Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 South 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Staff Present: John Vidaurri City Manager
Veronica Moreno, City Clerk
Bobby Yu, City Attorney
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Angel Lopez, Public Works Director
Manny Amado, Public Safety Director
Darlene Chavez, City Magistrate

Council Present: Bob Teso
Herman Lopez
Paul Diaz
Akanni Oyegbola
Rita Rogers
Robert Romero

Others: Victor Salazar
Dennis Luttrell
Mark Reader, Stifel
Lee David, National Bank of Arizona

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

ITEM #03 – MISSION STATEMENT

Councilwoman Rogers read the City of South Tucson’s Mission Statement.

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

ITEM #05 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Teso: Speakers are limited to a three-minute oral presentation to address the Mayor and the City Council on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Mayor and Council, except for items scheduled for a public hearing at the meeting, and may submit written comments of any length for the City Clerk’s files. Is there anyone who would like to speak? Come on up.
Mr. Salazar: Good evening. My name is Victor Salazar. I’m a native South Tucsonan and I grew up right here on 31st Street and 4th Avenue. We’ve been doing Christmas in the Barrio for the last 10 years right here on Martinez Mortuary.

Mayor Teso: Right.

Mr. Salazar: We did it on 31st Street. And this year, a lot of the people got together and they want to have a safe place for Halloween. So, they wanted to do what we do for Christmas, for Halloween this year, at the same place. They want to close it all off, have a safe place for the kids to go trick-or-treating. And we know the people giving out candy, so it’s a safe environment. I, myself, ain’t too big on giving candy to kids, but I am for the safety of the children. So, that’s why I was asked to come up here and speak to you guys. I’ve applied for a permit and I think the paperwork has been submitted. I just want to let you guys know who I am and what, what our agenda was.

Mayor Teso: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Salazar: Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Thank you very much.

Mr. Luttrell: Good evening, Mayor and Council. I’m Dennis Luttrell. I live at 305 East Benson Highway. The item I’d like to speak to is on Item number, Agenda #11, having to do with the, with the discussion of whether or not there ought to be cancellation of meetings or not. And when you people run for office, one of the things that you said was that you were gonna have more meetings because there was a problem with cancellation of meetings in the past Councils. And the thing that, one thing I’ve noticed at these meetings, there’s, on Item number, I believe it’s Item #07, Future Agenda Items, that you’ve consistently been having people from the Council speak up with different agenda items, but I don’t see them come to the agenda. So, there must be extra room for, for these meetings. And then the alternative, I would think, that if there’s a, if there’s some time during some of the meetings, we might have a, an item that would be a public study session for things that could help the City so that people can know they can come up and get discussed certain items that might be placed on future agendas. So, I, I urge you, again, to leave 19-05 as it is written now, without cancellation of meetings, and so, and when we get all done and everybody gets through talking, and all the things that people have asked put on the agenda or done, then let’s maybe talk about something like that. But I’d say, for right now, to leave that as it is. I thank you for your time.

Mayor Teso: Thank you.

Councilman Romero: Thank you.

Mayor Teso: For the audience’s sake, we’re going to change the order of some of our, not some, but we’re going to move the Study Session up to, from number 13 to right after number 10. Thank you. Is there anybody else that would like to speak?

(No response from the audience)
Mayor Teso: Okay. There being no one else speaking this evening, we’ll move onto Item #06.

ITEM #06 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 2019; REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2019; REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Acting Mayor Diaz: Mr. Mayor, I move the approval of Regular Meeting of October 1, 2019.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Second it.

Mayor Teso: Do we have any discussion?

(No discussion from the Council)

Mayor Teso: Okay. If not, we’ll go to, Mr. Oyegbola.
Councilman Oyegbola: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
Acting Mayor Diaz: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Aye. Motion carries.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Mr. Mayor, I move the approval of Regular Meeting of September 24, 2019.

Councilman Romero: Second.

Mayor Teso: Any discussion?

(No discussion from the Council)

Mayor Teso: Mr. Oyegbola.
Councilman Oyegbola: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
Acting Mayor Diaz: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Aye. Motion carries.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Mr. Mayor, I move the approval of Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019.

Vice-Mayor Second.

Mayor Teso: Any discussion?

(No discussion from the Council)

Mayor Teso: Mr. Oyegbola.
Councilman Oyegbola: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
Acting Mayor Diaz: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Aye. Motion carries.

ITEM #07 – MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: REPORTS OF CURRENT EVENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Teso: Do we have any reports?

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Mr. Mayor, early this week, the Mayor and I took this tour with the City and the County officials, touring different types of areas and properties that pertain to the City’s economic development, and hoping that they were showing off their properties at the same time to, to all the people that were investors and businessmen from out of, out of the State. So, it was a real nice overall tour and presentation that the City and the County provided to us. Thank you.

Mayor Teso: Okay. Any other reports?

Vice-Mayor Lopez: I’ve got one more, Mr. Mayor. The Neighborhood Watch meeting this, for this month has been cancelled and will be scheduled again for the following month.

Mayor Teso: Okay. If there’s no other reports, I was going to mention that today Vice-Mayor Lopez and I attended the kick-off event for the U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Census. And it was essentially kind of like a focus group type of a chat that we had there. And I think there will probably be some additional ones in the future, but I don’t think they’ve been scheduled yet.
Councilman Romero: Mr. Mayor, I’d like to ask Bobby something. Is, is it appropriate if I make a comment on what we had at the Call to the Audience? Is it appropriate to say, make a comment right now on that?

Mr. Yu: Which?

Councilman Romero: What Mr. Luttrell said.

Mr. Yu: It is on the agenda, Councilman Romero. So you can.

Councilman Romero: I can speak right now?

Mr. Yu: Yes.

Councilman Romero: I agree with Mr. Luttrell wholeheartedly. There’s been some agenda items that a number of us have brought up and doesn’t seem to be going anywhere. That’s all, sir.

Mayor Teso: Okay. We have no other agenda items to add?

Councilwoman Rogers: Mr. Mayor, are we on future agenda items right now or reports? Are we on future agenda items or reports?

Mayor Teso: Future agenda items.

Councilwoman Rogers: Okay. On future agenda items, I would just like to say to the Council that I will be sending, in writing, to all of you from the time I was sworn in, April 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2018, every set of minutes of what the future agenda items were, by following the minutes.

Mayor Teso: Thank you. Okay. If there’s no other future agenda items, we’ll move on to Item #08.

ITEM #08 – CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: REPORTS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. Vidaurri: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, we had talked about some vacant Committee positions and so what we’ve compiled here is a list of all the City’s Committees, Boards (inaudible). There’s also a report from me regarding calendar year 2019, which shows 14 projects that City staff are working on right now. Many of those are items that you have brought up. And so, I’m hoping that answers a lot of your questions regarding what’s been addressed and what hasn’t. So if you would like to peruse that and offer any comment you might have, I’d appreciate it. There is one item that isn’t on there. The Pima Animal Care Center is hosting a meeting on November 7 at 9:15 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing billing procedures and a new system of reporting, and receiving feedback. They’ll also be looking at reviewing proposed PAG ordinances and receiving feedback from the municipalities that participate, and they will discuss four PAG strategic priorities and offer some suggestions for jurisdictional priorities and needs. So, you all, I guess you all are, if you feel like you’d like to attend this meeting, I would encourage that. I know there’s been a lot of discussion in the past regarding Animal Control and your input is greatly appreciated. And if you’d like, I can send you
calendar reminders so that if you’re available and might be able to attend, that you might do so. That’s my report this evening. I also have Police Chief Manny Amado who is going to talk a little bit about some of the discussions we’ve had at the Council level regarding a number of issues, including the library and the homeless that are gathering around the library.

