in "Make a Difference Day", and Mr. Gonzales thanked Primavera for providing food and drinks.

Mr. Gastelum stated there is an IGA with Pima County for playground use at Mission View and Ochoa schools as part of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond Fund project with TUSD. The IGA allows the residents access to the playgrounds and Mr. Gastelum will review the IGA to check on the hours available for use.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT) – Ms. Mejia addressed the Council and reviewed the report she provided in the Council agenda. Ms. Mejia stated in regards to the cameras at the mini-playgrounds, they were not installed properly with only one working. The cameras were removed and repaired, and are ready to be installed at the mini-parks. A bid was presented to the Finance Dept. for review but has not been presented to the Council. Ms. Mejia reviewed the status of cameras around the municipal complex, and she updated the Council on the status of the City's servers.

ITEM #12 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – No response from the audience.

ITEM #13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431(A)(4) – Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Rojas. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Diaz excused the Staff. Mr. Gonzales requested the Fire Chief be present at the Executive Session in case there are questions from the Council.

Motion by Councilman Green to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to Regular Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #14 – ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATING TO FIRE EQUIPMENT – Motion by Councilman Rojas to recommend to the City Manager and the Chief that they expeditiously move in the process of selling the equipment discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Rojas to instruct the City Manager and the Chief to call or meet with the people, as soon as possible, to close the deal. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #15 – ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Councilman Rojas to adjourn the Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Soltero. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Paul Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 25th day of September, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk