

Minutes of the Regular Agenda Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of South Tucson Council Chambers, 1601 S. 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
Michele Stinson for Jon Paladini, City Attorney

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

Others Present: Melissa Brown Dominguez, Resident

Mayor Diaz called the Regular Agenda Meeting of February 6, 2024, to order at 6:12 p.m. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, and Land Acknowledgment and Mission Statements.

ITEM #03 – LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND MISSION STATEMENT

Vice Mayor Lopez: On behalf of South Tucson residents, we honor the Tribal Nations who have served as caretakers of this land from time immemorial and respectfully acknowledge the ancestral homelands of the Tohono O’odham Nation and the multi-millennial presence of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe within South Tucson. Consistent with the City of South Tucson’s commitment to diversity and inclusion, we strive toward building equal-partner relationships with Arizona’s Tribal Nations.

Acting Mayor Rogers: The Mission of the City of South Tucson is to build up our community through mutual cooperation between we, your public servants, and you our citizens so that jointly we can build a safe and stronger City. Amen.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Amen.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

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

Vice Mayor Lopez. Here.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Here.

Councilor Romero. Mayor, Councilor Romero called in and requested to be excused.

Mayor Diaz. Here.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Here.

Councilor Valenzuela. Here.

Mayor Diaz: So we have a quorum, thank you.

*Call to the Audience*

Mayor Diaz: Is there anyone in the public that would like to address the Council at this time, there's cards out there to fill out. I don't know if you have any.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor we have one card filled out for this evening. It is Melissa Brown Dominguez, 28 West 28<sup>th</sup> Street, topic is Trees in South Tucson and Galeria Update.

Ms. Moreno: If I may, Mayor, we skipped Item #05, Approval of Minutes and then we can move on to Call to the Audience. It will just take a minute.

Mayor Diaz: I apologize, thank you.

**ITEM #05 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Mayor Lopez: Mr. Mayor, I make a motion that we approve the Minutes.

Acting Mayor Rogers: Of what date?

Mayor Diaz: There was a motion to approve the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024.

Acting Mayor Rogers: Second.

Mayor Diaz: There's a Motion and a Second. All in favor, please signify by saying Aye.

Council Members: Unanimous Ayes.

Mayor Diaz: Now, Call to the Public.

Ms. Dominguez: Hi Mayor, Hi Council, good evening. I just wanted to as a homeowner, as a resident, as a business owner here in the City of South Tucson, I wanted to just convey how much I would like to advocate for more trees here in our City. We have such a need of a much larger tree canopy in our City. We are without trees in our City, and it becomes such a heat element. Here in the City of South Tucson it is evident that we have a major lack of established trees, young trees here in the City, and it's something that's really important for community members. We have a lot of folks that walk, that bike, and just enjoy to be. We're very outgoing community. We like to be out walking around and talking to each other and having trees is also social equity, something really important to the environment. I just wanted to advocate for that, and also advocating for the trees that will be planted on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I think that's a great, wonderful project and I would like to say that I have some, you know, I really want to strive to see that this happens, and also the expansion of the Greenway. I think that would be wonderful for our neighborhood. And then lastly, I wanted to invite you to this Sunday before the Super Bowl, you can come to the Galeria between 1 and 4 we are going to have mercadito, so I would love to see your faces. Come by and go with the community members and support some local artists and vendors. Thank you so much.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Councilor Aguirr: Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: In response to your event, get some information put together and we'll put it together, we will put it on the newsletter.

Vice Mayor Lopez: What time is that on Sunday?

Ms. Dominguez: It's from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 1802 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Vice Mayor Lopez: So this Sunday.

Ms. Dominguez: This Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Diaz: We'll put that information on the website.

Ms. Dominguez: Awesome, thank you.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Thank you.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you. Is there anybody else that would like to address the Council? No? Hearing none, seeing none, we will go to Item #06.