Chief Amado: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, as I reported here in previous Council meeting, Operations Commander Shonk and City Manager Vidaurri had met with the library staff next door, specifically to discuss the issue of the homeless encampments and the homeless congregating around the library. At the time, I had reported that after the meeting, the Library Director or Coordinator, had stated (inaudible) so everybody is welcome. It is a public library. They do have a security officer assigned there during daytime hours. And we kind of let it go at that. That was approximately a month ago. Now, since then, we have had reports from our patrol officers that overnight, there have been encampments along the north side of the wall and it’s just gotten worse and worse. Now remember, they’re up against the library. They’re basically on library property. So Commander Shonk, as the, for lack of a better term, liaison between the police department and the library, went and had a meeting with library staff about that; specifically Deputy Director Michelle Simon. The Commander also received, as my understanding in speaking with them, some complaints about library staff also not being able to get in in the morning when they start their shift because of people camping out right there in front of the door. So, there was a sense of urgency there to do something more, and certainly from library staff. So, I’m going to read to you an email that Michelle Simon, Deputy Director, had sent to Commander Shonk, myself, and of course, she copied her staff on there. And it’s a good email. It’s a collaborate email. And she writes to Commander Shonk and myself: Good afternoon. I apologize for the delay in getting back to you after our meeting. We have implemented the following at the South Tucson library. Signs have been created indicating the campus closure between 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day. We delayed in hanging the signs in order to paint the exterior of the building. The process for painting is taking too long and I have asked for the signs to be hung immediately, which, if you notice, as you walk up, they are up. The signs are up along the building. Vet-Sec, a nightly mobile patrol, it’s a private security company hired by the County, will begin rounds this evening. This is as of October 8th. They will check all four sides of the library three times per night. The patrol has instructions to move people along between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day. And then she concludes: I will continue the discussion about the letter you asked for with the Library Deputy Director of Public Services and the Director. The Director is Amber Matheson. She oversees all the libraries in the County. Please follow through with addressing any illegal behavior your officers might encounter. So she’s giving us permission there to take action. Everyone is allowed to use the library, but must do so in a law-abiding manner. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. Michelle Simon, Deputy Director. You know, we assured Ms. Simon that we, of course, would be keeping an eye on the library now that we have her written approval. And she does plan to put something in writing that gives us authority, if need be, to take action on trespassers and any other illegal activity on library grounds or there at the library building. So, I think the, in short, the library staff has recognized that this is getting out of hand. And that’s what we were trying to tell them is that the issue was getting away from staff and certainly getting away from us. I, myself, went and talked with Kelly one of the days after it had rained. One of the homeless persons had laid out his laundry on City property to dry out, and told him he had to move it. Went and told, and he was inside the library watching movies. That’s why we made contact with Kelly, which he did, he apologized and he picked it all up. But we did have that discussion of this is what’s happening here. Not to mention that you also had homeless folks fighting amongst themselves there, and library staff having to step in. So, I think they saw that, yes, they are inclusive. Yes, we agree with that. It is open, but as Ms. Simon
states, law-abiding, as long as you follow the rules. So, we’ll continue to work with them. City Manager and I will be having a follow-up meeting with Amber Matheson, overall Director, and just keep the conversation going. That’s all I have.

Mayor Teso: Thank you.

Councilman Romero: I have a question. Chief, what are we going to do with the homeless and all them when they move into the City side of the property, say in front of our Council Chambers and around the side there? Are we implementing something to address that also?

Chief Amado: Councilman Romero, you know, obviously, with the staffing that we have, one to two officers on shift, we address it as we can. Now with trespassing, there needs to be three things present. In short, reasonable request to leave by a law enforcement officer, that would be us; signs that are posted, clearly posted that says “No Loitering”. You know, of course we are a public building so we have been working with Mr. Yu on the proper verbiage for that. And also, you know, of course, you know, having the authority from the City Manager, which we do, to make arrest if need be. As it is right now, we have been weak. I go out there at least two or three times a day. Patrol officers, as they come in, as they go by, have them leave. They leave and then sometimes they come back, or others come in.

Councilman Romero: Well, the ...

Chief Amado: And ...

Councilman Romero: ... reason, the rea-, excuse me. Go ahead.

Chief Amado: No, I was just going to say, I will say, though, you know, obviously, this is an issue that Food City has. It’s an issue that Walgreens has, Circle K. I mean the list goes on and on.

Councilman Romero: Oh, yeah.

Chief Amado: We just basically shift them around. However, if we have repeat offenders, like we did today at Food City, James Bordon, the security officer, called in. There was an individual there that had been trespassing several times. They get arrested. And that’s what we do with repeat offenders, again, being conscientious of staffing. If we book somebody in, at least one officer on shift, most of the arrests will be a cite and release. It’s something that we always discuss with Mr. Yu as the Prosecutor. But yes, we do take enforcement action as needed as well.

Councilman Romero: Well, the reason I bring this up to you ‘cause I’ve had discussions with certain business people around town. And the first thing they tell me is, you pass by there. You got homeless. You got ‘em camped out in front of City Hall. What are the chances do we have that our business people outside of City Hall of getting rid of ‘em? And that’s, that’s a valid question that they ask me, you know. I say, you know, if we’re allowing it here, what chance do we have of getting rid of ‘em over by the T & T for instance, or the Food City, and on and on and on, down the road, you know.
Chief Amado: Right.

Councilman Romero: We gotta patrol our own property here, start there, and work our way out (inaudible). That’s the only comment I have about that. It, it’s a bad, it’s a bad, it’s, looks bad for us.

Chief Amado: Councilman Romero, I couldn’t agree more. Again, we do what we can with what we have. Obviously, I could post on officer out there all day and he would be moving people all day. It would be a, you know, carousel of people. So we take action as we can. And I agree. That’s the reason we were having these discussions also with library. ‘Cause a lot of ‘em were hanging out over there at the library, and it was, they were coming over to our area. They don’t know. They don’t know that this is library, this is City Hall until we educate ‘em all. And then we move ‘em away and then they go back to the library. Now, we’re getting more cooperation from the library and from the County, and hopefully we can just start moving, moving them out altogether.

Councilman Romero: One comment I was gonna add to that is the library is open 8:00 to 5:00. I would assume that 5:30 everybody should be off of the property, in my eyes. You know.

Chief Amado: From the library?

Councilman Romero: You know, they close at 5:00.

Chief Amado: I, I don’t disagree. The hours that they posted ...

Councilman Romero: It’s, it’s a good start.

Chief Amado: Yeah, ...

Councilman Romero: We’ll ...

Chief Amado: ... 10:30 to ...

Councilman Romero: ... leave it at ...

Chief Amado: ... 6:00.

Councilman Romero: ... that. It, ...

Chief Amado: And that’s ...

Councilman Romero: ... we’ll leave it ...

Chief Amado: ... the ...

Councilman Romero: ... at that.
Chief Amado: ... thing. It’s a good start because at least it gets us talking about it. And from the first meeting that they had where they were kind of like, ...

Councilman Romero: Yeah.

Chief Amado: ... to now, they’ve seen, because it’s affecting them personally, which we expected it would. We expected library employees would start complaining to management that, well, like the Commander wrote, can’t even get in in the morning ’cause they’re camped out. And now they’ve got their own patrol coming at night, so that helps us. We don’t have to babysit the library.

Councilman Romero: Right.

Chief Amado: And it shows a cooperation between us.

Councilman Romero: Yeah, maybe when they come over, maybe we can get ‘em to do a little bit of sweeping on our side, too.

Chief Amado: (Inaudible) available.

Councilman Romero: Yeah.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Mr. Mayor, (inaudible). I’d like to extend my appreciation for the Rangers, the work that they do to help out South Tucson. But I don’t really understand what they can and cannot do. I know that some places that maybe, I hate to say this, but utilizing them a lot more in respect to, to some of these problems that we have. And I understand that, you know, we really can’t afford a lot of expenses for them, but is there a what they can and cannot do list? Or, you know?

Chief Amado: Acting Mayor Diaz, we actually are working with them now in training to start having them help us with patrols. Now, they’re not commissioned officers. So they can’t make arrests. There are several legal issues that we have to look at, and liability. Because when they come work for us, quote, unquote, even though they’re volunteering, they are under our authority, specifically under my authority as the Police Chief. And I don’t ever want to put the City in a liability situation. We have several of the Rangers now that have submitted resumes to myself, to the Commander, that want to go on ride-alongs with us, want to work as two-man units. That’s the way we’re gonna start to get them accustomed to it. This is kind of new for them. I think there’s only one other town that they do this and I believe that’s Tombstone, and possibly Bisbee where they actually go out on their own and do patrols. Now, with that being said, I have utilized them. They were paramount in getting information that led to our arrest of the person that broke the, the windshields. In fact, they were the ones that got the information. We also had them, we were having the fires out doing surveillance on them. So they have been utilized. Again, the issue is that since they are not peace officers, even though they look like it, we have to be careful that they don’t present themselves as peace officers, and that people don’t mistaken them as peace officers. They can’t make arrests. They can detain people about as much as you can. They can make a citizens arrest. But they can certainly be eyes and ears. And have, they have their own vehicle that they can be patrolling and at least be used as a deterrent. Let me also explain,
every, everything that we do, we run through the City Attorney. And we check with Southwest Risk. And we check with the Pima County Attorney. Again, we want to be sure that what we’re doing is researched properly, thoroughly, and is within the confines of the law so that we, and when I say we, I mean we don’t get in trouble for something that happens.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Okay. Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Mr. Mayor, Chief, I just thought I’d let you know that our little park that we’ve established over there that’s still in the process of putting, growing into its perspective place in our community here, has been vandalized with graffiti and more likely people are camping out there, so maybe you can have one of your police officers take a cruise through there and flash their bright lights. I’m sure that they will wake ‘em up.

