

Meeting Minute Summary presented in lieu of audio upload; minutes in verbatim format pending audio upload.

Minutes of the Regular Agenda Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 S. 6th Avenue, South Tucson, Arizona.

Staff Present: Veronica Moreno, Interim City Manager
Lourdes Aguirre, Finance Director
Danny Denogean, Public Safety Director and Chief of Police
Josue Licea, Planning Director
Imelda Robles, Housing Director
Jon Paladini, City Attorney

Councilors Present: Mayor Paul Diaz
Vice Mayor Herman Lopez
Acting Mayor Rita Rogers
Councilor Anita Romero
Councilor Cesar Aguirre (Excused)
Councilor Brian Flagg
Councilor Roxanna Valenzuela

Others Present: Scott Sears, Resident
Mel Dominguez, Resident
Elvira Fike, Not Resident
Allen Benz, Resident
Andy Luna, Fire Department
Escarlen Chavez, Property Owner

Mayor Diaz called the Regular Agenda Meeting of December 19, 2023, to order at 6:03 p.m. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgment and Mission Statements.

ITEM #03 – LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND MISSION STATEMENT

Read by Vice Mayor Lopez

Read by Acting Mayor Rogers.

ITEM #04 – ROLL CALL (By City Manager Moreno):

Present:
Vice Mayor Lopez (telephonically)
Acting Mayor Rogers
Councilor Anita Romero
Mayor Diaz
Councilor Flagg
Councilor Valenzuela

Excused: Councilor Aguirre

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ITEM #05 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the meeting of December 5, 2023 was postponed.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Speaker: Scott Sears, Resident

Topic: Housing, Employment and Taxes

Speaker: Mel Dominguez, Resident

Topic: Alley Ways & Informative Townhalls

Speaker: Elvira Fike

Topic: Public Safety – Street Light

Speaker: Allen Benz

Topic: Transit

Speaker: Escarlen Chavez

Topic: Safety & Lighting

ITEM #06 - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: REPORTS OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor & Council provided a brief update on upcoming holiday events.

ITEM #07 - CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: REPORTS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

City Manager Moreno advised the Council on the following:

- Next regular council meeting scheduled for January 3rd, not sure if to proceed with cancellation due to holidays; Council advised of other possible dates: January 9th or January 16th.

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- City Attorney would be working with City of Tucson Attorney on the draft IGA for City of Tucson Fire services.
- Public Defender vacancy has been filled
- Working to update the website, city code codification, newsletter and townhall

Fire Captain Luna spoke about upcoming toy drive at JVYC December 23rd from 11-2pm.

Planning Director Licea provided an update on the energy audit being conducted by District 2030, code enforcement efforts, the vacant seat on the Board of Adjustments and upcoming PAG/RTA topics.

ITEM #08 - ORDINANCE NO. 23-02 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT; AMENDING CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA CODE, CHAPTER 28, BY REPEALING ORDINANCE 11-07 WHICH INTENDED TO ADOPT THE HUD PROCUREMENT HANDBOOK BY REFERENCE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF 2 CFR §§200.317 – 200.327 [CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS] FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Finance Director Aguirre indicated the purpose of this ordinance was to update City Code Chapter 28 on Procurement with the most current language as per 2 CFR §§200.317 – 200.327. Also mentioned that the implementation of said updates was going to benefit the Housing Authority and allow it to effectively move forward with upcoming CFP projects in order to meet obligation end dates. She pointed out that this item was directly related to the upcoming item, Resolution 23-36 under the Housing Authority Board.

Motion: Councilor Flagg

Motion Seconded: Acting Mayor Rogers

[Discussion]

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Motion to exit regular session and convene into Housing Governing Board: Acting Mayor Rogers.

Motion Seconded: Councilor Flagg

[Discussion]

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Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON HOUSING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

ITEM #01 - CALL TO ORDER

ITEM #02 - ROLL CALL

Present:

Vice Mayor Lopez (telephonically)

Acting Mayor Rogers

Councilor Anita Romero

Mayor Diaz

Councilor Flagg

Councilor Valenzuela

Excused:

Councilor Aguirre asked to be excused.

Adela Ochoa asked to be excused.

ITEM #03 - REPORTS - HOUSING STATS, COMPLIANCE UPDATE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Housing Director Robles provided an update on current events and overview of reports handed out related to occupancy and vacant units.

ITEM #04 - RESOLUTION NO. 23-36 OF THE HOUSING GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, ADHERING TO THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON PROCUREMENT CODE, CHAPTER 28, SECTION 28-130 WHICH INCORPORATES THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF 2 CFR §§200.320 [CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS] FOR FEDERAL AWARDS, ESTABLISHING PROCUREMENT LIMITS, AS WELL AS AUDIT AND SELF-CERTIFYING REQUIREMENTS

Housing Director Robles introduced the item and benefits of having increased limits for micro-threshold and small purchases at \$10,000 (\$50,000 if self-certified) and \$150,000, respectively.

Motion: Councilor Flagg

Motion Seconded: Acting Mayor Rogers

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[Discussion]

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

ITEM #05 - ADJOURNMENT CITY COUNCIL CONVENES AS CITY COUNCIL INTO REGULAR SESSION

Motion to exit Housing Governing Board and convene into regular session: Mayor Diaz.

Motion Seconded: Acting Mayor Rogers

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

City Council exits Housing Governing Board and reconvenes into Regular Session.

ITEM #09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - A.R.S. §38-431.03 A. 3. AND A.4 DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEYS OF THE PUBLIC BODY; DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY'S ATTORNEYS REGARDING THE CITY'S POSITION REGARDING CONTRACTS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS.

1. REDEVELOPMENT OF SLUM AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES IN SOUTHERN PART OF THE CITY

Motion to exit regular session and enter executive session: Acting Mayor Rogers

Motion Seconded: Mayor Diaz

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Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

City Council exits Executive Session and reconvenes into Regular Session.

Motion to exit executive session, enter regular session and adjourn: Acting Mayor Rogers

Motion Seconded: Councilor Flagg

Council Members: Unanimous Ayes.

ITEM #10 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 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 Agenda Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 3rd day of October, 2023. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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Veronica Moreno, City Clerk