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

Mayor Diaz: Does anybody have reports? I would like to report on the retreat that we had with Sahuarita. It was a lot of information and they had worked diligently collecting all kinds of information, especially from the community and the staff, and put it all together, and I think it was going to be all accumulated, almost complete, and it's going to be presented to the Council. So we were able to look at their product and their process that they went into, all the categories they discussed from A-Z, you know, so it was very informative the way their process works. Of course, it was put together very structurally, because they were looking for as much information from everybody that they could, in order for them to put their budget together. And even into their bonding process, they will discuss what the community wanted and that was part of the discussion that was being held, that the community wanted certain items in the bond, so they actually were able to receive a lot of feedback through their surveys. I think it was up to sixty percent of the mailers that went out so they had a good response. It was very informative. They touched on every single thing that you can possibly think of in the process. We were comparing it to what other, like for example, Flagstaff has their own process also. And so does Yuma, they have their own process. But it was interesting to find out that, hey, Sahuarita, we're here, let's see, they have three times what we have, so the residents were three times the six. It was 18,000 people, residents, it was their budget, three times as much as our budget, and also the population.

Acting Mayor Rogers: The population was 35,000 versus 5,000.

Mayor Diaz: Right, 35,000 versus the 6,000 we have. So everything is about three times as much as we have. It was great to hear that. They're doing great because they have good tax rate revenues and all that, so they're doing great.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Mr. Mayor, the highlights of the two-day training session that we attended was how well the two communities, the Green Valley Fire Department and Sahuarita formerly Fire Department, have joined forces to take care of both sides of the community, and they are building a new firehouse somewhere where everybody will be accessible to the Fire Department that's going to be coming up. I think it is in July. Just watching the plans as to how they want to implement things and how well they are working together, it's

pretty impressive. And hopefully, I just wish that someday our Fire Department would be running as smoothly as theirs. That's all I have, Mr. Mayor.

Councilor Flagg: Does that mean that they are now going to have two firehouses instead of one? Do you know?

Mayor Diaz: No, no, we don't know that.

Councilor Flagg: Ok, I just wondered.

Mayor Diaz: Are there anymore comments? I have, in regards to the Fire Department, I like as a Councilman and elected official, I'd like to make a statement that I am concerned with the direction we are taking the Fire Department. And that's my statement. So is there anything more? Anything for future agenda items? No? Next is Item #07.

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

Ms. Moreno: Yes, good evening, Mayor, Members of the Council. As you mentioned, Mayor, I did intend to report about the Fire Department after your comment. Staff has been given direction that would give Mayor and Council drafting of the IGA which is now in it's infancy stages, so we have been having a first meeting with folks from City of Tucson on the first draft. We also recently, and we were accompanied by Vice Mayor as well as Councilor Aguirre and our Finance Director, and our Public Safety Director had a recent Board of Supervisors meeting and the City of South Tucson was on their agenda where there was an item where City of South Tucson was asking Pima County to consider assisting the City of South Tucson with the funding gap for the Fire Department, EMS Services, so that is still being considered. We are still having conversations with the County, and we will be including City of Tucson. So I will be coming up hopefully at the next Council meeting with a report on status on that. So that's where we are at on that particular item. And if you have all been following the news, our legal counsel did move forward with filing the lawsuits against Turino Avenue LLC and AM Family LLC, also known as Spanish Trail and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suites. So, those lawsuits have been filed. There is a hearing this Friday at Superior Court. I sent an email to Mayor and Council if you wish to attend, to listen to the pleadings and what's going to happen on Friday. You are welcome to attend. And then moving forward for the next agenda I do plan to bring the Call to Election since we do have another election this year, 2024, for four seats on the Council. That will be on the next agenda as well.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Ms. Moreno: Oh, one more thing. Thank you, Mayor. I almost forgot to mention the retreat. I also attended the retreat and I'm very thankful for being invited to the retreat at Sahuarita and there were a lot of take-aways that I think this Council would benefit from, so both myself and the Finance Director would like to come back to Mayor and Council. I think having maybe a retreat during the daytime would be best show of force for Mayor and Council to be able to have maybe one day or two days, however you wish. It could be like 9:00-2:00 or 8:00-12:00, the wishes of the Council. We would definitely have to come back in that format with our budget so we could have kind of a template for Mayor and Council to consider.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Ms. Moreno: Does the Chief or Finance Director have a report?