Chief Amado: Acting Mayor Diaz, they have. I mean we have been chasing people out of there. We’ve also been working with our City Attorney, Bobby Yu, to post …

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Signs.

Chief Amado: … signs that tell you what time the gazebo closes and what time it opens, very similar to what the library is doing.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Right.

Chief Amado: So if anybody is there after dark, obviously we have some legal recourse in enforcing, you know, people loitering there.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Okay. Thank you.

Councilwoman Rogers: Mr. Mayor, I’ve asked, just tell a question or something, I’ve had this person who is a mom with two children and she’s expecting her third one in November. But her 4-year old cries every day that she goes by the park. It’s by, because it’s locked and she can’t let him in. And it’s at, by 31st Street by La Luz Church, or whatever. I don’t know the name of it, but somebody probably knows the name of it. They walk by there every day and they go to the thrift store that Maritza owns near, near the Auto Zone. And in the past, I’ve heard a report from here that they firefighters are supposed to open the park and the police are supposed to shut the park. And they have a key. And I told her to call, come to Call to the Audience. By the time for her, eight months pregnant and the two other kids, to get up here for three minutes, so I’m telling you about it. And you might know the name of that park. Why is it constantly closed? That’s one question I have. And my next one is just to let you know that I’ve lived at Spanish Trail since 1992, and every bit of what’s at the library is three times over there, including the poop and the vomit, etcetera, that I clean up with rubber gloves. So, nothing is getting better and we have a 1.2 mile city. We’re not Los Angeles. And we’re not San Francisco. And I keep telling people that we can all take care of .2 miles of the City, the Council. So I’m very, very, very discouraged by just coming here. One gal was there on the street, on the sidewalk with her legs spread out. And then she was knocking at a door that I know is prostitution, and she was trying to get the workers to come there, etcetera. And it happens all the time. They own Spanish Trail. There’s five
window that were boarded up, etcetera. And it’s not, it’s not just the library. We’re a 1.2 mile city. And I keep talking about 72 available signs for people to come and invest in our city. And they say, “Well, all you have is grocery carts when we come to check out at City Hall.” And they don’t understand. We need to get ‘em to understand. They have no clue that South Tucson library no longer is owned by South Tucson library. They don’t have any clue that the rule is Pima County owns the library and it’s Pima County. So there’s ignorance there. So that’s all I have to say.

Chief Amado: Mr. Mayor, I have a response to at least one of those things.

Mayor Teso: Thank you.

Chief Amado: We do not have keys to the pocket parks, Councilwoman Rogers. And we haven’t since I’ve been here.

Councilwoman Rogers: Oh.

Chief Amado: The fire department, to my knowledge, since I’ve been here, does not open the pocket parks, and we do not close ‘em. In fact, and Angel, please, if I’m mistaken, they’ve been closed for some time. One of the last discussions we did have here, that I can recall, is some of the residents were going to take it upon themselves to open and shut the pocket parks. That’s, that’s what they’re called. They had discussion with Mr. Yu on that. I think there was some liability issues with it. But we, we don’t have any responsibility on the pocket parks, other than to patrol around ‘em. We don’t have keys to them.

Councilwoman Rogers: Are they Pima County parks or South Tucson parks?

Chief Amado: To my knowledge, they’re South Tucson parks.

Councilwoman Rogers: Then we can’t get in unless we have an answer from this Council back to the residents, what I could tell them. Because I told them firefighters open and police on duty close. That’s not true. So, I guess they can’t get in, and the 4-year old’s gotta keep crying.

Councilman Romero: Mr. Mayor, I was involved in some of that stuff there. When they did have the parks open, it became a real nice place for the drug dealers to hang out, do their business. Under that condition, that’s why they started locking up the parks, to eliminate that problem. There’s residents that want to do it, open up the park. But unfortunately, they had a criminal background also. So, what do we do?

Mayor Teso: Anyone else have any comments?

Acting Mayor Diaz: No.

Mayor Teso: No?

Mr. Lopez: Mayor.
Mayor Teso: Go ahead, Angel.

Mr. Lopez: Mayor, Vice-Mayor, members of the Council, last time we were working in the park, we were actually, it’s a kids park. We were gonna make some designations for the police. If I’m correct, it was police and fire, close and open. But we could, we could open. (Inaudible) doing that. I was working with Mick Jensen (inaudible) material for the parks, some of the equipment that’s been vandalized. We did fix the light there (inaudible). I left ‘em on for that reason. But, yes, we do need some work on the park before it opens. And I heard somebody say close ‘em. Well, I don’t think that’s a good thing for the kids. I mean the thing is (inaudible) we made a park for them to be used for (inaudible). So, I think that we (inaudible) and work it the way it’s supposed to work, it’ll work okay. Again, we did have a problem before. Closed the park at a certain time. But if we stay on top it, I’m sure it will work. I did change hours. I, I think make the park hours at six hours, seven hours. I, I’m not, I have to look at the notes. But that would work. (Inaudible). Summertime when kids are out of school, give ‘em a time period to go play and stuff, and close ‘em back up. We had someone from the church was gonna open and close. (Inaudible), but, you know, we didn’t get the material for the parks and we never have. We’re working on it now. That’s something we could work at. I wouldn’t wanna open the park with sharp steel edges where someone could get hurt. Again, it’s a liability. So that’s really what we need, and I’m sure it could be operable, and something we could get done.

Councilwoman Rogers: Thank you, Angel.

Councilman Oyegbola: Thank you, Angel. Mr. Mayor, …

Mr. Vidaurri: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I believe we strayed from the agenda items. Our department head gave his report and now we’ve gone somewhere else.

Councilman Oyegbola: Can we make it a future agenda item about the pocket parks?

Councilwoman Rogers: Yes.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Councilman Oyegbola: Thank you.

Councilwoman Rogers: Next agenda.

Mayor Teso: Okay. We have no other comments for the Chief? Then we’ll proceed onto Item #09.


Mr. Vidaurri: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, the contract with the Magistrate was reviewed by the Human Resources Director, the City Clerk, by myself, and by our City Attorney. It’s essentially the same
contract that Judge Lassen had. It’s a part-time position at $54,000 a year. And Mr. Yu may have some comments regarding this, as our Attorney.

Mr. Yu: Mayor, members of the Council, the only comment I have to add is that this contract would be for 24 months, as required by an Arizona Supreme Court case Winter v. Orr, as well as by South Tucson City Code Section 2-52.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 19-40 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving and ratifying, and adopting the contract between the City of South Tucson and City Magistrate Darlene Chavez, authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.

Councilman Oyegbola: Second.

Mayor Teso: Do we have any discussion?

Acting Mayor Diaz: I’d like to make a comment that this is probably the first female Judge that we’ll have in the City of South Tucson. We had quite few firsts, so, hey, it’s the year of the woman, too, so.

(Applause)

Mayor Teso: Okay. If there are no other comments, roll call.

Mayor Teso: Mr. Oyegbola.
Councilman Oyegbola: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
Acting Mayor Diaz: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Aye. Motion carries.

ITEM #10 – MAGISTRATE, DARLENE CHAVEZ – SWEARING IN

Mayor Teso swore in Darlene Chavez, new Magistrate.

(Applause)

Ms. Chavez: And I want to thank my family for this present. And also my staff is here ...

(Applause)
Ms. Chavez: ... (inaudible).

Acting Mayor Diaz: I want to give you the website of Judge Cripio (ph), Capio (ph), Caprio (ph). He’s the one that’s real, has a very different style of, of, with the criminals. He really does. I’ll give you the website.

Ms. Chavez: He’s, does he, does he ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: No.

Ms. Chavez: ... have a court here?

Acting Mayor Diaz: No.

Ms. Chavez: Oh, okay.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Providence, I think, Rhode Island.

Ms. Chavez: I will do that (inaudible). Thank you.

Mayor Teso: You’re welcome. Okay.

ITEM #13 – STUDY SESSION: REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2007 OVERVIEW & OPTIONS

Mr. Vidaurri: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, we have a presentation from our Financial Advisor, Mr. Mark Reader. And our Finance Director, Ms. Lourdes Aguirre, will handle this item.

Ms. Aguirre: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, just to provide you guys with a brief introduction, this item, again, has to do with our Series 2007 Bonds, which as shown on the memorandum attached to the item, has approximately, at this point, 6.5 million left in principal. And I also provided you all with the facts surrounding that issue on that bond. For the last about four years now, we’ve been working with Mr. Mark Reader of Stifel and he was recommended to us by three separate unrelated sources. And so when we were looking for a financial advisory firm, that was something that really caught our eye, trying to work with someone, you know, who was reputable, knowledgeable, experienced that would help us get through. And that’s what Mr. Reader has proven to be. We’re very grateful to have had his assistance these four years. As noted in the agenda summary that I provided to you all, the journey hasn’t been easy. There’s been cuts and we’ve addressed the operations through a very conservative budget. We continue, or we have been able to grow our reserve fund. We’ve been able to work through a few losses and therefore limit our liability and our risk. And we’ve been able to comply with the annual contribution amount required by the Public Safety Personnel Retirement. So, without further delay, I will invite Mr. Mark Reader to the front. And we also have Mr. Lee Davis, who is with National Bank of Arizona, which is a bank that we bank with. So, they are part of the team.
Mr. Reader: Thank you, Lourdes. Good afternoon, good evening everybody. Thank you for having me. Nice to see you all again. I was here in ’17. Remind me who was on Council on ’17.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Ms. Aguirre: It was in ’16, 2016.

Mr. Reader: I’m being corrected, ’16. And you weren’t on the Vail School …

Councilwoman Rogers: No.

Mr. Reader: … Board (inaudible) …

Councilwoman Rogers: I was 10 years Vail School Board.

Mr. Reader: I worked with you, …

Councilwoman Rogers: Yeah.

Mr. Reader: … I remember you, but she …

Councilwoman Rogers: I knew …

Mr. Reader: … doesn’t remember …

Councilwoman Rogers: … I knew the name …

Mr. Reader: … me.

Councilwoman Rogers: … Mark Reader.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mr. Reader: Wow, small world. Range of emotions when you’re on a City Council, from swearing in a Judge to talking about the homeless and all the things that go into play, so complement you for that as (inaudible) ceremony. Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, hello again. As Lourdes said, we’ve been working with the City for, I think, about three years now, three or four years, trying to assist and advise you on, you know, your outstanding debt, which as Lourdes said, you have, your 2007 bonds are still outstanding at pretty high rates. So, we’ve had our eye on that, as you know, for three or four years, and we’ve been working towards the opportunity to refinance that. Very similar to a mortgage where it’s gonna take, we’re hoping to take, you got about $580 money, roughly. You’re paying about $580 money, almost 6% money. And I’m gonna share with you here in a moment, we’re almost at historical low interest rates now. You all know that. You’re reading about that. You’re hearing about it. We are not at the lowest point, but we’re near all-time historical lows. So our timing could be very good. And obviously, if we can pull this off, we want to be opportunistic and we want to
take advantage of that. The savings is significant. I’m gonna show you here in a moment. So, as we work with Lourdes and John and, and staff on this, and as we saw these rates dropping, I approached National Bank of Arizona, and Mr. Lee Davis is behind me. They got their start here in Tucson. They do a lot of municipal bond financing in the State and we work with them on a regular basis. We find them easy to work with. We find them to be caring and wanting to help, and as you continue to work on your budget and prove your situation here. So we spent a lot of time with Lee and his bank is very interested in helping us out. We don’t have all the final credit approvals yet at the bank level. And we’re going to be working with Mr. Davis and his colleagues, along with staff over the next couple of weeks so that hopefully, we can get their credit approval and move forward. So, please bear with us on that as we give them a little more information on your City. So, kind of with that backdrop, we have a PowerPoint presentation. And Lourdes, I don’t know, can you turn that for me?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, I’ll do that for you.

Mr. Reader: Okay. So, we have a lot of stuff here. Go to page 5 real quick. I’m gonna try to get through this quick ‘cause I know you have a long night ahead of you. This is just a chart I’m sharing with you. On the right hand side is where kind of rates are now in the municipal world, the municipal interest rate world, if you will, on the right hand side. And you can take this home and read it later, if you want. It’s got some economic information of interest to you, but I think you recognize that with this low interest rate and we, we’re praying and hoping we can pull this off, okay? So I just want to share that with you. Page 6 is for your background information. Page 7 really is for your background information, kind of gives you some idea on the municipal market. Okay. One more, Lourdes, thank you. Okay. One more, sorry. So, Lourdes, you’re, you’re very familiar with us. You just went through your budget process. We have these 2007 A Bonds, were issued twelve years ago. On the left hand side, that was tax-exempt money that was used to purchase some equipment, over there on the left hand side, okay? And I don’t think anybody was on the Council back then, were they? Maybe, maybe, were any of you on the Council thirteen years ago? No. So, when they did that, and we were not involved in this either, they purchased some equipment and you can see that they did interest only payments for about 20 years. Longer than that, 28 years we did interest only payments on equipment.

Acting Mayor Diaz: I voted against it, yes.

Mr. Reader: Yeah, you know, and there was probably a reason for it, but it’s a long time to pay debt on equipment. Fair? So it’s still outstanding. You’ve been paying interest for twenty-some years. And you still have, and you don’t even pay ‘em off until ’36 or ’37. Okay. So, this has been kind of a pattern, not under your jurisdiction, but kind of a pattern with your City over the last 30 years of doing this. And I’m gonna share this with you here in a moment. And we know that you all want to do something about that, and this opportunity will help us get there. So I just wanted to give you, and we went over this back in ’06 at our Study Session, if you remember. So, some of this is a rehash. So, 1.1 million for equipment with a 30-year payoff; 28 years interest only at 5% money in the yellow. Okay. So still outstanding. Not even sure if the equipment is around any more.

(Simultaneous conversation)
Ms. Aguirre: It may be around (inaudible).

Mr. Reader: We’re all here to be honest, right? Okay. So, and then at the same time, you issued 6.7 million dollars in bonds and you basically, you were refinancing bonds. And you were pushing debt out. And this was a pattern that happened. And you had 6.125 money. And you still have that outstanding. And again, that was done primarily to, probably to allay some budget pressures, what have you, and this is what was done. Okay. Now down below, when the transaction was done, the City was required to put $600,000 into a Trustee Account called a Debt Service Reserve Fund. And that was there in the unlikely event the City would not make its debt service payment for whatever reason, and we would have, we’d take that money to pay the debt service and give us a year to work things out. Okay? It’s been in this account for 13 years, earning a half a percent. It’s your asset. It’s your City’s, it’s restricted. It’s your asset. And so as I’ve been in the room with Lourdes and John and everybody else, my thought was you, you’ve been paying your bills. You guys have done a good job on that. You’ve been paying on your bonds for 13 years. We’re not, we’re not worried about you’re not doing that, frankly, any more. At least I’m not. And I think Lee is getting there as well. We’re just gonna give it back to you. We’re gonna propose that we give the $600,000 back to the City. And, you know, you get your State Share Revenues from the State. And we’re going to set it up like they did back in where it goes directly from the State to the Trustee, okay, and then they take the bond debt service payment to pay them. Then we release the rest of the money back to the City. So that’s pretty good security. Fair? And I think Lee believes that, and I believe that, so we call that an intercept provision, intercept structure, just to get some, some comfort that we can release the $600,00 back to you guys, which is, you know, pretty much chunk of change.

Acting Mayor Diaz: And is that, excuse me, is that the only way to, to get the $600,000 is by doing that step?

Mr. Reader: Yeah. Yeah. We think so. We think that’s kind of where we’re at right now with, with the bank. Yeah, and it’s the same step that you had back in ’07.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Yeah.

Mr. Reader: And, let me walk you through the numbers because I think you’ll like ‘em, and then I’ll come back and answer any other questions you might have. Okay. So, so far so good. So, on the right hand side, when we calculate all this, you’re paying 580 money, or 5.81 money now. So, if we don’t do anything, you’re gonna continue to pay 581 money, okay? We want to replace that with, at the moment, this could change, bear with us, at about 275 money. You like it?

Acting Mayor Diaz: Yeah.

Mr. Reader: Okay.