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, City Manager, I don't have a report per se to give you verbally, but I do want to hand out some copies of revenue and expenditure reports through December. So that is the summary report on the top, the detail on the bottom. Feel free to look through it and if you have any questions, let me know, and then we'll start diving into this probably at the next meeting.

Councilor Flagg: Does the Chief have one?

Mayor Diaz: He said no. Ok, so we will go to the next agenda item.

**ITEM #08 - PROCLAMATION - COWGIRLS WITH HEART ANNUAL RODEO DANCE**

Mayor Diaz: Ms. Veronica.

Ms. Moreno: Yes, Mayor and Council, we have here present this evening Ms. Diane Storms. You are welcome to come up. She is with the Cowgirls with Heart, and she is here to receive a Proclamation on behalf of Mayor and Council, and she wants to share some words.

Ms. Storms: Yes, thank you Mayor, Council for having me. My name is Diane Storms, and I am founder of Cowgirls With Heart and what is special about it to us is that we have been with the City of South Tucson since 2010 at the El Casino Ballroom. So, our relationship with Fred Martinez has been a really neat collaboration so we took a break and we're coming back this year with our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance and every year it's for a benefit. This year we are benefitting the Mustangs of America Foundation. Being in a horse community, this in brief, the Foundation supports the Wild Horse and Inmate Programs of Nevada, California, and Arizona, in particular, the Florence Prison system. So these are parolees getting out, working with these mustangs, and rehabilitating their lives, mustangs lives, so it's kind of a win-win. So that's the benefit this year at the Ballroom, and we also just had always made it kind of a kickoff of the Tucson Rodeo. Again, we thank the City of South Tucson for always welcoming us, the two communities, rodeo and a lot of support at the El Casino Ballroom. Again, thank you to everyone and thank you for the Proclamation.

Councilor Flagg: What's the date of the dance?

Ms. Storms: I have a poster here, so I will leave it with one of you and every year we give these away.

Councilor Flagg: Look at that.

Mayor Diaz: February 18<sup>th</sup>?

Ms. Storms: February 16<sup>th</sup>. So do you mind if I hand it to you? Thank you.

Councilor Flagg: Thank you.

Ms. Storms: Maybe next year we will come back stronger. Again, thank you, we really appreciate the recognition.

Councilor Flagg: Right on, thank you.

Ms. Moreno: I am happy to read the Proclamation to you. Mayor Diaz asked me to read it on his behalf. This is a Proclamation for Cowgirls w/Heart Annual Rodeo Dance. *Whereas*, Cowgirls w/Heart Annual Rodeo Dance recognizes the importance of giving back to our community and charitable organizations true to our hearts; and *Whereas*, our passion has been to bring the authentic spirit of great country music and dance to the historic El Casino Ballroom, all while giving back in true cowgirl style; and *Whereas*, in 2024 Cowgirls w/Heart

Annual Rodeo Dance is returning with a renewed sense of purpose, dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of others and the communities in which they live; and *Whereas*, the El Casino Ballroom not only a local venue and establishment in the City of South Tucson but a community of generations of committed individuals including Fred Martinez who have graciously opened their door to our Cowgirls w/Heart Annual Rodeo Dances since 2010 will be transformed this year, and years to come with the essence of the American West, reflecting our commitment to honoring tradition, fostering community, and creating a memorable night for all; and *Whereas*, I urge all citizens to join in a night of local tradition in true cowgirl style at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cowgirls w/Heart Rodeo Dance 2024, benefiting the Mustangs of America Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization committed to supporting an underserved population and working towards the preservation of the “American Icon” the wild mustang. BASED ON THE FORGOING, IT IS PROCLAIMED THAT the City of South Tucson honors the Cowgirls w/Heart Annual Rodeo Dance. *In witness thereof*, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of South Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024. Signed by Mayor Paul Diaz and Attested by Veronica Moreno, City Clerk.