Mayor Teso: A little bit better

Mr. Reader: And it’s taxable money. It’s not tax exempt because all, all these pushouts that have been, and all the useful life of your asset stuff. We had 225 money at one time, but we’re having to do 275 ‘cause we got to issue the taxable bonds, not the tax exempt. Not the end of the world. Fair? Alright. So just to hone this
down, we’re gonna go 581, hopefully, 275, bear with us. What does that mean? Okay. So on page 10 of your presentation, we just put in your debt service. You’re paying 600 a year. You’re probably very familiar with that number in your budget sessions. And you sure could use $600,000 a year for all the demands on your budget. But it is what it is, and it’ll stay out there until ’37 unless we, unless we refinance it out. Okay. On page 11, I kind of went through a lot of this with you. I just wanted to, again, give you some more background on what happened in ’07, the deferral principal that happened both on the new money side for your equipment and the refunding, and your payments. You know, you had a, you had an investment, great credit rating back then. It’s been withdrawn. And we’re gonna check into that, but we think it was withdrawn because what happens with these credit rating agencies, if they reach out to the City and somebody is non-responsive, which is my sense, it wasn’t anybody on staff now, I just had this happen to another one of our clients. It doesn’t happen that often. What the credit rating agencies will do, about every two years they want to have a little review. Fair? How’s your budget and how’s the, how’s the coverage and all that stuff. And I think what happened, we’re gonna find out, and Lee needs this for his Credit Committee, was that whoever was on staff at the time, ignored ‘em, or the email didn’t go through, or what have you. And if they don’t hear back after trying, then they, they’ll just pull it. It doesn’t mean you were downgraded or anything like that. They just pull it so we have some more explaining to do. So just bear with us on that. Okay. All good. So that, that page just gives you kind of a quick summary. Page 12, we did our Study Session in ’16. We shared, I took the slide from that and this, we went all the way back to 1984. I was just a snotty-nosed kid getting out of the U of A, Rita, when …

Councilwoman Rogers: Yeah, I know.

Mr. Reader: … (inaudible).

Councilwoman Rogers: (Inaudible) Vail.

Mr. Reader: But, you know, it all went back to ’84. You know, of course we had the unfortunate Garcia judgment that you all remember. And that had, that was financed on a taxable basis to get you out of that unfortunate predicament and then ’87, there was some construction of a new City Hall that we’re in now, okay? And then they refunded some of the ’84’s, on page 12. And then in 1990, there was some construction renovation equipment at the library. That’s good. Acquire land for a Public Works facility, and then they did another funding. So, just take a look at that and you guys know, you know, where I’m going with this and the history behind the indebtedness in the City since the last, over the last thirty-some years, which put us in where we are now. And now we’re trying to do something about it. Okay. How am I doing so far? All good?

Mayor Teso: (Inaudible).

Mr. Reader: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council? Okay.

Councilman Romero: Good. Thank you.

Mr. Reader: Okay. Alright. Now let’s go to page 14. Lourdes had kind of chatted about this. So this is kind of a budget and we had about six and half million of new bonds that we would issue if, if we can pull this off with Mr. Davis’s bank. And then we’re gonna give you the $600,000 back, and address the Mayor’s question,
Acting Mayor’s question here. We give that back to you, which means you borrow less. If you borrow less, your savings is gonna be more, obviously. And I think that, and I’ll, I’ll walk you through that, okay? Most of that money is gonna pay off the 2007 Bonds. The nice thing about those, we can call them right now without any penalty. So that’s another thing we have going for us. So we’ve got, we’ve got the ability to pay ‘em off, get ‘em out of our hair, no penalty and all that. And then on the costs here, I’m just estimating these and bear with me, we’ve got about $170,000 in costs ‘cause I gotta pay attorneys, and you gotta pay us, and that type of thing. We’ll keep those, as best we can, to a minimum. But these things are a lot of work. Okay. Now let’s go to page 15. So here’s what I hope you’re gonna be pleased with. When we spoke with Mr. Davis, he had asked us if the Council would be willing to limit the amortization to 15 years. So, we’re in ’19 now, we’re pushing ’20. So, 2034 would kind of be a 15-year. That, that helps them get to this 275 money thing. And so we talked to, to John and Lourdes and your staff about it. And we ran the numbers. So in the first column is our fiscal year for us. The second column is our current debt. You see the $600,000. Okay. The, the subsequent columns and then in the middle page where it says Cash Flow Savings, we’re gonna give you most of your savings over the next four and a half years. This is all net of all the costs, and net of everything if we can get the 275 money. That includes the $600,000 of your reserve fund going in that we think we can save you almost $200,000 a year for four years and then we’re gonna give you a $100,000, I’m rounding, if you don’t mind, in that fifth year. That’s just pure money back to the General Fund. (Inaudible) where you are now. Okay? And then we’re gonna pay it off three years early, which is kind of a nice thing from a policy perspective so you can kind of shorten than amortization to kind of offset what had been done in the past. And give you, essentially, about 3.2 million dollars of cash flow savings down at the bottom of that cash flow column. You see that right there? Okay. So, economically, you get about 3.2 million ‘cause you’re shortening the debt and we’re going from almost 6% to hopefully 275 money. That’s how the math works. So that’s good news. Alright. So then we’re gonna put it into today’s dollars so when we do these refinancings, we have the present value, put ‘em in today’s dollars. So, we take the 3.2 million that you would, that you would save over this time period, and we present value that. And basically, in today’s dollars, it’s almost 2.4 million present value. Pretty big number. Okay. Now, we’re gonna give you credit for the $600,000 that’s your asset. That’s your City’s asset. We’re gonna give it back to you. Okay. It’s an inefficiently used asset. We don’t think we need it from a credit perspective ‘cause you’ve been paying your bills for 12, for, for many years and we, we expect that you will continue to do that. But we’re gonna give you credit. So we take out the $600,000, we’re almost at 1.8 million. Does that math make sense? It’s a little bit, these refundings get a little mappy, but I think you understand to put it into, into today’s dollars. We get you 1.8, roughly, 1.783. And then this 26% number is an industry threshold that all cities use. And generally, when that number is above 3%, cities will move forward with the refunding. So you’re nine times what’s generally considered to be a very efficient refunding. Okay? So that makes us feel good because we want, we want to do things efficiently when we do ‘em. So that’s kind of an industry threshold that the GFOA, the Government Finance Officers Association, like I said, is a threshold that our Finance Directors and our City Managers follow as a condition to move forward or not. So, I felt really good about that. Okay. So let me stop there and answer questions and then I got one more slide and I’ll get out of your hair.

Councilman Romero: Would this refinancing, the bonds and everything.

Mr. Reader: Yes, sir.
Councilman Romero: Say a revenue comes up, our tax revenue comes up, can we, like in my mortgage, I give ‘em $100, $200 extra towards the principal. Is that something …

Mr. Reader: Yes, sir.

Councilman Romero: … that we can do here?

Mr. Reader: Excellent question. You’re right on. And here’s the other really cool thing about working with Lee’s bank is that they allow you to prepay at any time with no penalty. Lee? And that’s somewhat unusual. That’s one of the reasons why we want to do a direct negotiation with them. I think it’s great ‘cause if you got $300,000 coming in, we just get together with staff and we just pay it down. So, I love that feature that they do and not a lot of them do that, but we’re fortunate if we can pull it off with these guys to get that feature, so excellent question.

Councilman Romero: You gotta understand, we’re dreaming. And hoping for the best.

Mr. Reader: Yes, sir?

Acting Mayor Diaz: If I understand this correctly, and correct me if I’m wrong, that our, our payment is still gonna be around the $600,000 area a year, right?

Mr. Reader: Well, right up here, so now here your payments for the next one, two, three, four is gonna be $400,000 for the next four years after this budget year. Because you’ve already budgeted this year. So, we’ll probably leave that where it is.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Mr. Reader: So the next four years, we’re gonna lower it from six hundred, rounding, to four hundred to save you almost two hundred; one-ninety in this example.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Mr. Reader: Then we’re gonna give you a hundred, and then we’re gonna go back to what you had before. But we’re gonna pay it off three years early.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Okay. So, related to this question, that the, the last column is the amount of money that could be put into the, the actual balance. In other words, if, if we’re used to paying the $600,000 …

Mr. Reader: Yes.

Acting Mayor Diaz: … a year, and if we took that money and put it against the principal, …

Mr. Reader: Yeah.
Acting Mayor Diaz: Right.

Mr. Reader: You could pay that down.

Acting Mayor Diaz: We could pay that down.

Mr. Reader: Yeah.

Acting Mayor Diaz: A lot sooner than the ...

Mr. Reader: Yeah.

Acting Mayor Diaz: ... three years.

Mr. Reader: Now one thing we talked with Lourdes and staff about, Veronica too, Veronica, you’ve been involved in this as well. I didn’t mean to ignore Veronica ‘cause she was helping (inaudible). Yeah, so when you do this, you could put your savings wherever you want. That’s kind of a nice thing. We’re starting all over. So in talking to, in talking to staff, their thought was could we go ahead and reduce our debt service payments the next four to five years to give you some, some budget capacity for a variety of things your City certainly needs; present value. Or we could pay the debt off early or we could, we can make it level throughout the next, you know, 15 years. We could run you a variety of scenarios. But we had, we had run you, your savings upfront so you could get, use that money in the next four, four and half years to get some things done. And we can run various scenarios for you, Mayor, whatever you want, but that’s how we did this one.

Acting Mayor Diaz: The other is that, is there a debt to income ratio as far as what is considered where you do refinancing on this part?