Ms. Storms: Actually a little teaser, every year we give a buckle every year for price of admission. It is a beautifully custom-made buckle.

Councilor Flagg: Yeah, cool, that’s nice.

Acting Mayor Rogers: I don’t know if you said February 24<sup>th</sup> but it’s the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Storms: It’s the 16<sup>th</sup>, the year 2024. Two weeks, Sundays, from now. We also thank law enforcement for being there. We know we have a really good turn out, and hopefully we are expecting to fill the place again this year.

Ms. Moreno: Congratulations.

Ms. Storms: I appreciate it.

(Pictures were taken with the City Council and Ms. Storms).

Mayor Diaz: Thank you. The next is Item #09.

**ITEM #09 - TUCSON CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL - PRESENTATION, REBECCA JOHNSTONE, TREES FOR TUCSON PROGRAM MANAGER, PROJECT: 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TREE PLANTING**

Mr. Licea: I would like to introduce Ms. Rebecca Johnstone. She is here representing the Tucson Clean and Beautiful. They reached out to the City. They have received some grant money I believe from Pima County Community Development Block Grant funds quite some time ago and they need to put it to use, and they are here to give us a proposal on the plan to plant some trees along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Johnstone: So these are just some of the trees that will be planted, so if you guys want to look at those while I am talking. So, what we are working on is the project that goes from 26<sup>th</sup> Street all the way down to 36<sup>th</sup>, all along the east and west side of South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. So currently there are several, they are 4’x4’ grates for trees, and some of them still have living, healthy trees but most of them either have no trees or there’s like a dead stump currently, so we would love to put trees in those places. Besides just replacing the trees, we also want to expand the 4’x4’ to be 4’x10’ wide. If you can see in this picture here, this is what the current grates look like, so we would expand it like this, so that we would fill the bottom with mulch instead so that way the roots would all have space to grow. And the current grates, a lot of them are squeezing the trunks around the

tree, so if you girdle the tree and then it can die, so we want to take out that element and just have more space for the trees. So you'll see there are five different trees we picked to go along that whole stretch. We have everything from desert willows, Texas ebony, ironwoods, velvet mesquites and palo blancos. Our main goal in picking the trees was first of all to shade your streets, but the trees are going to be a different size depending on how much space is available at that section of the street, so we tried to pick smaller trees for areas that are tighter, and larger trees for areas that have more space, that are like near parking lots. We also look for trees that have a lot of flowers. You'll see on those sheets the flowers that go with each tree. We also looked at which trees are not going to use as much water. All of these trees are going to be hand watered and that will be paid for by the grant. We will be hand watered for two years until they are established. So other things that go with the grant are the hand watering, the design, the trees themselves, as well as cutting out concrete and brick so they form that 4'x10' section. Did you guys have any questions?

Councilor Aguirre: If I could, Mayor.

Mayor Diaz: Yes.

Councilor Aguirre: So you mentioned that they need to be hand watered for two years. Is that what the grant is for, for two years? Then after that would the City of South Tucson then have to take over?

Ms. Johnstone: So the goal in picking these desert trees is that once they are established, they won't need, they will just be watered by themselves.

Councilor Aguirre: They will be just self-sustained.

Ms. Johnstone: Yeah, so that is why we picked trees that would be able to do that.

Mayor Diaz: I have a question.

Councilor Aguirre: I'm sorry, just one more. I'm sure you guys probably took this into consideration, but the maintenance on these trees, trimming, things like that, are they like lower maintenance because they are desert, how often do you think they would need to be?

Ms. Johnstone: So the pruning, we usually say you shouldn't prune the tree for the first couple of years, but before we are done maintaining on those two years while we are watering, before we stop watering, we would prune them so they are a single trunk so they won't disturb the people walking there.

Councilor Aguirre: And then after that, maybe, I don't know if you know but here's my question. How often do a tree like this after those first two years need to be pruned so we don't have branches in people's faces and things like that.

Ms. Johnstone: Each year the trees grow and grow, so it depends on what funding is available to prune them. You can prune them once a year but if you do a more intensive pruning, you can also wait to do it every two years or every five years.

Councilor Aguirre: Ok, thank you.

Mayor Diaz: The trees that are evergreen, do they drop their flowers and stuff like that?

Ms. Johnstone: Yes, so all the trees will eventually drop their flowers, but it is actually a very good for the tree and it all can be swept into these 4'x10' areas because that provides mulch for the tree, and that keeps the



moisture in and it eventually breaks down and actually feeds the tree, so it is good for them to drop some flowers.

Mayor Diaz: Are we going to use all different varieties?

Ms. Johnstone: So we picked five of them, the ones that we thought would work for each spot. We picked the velvet mesquite, the desert willow, the Texas ebony, the ironwood, and the palo blanco.

Mayor Diaz: Which ones?

Ms. Johnstone: I can show you on there. The desert willow is this one and the ironwood is this one. This one is the velvet mesquite, and then also the palo blanco and the Texas ebony.

Mayor Diaz: This Texas ebony, it has quite a few stickers.

Ms. Johnstone: Yes, so most of our desert trees do like to have thorns, and it helps protect them. The nice thing is once they are pruned up how they will be in urban areas, they don't have the stickers on their actual trunk. It's up in the tiny new branches, so it shouldn't affect people walking.

Mayor Diaz: Ok.

Ms. Johnstone: Yeah, go ahead.

Councilor Flagg: You know, like are packets really don't say anything, about anything ever. I don't know if anybody else concurs with me on that, so in a way it's a dumb question, but there's nothing in our packets, there's no details on anything. I've seen packets in the City of Tucson that they explain everything. Anyways, that being said, what's that going to cost us in South Tucson, because we are not the wealthiest jurisdiction.

Ms. Johnstone: This is actually under the Pima County CDBG grant, so to build this, plant this, all this means is you don't have to pay for it. It is already covered in the grant that we are using.

Councilor Flagg: Meaning Tucson Beautiful?

Ms. Johnstone: Yes, so we work with Pima County through the CDBG grant and so we still have \$54,000 in that grant to use for this project.

Councilor Flagg: Great.

Ms. Johnstone: Yeah, so you guys don't have to pay for it.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Ms. Johnstone: Any other questions?

Mayor Diaz: Any more questions, questions?

Acting Mayor Rogers: Thank you.

Ms. Johnstone: I'm so excited.

Mayor Diaz: Since this is an information item, there's no motion for that. Ok, Item #10.



ITEM #10 - CITY OF TUCSON PRESENTATION - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY - SAM CREDIO, DIRECTOR, COLLIN CHESSTON, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING PROJECT MANAGER - PROJECT: EL PASO & SOUTHWESTERN GREENWAY - PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Licea: Good evening, Mayor and Council. I would like to introduce you to Sam Credio, Director of Tucson's Department of Transportation and Mobility. He has come here to speak on the collaborative efforts between South Tucson and City of Tucson on the Regional Connectivity plans to extend the Greenway that is currently existing in South Tucson and ends at 36<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup>, and what he is going to talk about is the continuation of this project to extend it from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 36<sup>th</sup> all the way over to the UPRR railroad tracks, and from thereafter to the Kino bridges.