Mr. Reader: No. We don’t, we don’t really, most of our, this is a revenue bond. And so, ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Mr. Reader: ... good question. So, one of the things that Lee’s looking at very carefully, so we’re gonna pledge your revenues. Just like we have on the ‘07. And it’s about five million. It’s your local sales tax. It’s your State Shared Revenues, okay, that you’re familiar with seeing. It’s your Fines and Forfeitures, things of that nature, and the number is about five million, Lourdes, right? Right ...

Ms. Aguirre: Yes.

Mr. Reader: ... around there. So, we tell the bank over here, we’re gonna give you five million dollars of revenues and we got five hundred, six hundred thousand dollars maximum annual debt service, about nine dollars in revenue for every dollar of debt, and even higher in the early years. Does that make sense? So, that’s called a Revenue Coverage Number that gives them comfort, you know, ‘cause there’s volatility in our revenues, right? We don’t need another recession, do we? And, you know, we don’t need a major sales tax
recipient here in the City leaving or anything like that, so they’re, they’re volatile. They’ve asked us for what your revenues were during the great recession. And we know that they went down so we got all that. And hopefully, we can get ‘em comfortable that even during the great recession, you still had sufficient coverage and you did make your payments. You had to tighten your belt, obviously, and you gotta cut expenses elsewhere if there’s a problem, rather than not pay your debt, as you guys know. ‘Cause that, that creates more problems than the other one. You know, liquidity, of course. You know, having a cash balance, having a General Fund reserve, very, very important. I know you’re working on that; getting your, getting your liquidity up there is something that we encourage you to continue to work on; your rainy day fund, what have you, is important. And then the rest of it is really kind of financing covenants that we’ll incorporate into the transaction. Those are really kind of the three major ones, along with your budget. And, you know, you got some PSPRS pressure and we, we encourage you to throw as much money at that as early as you can. The more money we can get to ‘em, the better, as you guys know, to try to close that gap on that unfunded liability. And you’re not the only one in that boat, as you know. It’s a problem all around the State that we’re dealing with. So, hope all that was helpful.

Acting Mayor Diaz: It’s, one more. I thought I saw the percentage rate is 2 point something percent?

Mr. Reader: Yeah, 275.

Acting Mayor Diaz: 275?

Mr. Reader: Yeah. That’s what Lee is kind of been whispering in our ear. Behind me. And he’s, you know, ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: So ...

Mr. Reader: ... I thought it was a very fair rate. And, you know, rates, rates go up and down. And I can talk to you about a calendar. We’re hoping that that’s, you know, at or around where we need to be to get ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: So it’s not a fixed rate for 15 years?

Mr. Reader: It will be fixed.

Acting Mayor Diaz: It will be fixed ...

Mr. Reader: Yeah, once we, ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: ... for 15 years.

Mr. Reader: ... it will be fixed. And the nice thing about their bank, too, is once they come back with us with a decision, they give us, I think they give us 60 days to close, which we probably won’t need, so we appreciate that. And we can kind of know what our number is going into it, so as soon as he get, soon as he gets it through his Credit Committee, then he’ll, you know, let us know if that number is up or down, or the same. We obviously hope it’s the same or lower. Wink, wink, nod, nod. He can’t see me up here, so, yeah, go ahead.
Councilman Romero: I got one more question for you. I’m going to show you my ignorance. You said something just a couple seconds ago, something about PSPC or something like that. What the heck does that mean?

Mr. Reader: Public Safety Pension Retirement. PSPRS.

Councilman Romero: Okay.

Mr. Reader: PSPRS I call it.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Mr. Reader: So, anyway, that’s generally, yes, sir?

Vice-Mayor Lopez: So, by 2035, we, we should be ...

Councilwoman Rogers: In heaven.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Thank you.

Mr. Reader: Yeah, you’re down, you’ve shortened it. And all those good things, so, yeah. Rita, did you, did you have a question?

Councilwoman Rogers: No, I just, that I (inaudible) I know Mark Reader, I know Mark Reader in my brain. It’s good to see you.

Mr. Reader: I haven’t hit it big, Rita. Here I am. I’m still ...

Councilwoman Rogers: (Inaudible) ...

Mr. Reader: ... slogging it ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... (inaudible) ...
Mr. Reader: ... out after 30 years, but ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... (inaudible) ...

Mr. Reader: ... it’s all good. I, I ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... (inaudible).

Mr. Reader: ... wouldn’t wanna do anything else. So, ...

Councilwoman Rogers: Wow.

Mr. Reader: ... I hope that was helpful. We’re not cast in concrete. This is a Study Session. If you have any thoughts, you want us to change anything, you want to see some alternative scenarios, let Lourdes know and John and, you know, we’re here to help. And we know you need it. And it will be great if we can pull this off. So, as far as the next steps, we’re having the Study Session. No action tonight, which I think is great to educate you about what’s coming. Lee will, is going to be sending us a list of questions that he needs from the City regarding your budget and, your economy and some other things. And Lourdes and John are always helpful on that. And then if we can move this thing along quickly, we’re gonna be back in front of you November 5th or November 11th, which I think are your regular scheduled meetings. And, you know, when we come back, we would have everything, but the (inaudible) and, and hopefully we have good news for you on one of those dates. And then if so, then we’ll close it in November, first part of December, and lock in these, lock in the savings.

Councilwoman Rogers: Okay. Just so you know, November 11th is Veterans Day. I do not think I’ll be here.

Councilman Oyegbola: Mr. Mayor, just a quick comment for Mr. Reader and Mr. Lee. I’d definitely like to thank you for your assistance, especially our Finance Director, City Manager, and City Clerk ‘cause the times that we’re (inaudible) the City it’s so dire and just being able to come up with this, put it in perspective, to show the discipline by Finance Department to have, to be able to show the structure, payments, and showing that you, the fiscal responsibility by the Finance Department, working with you to be able to be in this situation today is, is dire, so I just appreciate everybody involved. So, for a Council to get to that date, November 21st, I just appreciate the steps that you put in place, being transparent so the whole Council can see what it took to get to this day. Thank you.

Mr. Reader: Yeah, you bet. Thank you for the compliment. We’re working hard for you, bear with us. And we’ll report back accordingly and hopefully see you at a meeting in November. That would be my goal. Thank you, again and great to see you. I worked on a school bond with Rita when she was on the Vail Unified School Board, literally back in ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ’83, ’84, ’85.

Mr. Reader: ... ’83, ...
Councilwoman Rogers: I was on …

Mr. Reader: … so …

Councilwoman Rogers: … until ’92. Few years.

Mr. Reader: (Inaudible).

Councilman Romero: Thank you both for your time.

Mr. Reader: Okay. See you guys soon.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Thank you.

ITEM #11 – DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-05 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION; APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”) OF THE SOUTH TUCSON CITY CODE TO CHANGE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH TO FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Mayor Teso: Mr. Vidaurri.

Councilwoman Rogers: So moved.

Mr. Vidaurri: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, this item relates to the resolution that was adopted by Council not too long ago. And apparently, part of that resolution eliminated or deleted a portion of the City’s Code that referred to the City Council’s ability to actually cancel a meeting. And so our attorney looked further into the matter and has a report for you on this item.