Mr. Credio: Thank you, Sir. Mayor, Members of the Council, thank you very much. It's great to be back here. My name is Sam Credio. I'm the Director of Transportation and Mobility for the City of Tucson. With me this evening I have Andy Gamez, our Planning and Program Administrator as well as Collin Chesston, our Prop 407 Project Manager. As Josue told you, I am going to give you an update on the El Paso and Southwestern Greenway Project. So I think it's first important that we start with the background of the El Paso and Southwestern Greenway Project. A master plan was completed for this project over ten years ago in 2012 that envisioned reusing the abandoned El Paso and Southwestern rail line to include an off-street multi-use path for people walking and biking. This alignment that you see here on this screen, this map, is really intended to connect the City of Tucson's downtown to South Tucson and ultimately out to the Loop, which connects the people walking and biking to over 100 miles of recreational activities throughout the region. Tonight we are going to focus mainly on the portion within the City of South Tucson and we will probably be talking mostly about the segment along 36<sup>th</sup> Street. It is important to identify the project benefits, so just a few here. Improve safety along 36<sup>th</sup> Street that we will talk about here in just a moment. Improve connectivity and access as well as preserving public open space, and including which embraces my point after this presentation from Tucson Clean and Beautiful, is opportunities to increase shade and install free infrastructure along the Greenway. Most importantly is it supports a healthy, affordable transportation option for people walking and biking. So before I get into the specifics on the 36<sup>th</sup> Street project, I would like to give you an overview of where we are at with the overall project status. So since that master plan was completed in 2012, we definitely have been busy working on portions of the Greenway. You can see here that many of the segments are built, and I am happy to report that a large portion of the segment of the Greenway in the City of South Tucson has been built. For those portions that haven't been built, they are currently under design. So here is what those completed segments look like. As I mentioned, it is an off-street, multi-use path. You can see it is a two-way, off-street, multi-use path for people walking and biking. This is an example of what you could expect with the Greenway. Now as I mentioned, 36<sup>th</sup> Street is a topic of discussion this evening. The project does span from just west of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is at the end of that completed section up there to the top lefthand side of the screen and continues along the south side of 36<sup>th</sup> Street all the way east to Kino. The portion to the east of Kino is another portion that the City of Tucson is working on. Actually, that design is either wrapping up or almost complete, and I am looking forward to beginning construction on that soon. It is important to note that this project is funded out of Proposition 407, parks and connection bonds that the City voters passed in 2018. We do have funding for the design of the portion along 36<sup>th</sup> Street, but only a portion of the construction dollars to build this segment of 36<sup>th</sup> Street, which I will talk about here in just a moment. So here is what that design concept looks like. We have been, our team has been working in collaboration with your team on what the design concept could look like along 36<sup>th</sup> Street. You already saw what some of those completed segments look like. Again, it is an off-street, multi-use path for those users that are walking and

biking. There is also opportunities to introduce shade, vegetation, lighting, and this particular design concept we are envisioning on how we use the road network for all users making it safe for all users in both of our communities. And so, here is what that design concept looks like in terms of a rendering. You can see, it's kind of small, but in the top left corner the current condition of the roadway. There is virtually no safe pedestrian area off the road there so the design concept shows that we would be building a multi-use path. You can see the vegetation, the trees, and just a much more pleasant and safe environment for all the users. I do want to talk a little bit about the outreach and public engagement today. Early last year in September we kicked off the first round of public engagement which included a pop-up event at Pico de Gallo, as well as launching our online interactive map. Our second round of engagement was conducted in December 2023 which again included a pop-up event at Pico de Gallo, but also a pop-up event at Tacos y Hotdogs el Manantial, and just some of the ways we got the word out on those events are on the screen there. Mainly it was the press release, social media posts, we did utilize yard signs, neighborhood associations getting the word out, mailers, and then the project website was one of our main ways of getting the word out. You can see some pictures from those outreach events on the screen. Let's talk a little bit about the schedule. I mentioned Proposition 407 was passed in the City of Tucson back in 2018. That has helped us fund many of these El Paso Southwestern Greenway projects. As I mentioned, the project on 36<sup>th</sup> Street through South Tucson, we have begun design on that, and we do have funding for the design of that segment. We have been working on the public outreach piece which I just mentioned through the end of last year, and then this year is really going to be focused on final design. We are right at about 15% planned which is why we saw it as a concept plan and through this year we will progressing those plans forward all the way to final design. And then really when will we do construction is the number one question asked. Right now we are targeting the middle of next year but some of that is really dependent on the funding for this project. As I mentioned at the beginning of the presentation that we do have funding through our Proposition 407 bonds to build the segments east of the railroad tracks within the City of Tucson, but there currently is no funding identified for the segment, well, there is a small portion of funding identified for the portion in South Tucson, so that's really why that construction timeline has a question mark because ideally we would like to build a project all at once, not in phases. And then this is my last slide. It is just we do have a project website. The link is there on the screen, and this is a sample of our interactive map in which the public was encouraged to go on, take a look at the route, provide some comments and input on what they would like to see out of the project, and so I do encourage anybody that would like to learn more about the project, visit the website. I believe that concludes my presentation. As I mentioned, I'll be here to answer questions, as well as Collin and Andy from my team. With that, Mayor, thank you for the opportunity to present tonight. We will be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Diaz: Any questions?