Mr. Yu: Mayor, members of the Council, I’m gonna go through what I have written and which is in your packet. On May 19th, 1980, Mayor and Council had approved Ordinance No. 80-3, which amended Section 2-16 regarding regular meetings. It introduced the schedule for regular meetings of the Council as the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. It also provided, quote, “when deemed appropriate, any regular meeting of the Council may be cancelled by the Mayor or by a majority of the Council,” unquote. On June 17th of this year, the Mayor and Council decided to revisit Ordinance No. 80-03. The Council, at the time, discussed a new schedule of regular meetings of the Council for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mayor and Council also discussed removing the provision regarding cancellation of regular meetings, as well as a delayed implementation effective date for the purpose of notice of the public regarding that change. On July 22, 2019, Mayor and Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 19-05. That encompassed all the changes by amending that Section 2-16, which was originally approved through Ordinance No. 80-3. And at that point, it became legally effective starting on September 1, 2019. At the regularly scheduled October 1, 2019 meeting, the Mayor and Council moved to direct the City Attorney to research how other municipalities handle cancellation of Council meetings. I reached out to other City Attorneys across the State and received the following responses regarding the practices of various municipalities in Arizona. In Apache Junction, they
stated, “We place a paper notice of cancellation on the door of the Council Chambers, and where we post notices for the time of meeting.” In Bullhead City, quote, “Bullhead City elected do not like cancelling meetings. So the one time this happened about four to five years ago, we simply had a meeting with Call to the Public, approved any pending minutes,” unquote. With Coolidge and with Maricopa, who is represented by the same attorney, if the City Council meeting will be cancelled, we have Council take action at a prior meeting to cancel a meeting. In Kingman, they cancel a meeting and provide notice. Lake Havasu City responded, “We usually discuss this in agenda setting so the discussion includes the City Manager, City Attorney, Mayor and one other Council member as well as pertinent City staff. The Mayor makes the final decision,” unquote. Sahuarita responded, “In Sahuarita this happens a lot, everywhere where we usually post the agenda, including online, we post a notice stating that the regular Council meeting scheduled for whichever day has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be, whichever date it is. Our Town Code provides,” and I’m referring to Sahuarita’s Town Code, quote, “The Mayor shall have the authority to cancel any regular Council meeting,” unquote. Continuing with Sahuarita’s response, quote, “Usually what happens is the Manager calls the Mayor and says that there’s nothing on the agenda and gets permission from the Mayor to cancel the meeting. Then the Manager simply calls the Council members to advise them and we post,” unquote. Sierra Vista responded, quote, “In Sierra Vista, we simply cancel the meeting. I should add that we also provide proper notices,” unquote. I also received two responses from Gust Rosenfeld, PLC. They represent several small municipalities in Arizona. First response was the following, “If you know ahead of time that a meeting will be cancelled, the Council can always take that action. Sometimes, a meeting might be cancelled because there are no items, or there are a few small items that can wait. I think it is fine to just post a notice that meeting is cancelled in the same way a meeting notice/agenda is posted,” unquote. The second response (inaudible) quote, “Practically, I agree with those who believe a meeting should be able to be cancelled for lack of items by simply posting a notice in all of the usual agenda posting places. Most of the smaller jurisdictions are still operating under some modified form of the League’s model code, which includes specific dates for the Council meetings and I believe (inaudible) says a meeting can be cancelled by a majority vote of the Council,” unquote. So, these were the responses I got from various cities and towns that were generally a little bit bigger than our city. I recommend that, today, Mayor and Council discuss and direct City Attorney on how to proceed on this matter. The City has multiple options. The City can keep a no cancellation provision as recently adopted in Ordinance No. 19-05, or revert back to previous language used in Ordinance No. 80-03, or adopt different practice as used by another municipality, or adopt a new approach entirely. With that, I leave it for Mayor and Council to provide some direction.

Mayor Teso: Thank you.

Councilwoman Rogers: Oh, I’ll …

Mayor Teso: Do we have any questions?

Councilwoman Rogers: … speak first, Mr. Mayor, if it’s okay. Basically, …

Acting Mayor Diaz: Excuse me.

Councilwoman Rogers: … (inaudible) …
Acting Mayor Diaz: We had a motion, I think, and then ...

Councilwoman Rogers: Yeah, but I didn’t have a second. They just ignored it and ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: Okay. So ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... (inaudible) it.

Acting Mayor Diaz: ... there should be a second and then we can go ...

Councilwoman Rogers: Does somebody ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: ... into ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... wanna ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: ... discussion?

Councilwoman Rogers: ... second it to discuss it?

Acting Mayor Diaz: I’ll second that.

Councilwoman Rogers: Okay. You second it, okay. Now we’re for discussion. I just, I guess my biggest concern having been in here, in this town since 1992, is the last set of, the last set of people (inaudible) Mayor and people different like that, there was a constant notification of cancel, cancel, cancel. And before that, too, ‘cause we used to be out in the audience, so cancel, cancel, cancel. I do not believe that we need to cancel any of two meetings here in South Tucson. I do not believe I have to tell the people, yes, today is the 15th, but a month, they cancelled the next one, so a month from now, you may come and talk to Call to the Audience. If you’re not really upset in a month, you can talk for three minutes, Call to the Audience. So it’s just a practical, practical thing that we need to stop cancelling meetings. Do not tell any of us there’s no reason for agenda items ‘cause I’ll be presenting a two-page of future agendas, what has not happened since I was sworn in. So that’s my discussion.

Councilman Romero: My question to you, Rita, is since we’ve been on this Council here, since I was elected, how many meetings have we cancelled?

Councilwoman Rogers: We can what?

Councilman Romero: How many meetings have we cancelled?

Councilwoman Rogers: I don’t know.

Councilman Romero: None.
Councilwoman Rogers: I don’t think that’s true, but I don’t know, in a year and a half, I saw, but I don’t know the answer to that.

Councilman Romero: We try not to cancel ’em, and for something important to be on there.

Acting Mayor Diaz: I’d like to add the, in regards to the no items, Bullhead City, I think, has a pretty good idea there that I’d like to propose also is that they simply have the meeting to Call to the Audience.

Councilwoman Rogers: Yeah, and go home.

Acting Mayor Diaz: And approve pending minutes, if there are any, and then close. That way, it does give the, the public access to the Council every, you know, twice a month. That way, they don’t feel that they’ll have to wait a whole month before they can talk to the Council. But I think that would be good for us also, that just to simply have a meeting with Call to the Audience, approve any pending minutes, and then close. You know, it’s, we’re not cancelling a meeting. We’re just here for the public anyway. They’re the ones that are paying, you know, for the whole government, so.

Councilwoman Rogers: Mr. Mayor, I agree with Acting Mayor in the sense that if you think you only need to meet once a month, you should give up half your stipend for the budget. Because we were elected to be here.

Acting Mayor Diaz: So I make a motion that …

Mayor Teso: Do we have any other comments?

Councilman Romero: I don’t want to piss nobody off. I’ll comply.

Councilman Oyegbola: I got a comment. I’m in favor of (inaudible).

Vice-Mayor Lopez: I didn’t hear that. Can you repeat it?

Councilman Oyegbola: I’m in favor of 80-3, where they said either the Mayor or the majority of the Council can cancel a meeting. But we’ve been going.

Councilwoman Rogers: Well, what’s the motion? Could somebody read the motion?

Acting Mayor Diaz: Well, …

Councilwoman Rogers: I don’t know, the motion is so moved when it said and the second one was Mr. Diaz. So we have to vote on that.

Acting Mayor Diaz: I don’t think, no, wait a minute. I think the …

Councilwoman Rogers: No?
Acting Mayor Diaz: What is in this part of the discussion that he says that he likes the way it’s stated in the re-, in the ...

Councilwoman Rogers: Okay.

Acting Mayor Diaz: ... original ...

Councilwoman Rogers: Yeah, that’s why I wondered what the ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: Okay.

Councilwoman Rogers: ... motion was, ...

Acting Mayor Diaz: So there’s ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... yeah.

Acting Mayor Diaz: ... now if there’s no more discussion, then we go to a motion.

Councilwoman Rogers: Okay. That’s what I meant that we did go (inaudible) finally finished ...

Mayor Teso: Alright. I’d like ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Teso: ... to make a comment before we go to that. I think we kept hearing about how many meetings have been cancelled in the past.

Councilwoman Rogers: Yeah, I have no ...

Mayor Teso: And ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... (inaudible).

Mayor Teso: ... I think, ...

Councilwoman Rogers: (Inaudible).

Mayor Teso: ... I, I don’t, I agree that we had several meetings that were cancelled, especially when we first started as, got on Council. But then, again, in that same period of time, we actually had made up, a lot of this was due to, basically, staff not having enough information to put together particular agendas over a lot of things that we had. And in any case, we ended up actually having more meetings, if you include the special meetings that were called afterwards, then we had, when we had the three meetings per month.
Councilwoman Rogers: Well, ...

Mayor Teso: So we made it, more than made up for, ...

Councilwoman Rogers: I ...

Mayor Teso: ... for the meetings that we cancelled.

Councilwoman Rogers: I have to state, Mr. Mayor, just one more thing that it is known throughout the people that I know throughout the City, of the 1.2 miles, that the City Manager speaks constantly and continually to three Council members. And he, he does not speak constantly or at all to four other Council members, just factual. So, if we would only meet once, we would not hear from him for thirty days. And then he could go with the three that he meets with. That’s factual and most people know it. I want to get that in the minutes.

Councilman Oyegbola: That’s not (inaudible).

Mayor Teso: That’s not ...

Councilman Oyegbola: Conjecture.

Mayor Teso: ... (inaudible).

(Simultaneous conversation)

Councilwoman Rogers: So, twice a month, we should meet with the City Manager.

Mr. Vidaurri: If there’s an emergency, what do we do? Not post? What if we have a natural disaster?

Councilwoman Rogers: A special meeting is different than meeting ...

Mr. Vidaurri: But a natural ...

Councilwoman Rogers: ... two Tuesdays ...

Mr. Vidaurri: ... disaster, I’m talking about. What if we had a natural disaster and we don’t have the ability to cancel a meeting? Do we not post and advise the public?