Councilor Flagg: What's the price tag for the part in South Tucson? I'm fixated on the part in South Tucson. Can you cut that out of the larger price tag?

Mr. Credio: Absolutely, Councilor Flagg. With that, I am going to kick it over to our team here. Do you have that portion?

Mr. Chesston: Yes, it's just under \$1 million. We have written that out as a subset of a project so it's clear what costs and which jurisdiction, so we do that.

Councilor Flagg: A million?

Mr. Chesston: We are prepared to take that potentially to RTA to ask for some additional funds.

Councilor Flagg: How much is this whole project all the way to the bridges? So we are \$1 million out of how much?

Mr. Chesston: Just under \$3 million for this 36<sup>th</sup> Street segment but of course, there's other multiple segments that are (inaudible).

Councilor Flagg: Yeah.

Mr. Chesston: I don't know the number off the top of my head how much that costs.

Councilor Flagg: Ok. So, I disagreed with what you said about this will make it all more safe for people riding their bikes and stuff. I ride my bike all the time right through there on 36<sup>th</sup> Street between the railroad tracks and basically 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. That would be, I don't know, 2/3 of the area in South Tucson and you've already got a bike path there, you know. The part that doesn't is from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but the majority of that area already has a bike path and it's not neatly landscaped like those pictures, I'll give you that. But in South Tucson we could use \$1 million bucks for a lot of other things. Ask the Chief there, the Police Chief who is Director of Public Safety. That's for starters, public safety, but all kinds of things. We could use \$1 million bucks. We could use it for our Fire Department. We could use it for all kinds of stuff that would really help, so that's like, I can't use the word pissing away, that's like, we could use that \$1 million bucks for something else. It's like redundant. It's not needed. And the other thing is we would lose a lane of traffic there.

Mr. Credio: Mayor, Council Member Flagg, so that was a design concept that we are sharing with you this evening, and as I mentioned that is only 15% concept plan, so there's opportunity to obtain feedback not only by the Mayor and Council, but the Staff of the City of South Tucson and what their ultimate configuration would look like.

Councilor Flagg: Ok, I think that, I know the town, like a lot of us here know the town and I ride my bike all the time, and like the homeless guys we serve food to, and a whole bunch of those guys ride bikes, but not everybody in our town rides bikes like they might in like, I don't know, Sam Hughes neighborhood or something like that. And our people drive cars through 36<sup>th</sup>, you know, so I don't know that they would go for getting one less lane of traffic to turn into a bike lane for \$1 million bucks between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. So I think the solution is we need to have some kind of a public hearing here at one of our Council member's solicited input, or some kind of way to truly get out there and truly solicit input from South Tucsonans about how they feel about this. So I don't think the thing should go forth farther until we do that. \$1 million bucks?

Mayor Diaz: I think you did have at Pico de Gallo one of those public sessions. You are also advertising down further on 36<sup>th</sup> right now for input from the community. As far as the one you got at Pico de Gallo, 36<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, were the results public or were they published any place?

Mr. Credio: Absolutely. As I mentioned, our Project website does have much of the information on the project, there is an interactive map that does have comments that the public was able to provide. Collin, is there a place where people can find the public outreach?

Mr. Chesston: Yeah, as the Mayor mentioned, pop-up events at Pico de Gallo which were of course in South Tucson, and we do have people add sticky notes on to this, so we had a version of this big graphic that is printed out in front of you, we brought that to the meeting and we had people give us feedback directly. We

don't have the results in a memo or anything, but if you would like I would be happy to provide that, to type up kind of a summary of the public comments that we received to date, the interactive map and in-person comments, and send that out to the Council.