Councilwoman Rogers: They’ll forgive you.

Mr. Vidaurri: I’m just asking.

Acting Mayor Diaz: I think that’s why we need a, a, at least something that discusses ...

Councilwoman Rogers: With the people.
Acting Mayor Diaz: … cancellation, other than having the, the Mayor or the majority of the Council, that, that …

Councilwoman Rogers: (Inaudible) …

Acting Mayor Diaz: … should be …

Councilwoman Rogers: … (inaudible).

Acting Mayor Diaz: … included in there that, you know, if, if, the …

(Conversation in background)

Acting Mayor Diaz: … fact is, the fact is that we might have a natural disaster, but, you know, it’s, the many, the meetings can only be as short as possible for that particular time and excuse everybody else. I mean it’s just a matter of, well, whether we have a quorum or not, also.

Councilwoman Rogers: Mr. Mayor, also I think if there’s a natural disaster, Call to the Audience should be notified, by the way, on that night that we couldn’t be organized, to notify everybody besides us, of a natural disaster.

Mayor Teso: Okay. Do we have any other comments?

Vice-Mayor Lopez: So, Mr. Mayor, so for instance we don’t have a mechanism to inform the people that we’re cancelling a meeting, whether if it’s an emergency or the lack of information that needs to, but I still think that we should have that right to cancel the meeting; an emergency basis or whatever issue that do arise, since we don’t predict the future, so I think it’s better to have something to be able to do it right and notify the people just like how we’re doing it now. We’re letting people know through the Internet and stuff like that, that the meetings are cancelled. So I’m in favor of just keeping it to where we are authorized to cancel the meetings as needed.

Councilman Romero: We could execute common sense. If we need it, we need it. If we don’t need it, we don’t need it.

Councilman Oyegbola: Mr. Mayor, I’d like to make a motion that we revert back to …

Councilwoman Rogers: There’s already …

Councilman Oyegbola: … Ordinance …

Councilwoman Rogers: … a motion on the floor.
Councilman Oyegbola: No. 80-3 (inaudible). We’re already at 7:33. We need, I agree with what the City Manager said. He has a valid point. We need to make, we need to have something in there that states that we can cancel the meeting. So, if no one else has another motion besides that, then bring it …

Councilwoman Rogers: Mr. Mayor, …

Councilman Oyegbola: … up. But other than, …

Councilwoman Rogers: … (inaudible) …

Councilman Oyegbola: … we’re spending too much time on this. Just cancel the meeting.

Councilman Romero: I’ll second the motion.

Councilwoman Rogers: Mr. Mayor, we already have a motion on the floor. It was my motion, moved by Acting Mayor Diaz. And we need to call for the vote.

Mayor Teso: Okay. Can you restate the motion then?

Councilwoman Rogers: It was what’s written right there in your (inaudible). My motion was that we not cancel the two Tuesdays of the month.

Mayor Teso: Okay. If there’s no further discussion, okay, Mr. Oyegbola.

Ms. Moreno: Was there a second for Ms. Rogers’ motion? Was there …

Councilman Oyegbola: Yeah, …

Ms. Moreno: … a second?

Councilman Oyegbola: … Paul.

Ms. Moreno: Oh.

Councilwoman Rogers: Paul was. A long time ago.

Councilman Romero: I have a question. Did Rita just say that we’re gonna cancel Tuesdays?

Councilwoman Rogers: Not cancel two Tuesday nights of the month, period, was the motion. Or take half the stipend.

Mayor Teso: If there’s no more comments, then I’ll get back to the roll call.

Mayor Teso: Mr. Oyegbola.
Councilman Oyegbola: No.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: No.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
Acting Mayor Diaz: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: No.
Mayor Teso: No. The motion does not carry.

Councilman Oyegbola: Mr. Mayor, ...

Mayor Teso: Is there another motion?

Councilman Oyegbola: Yes. I’d like to make a motion that we revert back to Ordinance No. 80-3.

Councilman Romero: Second.

Acting Mayor Diaz: You should add subsection C to your motion. Two sixteen.

Councilman Oyegbola: (Inaudible) section 216.

Mr. Yu: Mayor and members of the Council, I wanted to clarify the motion. Is this motion for reverting back to previous language, using Ordinance No. 80-3 solely in regards to the cancellation provision?

Councilman Oyegbola: Correct.

Mr. Yu: And are you amending it to what I just said or?

Councilman Oyegbola: Yes.

Councilwoman Rogers: (Inaudible).

Councilman Oyegbola: It’s basically just making sure that the Mayor or the Council has the (inaudible), power to cancel a meeting.

Mr. Yu: And Councilman Romero, is that your understanding of, are you still seconding that motion?

Councilman Romero: Yes.

Mayor Teso: Okay. Do we have any discussion on that motion?
Acting Mayor Diaz: I still think that it should reflect Section 216, subsection C, where it says “deem appropriate any regular meeting that would constantly be cancelled by the Mayor and/or by majority of the Council.

Councilman Oyegbola: That’s what we just said.

Acting Mayor Diaz: Well, yeah, but you gotta add it onto your motion.

Councilman Oyegbola: But there is no subsection C. Where do you see subsection C?

(Simultaneous conversation)

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Yeah, 216C needs to be changed.

Ms. Moreno: Right here.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Councilman Oyegbola: Alright. Correction.

Councilwoman Rogers: Throw the (inaudible).

Councilman Oyegbola: So, let’s clean up this, I make a motion that we revert back to Ordinance No. 80-3, section 216C, which basically states when deemed appropriate, any regular meeting of the City Council may be cancelled by the Mayor or by the majority of the Council.

Councilman Romero: Second.

Mayor Teso: Okay. Any other discussion?

(No discussion from the Council)

Mayor Teso: Okay. Mr. Oyegbola.
Councilman Oyegbola: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
Acting Mayor Diaz: No.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: No.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Aye. Motion carries.

Mr. Vidaurri: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, Lourdes Aguirre has a report on this item for you.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, this item, in fact, might seem a little after the fact, but it’s mainly just to keep in line with the City’s standard practice of issuing a resolution that summarizes all the terms and conditions of an agreement, attaching that to an agreement. Back on July 15th, Mayor and Council approved the promissory note, which is the settlement agreement for the lawsuit. And so, this resolution, there originally was no resolution attached to that agreement. That’s all this is. It’s just stating again, standard terms, conditions of said agreement.

Mayor Teso: Does anybody have any questions for Lourdes?

(No questions from the Council)

Mayor Teso: Okay. Do we have a motion?

Councilman Romero: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-41 of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, approving the promissory note agreement between Pima County and the City of South Tucson as part of the settlement in the Arizona Tax Court Case TX2014-000213.

Councilman Oyegbola: Second.

Mayor Teso: Do we have any discussion?

(No discussion from the Council)

Mayor Teso: Okay. If not, we’ll go to roll call.

Mayor Teso: Mr. Oyegbola.
Councilman Oyegbola: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
Acting Mayor Diaz: Abstain.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Aye. Motion carries.
ITEM #14 – ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Teso: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Councilman Oyegbola: So moved.

Vice-Mayor Lopez: Second.

Mayor Teso: Any discussion about that?

Councilman Oyegbola: No, because …

Mayor Teso: Mr. Oyegbola.

Councilman Oyegbola: … (inaudible) be discussing about who’s meeting with the City Manager when everybody has access to the City Manager.

Mayor Teso: Mr. Oyegbola.

(Simultaneous conversation)

Vice-Mayor Lopez: You guys …

Councilman Oyegbola: Aye.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Romero.
Councilman Romero: Aye.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: … (inaudible) knock on your door.
Councilwoman Rogers: No, (inaudible) …
Mayor Teso: Mr. Diaz.
(Simultaneous conversation)
(Knocking)
Vice-Mayor Lopez: (Inaudible).
Councilwoman Rogers: He (inaudible) for him.
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Knock on his door and …
Councilwoman Rogers: I’m sorry. You …
Vice-Mayor Lopez: … you (inaudible) …
Councilwoman Rogers: … (inaudible) …
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: … (inaudible).
Mayor Teso: Ms. Rogers.
Councilwoman Rogers: Yes. Oh, we’re not adjourned yet?
Mayor Teso: No.
Councilwoman Rogers: Oh, I thought we were. I’m sorry. He’s standing up. I...
Mayor Teso: They voted, ...
Councilwoman Rogers: ... thought ...
Mayor Teso: ... you haven’t voted for adjournment.
Mayor Teso: Mr. Lopez.
Vice-Mayor Lopez: Yes.
Mayor Teso: Aye. We’re adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 15th day of October, 2019. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _________ day of _________________________, 2019.

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Veronica Moreno, City Clerk