Mayor Diaz: The other thing is that the other bike path that exists now, that came through Pima County through the bond. It's not the one the City did, it's the one that Pima County did, correct?

Mr. Credio: Mayor, that is correct. Pima County did complete that. I believe it was in conjunction with the wastewater project that was completed, and you do have in your presentation the overall alignment with the segments that have been built. That is what some of these pictures are. The segment currently ends at 36<sup>th</sup> Street just west of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and then the path doesn't exist after that.

Mayor Diaz: At 36<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Credio: Just west of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mayor Diaz: I think, if I am correct, we gave part of that to the Social Security building on the back side, I think you have a foot pathway dedicated to that. So it's not showing the old bike path that I'm talking about, but it does exist. That was also \$1 million that Pima County allocated for that project.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Mr. Mayor. Roxie, Councilor Valenzuela wanted to say something.

Councilor Valenzuela: Thank you, Vice Mayor Lopez. So I have been to a couple of these events that the City puts on for community engagement and I have seen how they have a map, like oh, put a sticker here, put a sticker there. But I have also noticed that a lot of the participants are actually not from our community. They are either Staff, they are on the clock, or it's the same people that just go to all of the events. So in your report, can you please add who of those participants were actually from South Tucson. Yeah, I think we should have the opportunity to do it our style, like (inaudible) and really go out there and canvas for this event to get the best community input. So please bring us more reports and let us do this our way.

Mr. Credio: Absolutely.

Councilor Aguirre: Herman, did you have something to say?

Vice Mayor Lopez: Yes, I do. I have to disagree with Councilman Flagg. I've seen this project from the beginning, and we started out at the Library with the first meeting where just a few of us, three or four people within the City Staff, and it started from there. Now, I always thought I would like to see this project complete for the simple reason the intersection right there, South 6<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup>, is a very important intersection that we have, but at the same time, we need to provide the safety for the bicyclists and part of this Greenway will secure this all the way through the railroad into which we are all bicyclists sometimes and some of us aren't, but the point is, though, I think we have an opportunity to make some kind of improvement in our community. And if this little simple bypass that needs to be completed is going to put a damper in our future, then it's something we need to think about because I'd like to see it finished. And I want to thank the City and everybody else that's been a part of this planning. I've attended all of your outings and meetings. I enjoyed your food and your company, and I just feel that we should continue this and hopefully come out as a win-win situation, not only for the City of Tucson by completing this project but for our citizens, that in the future maybe using this bike path just to get down the street. So, thank you.

Councilor Aguirre: Thanks. So this is, I know the project has already been in the works for a long time. We know the bond money is approved. We know a project needs to happen here. I don't think it is so much that we are against the project. I think Councilmember Flagg has a very, very, it is very important that he brought this up because the point he is trying to make is we're in need of money right now and we need to make sure all the funding we receive in South Tucson goes to its best use. My question is, what time was the meeting at Pico de Gallo?

Mr. Credio: Two events. It was like from 9-11 the first time we had it and then it was in the middle of the day.

Councilor Aguirre: Weekends or during the week?

Councilor Flagg: They were on Saturday.

Councilor Aguirre: Yeah, so I just feel like making it something that South Tucson puts on, some type of event to have more South Tucsonans here, making sure that it is locals that is putting in input. Not necessarily to stop the project, but we got to make sure that what goes in, if we are going to use \$1 million bucks, if there's a portion of the bike path that could be utilized, why are we going to rip it out and pour new mud. Why not utilize what we have there. We could shift some of that money into planting more trees or things in the community along that project that we can still use that money for. And so, at least that's the way I see it, and I feel that if we can get some more community input from South Tucsonans directly into this project, we can really have an effect before that construction starts happening next year or maybe a little bit later because of the funding issues that you all are looking at. Why not have a solid better plan with more community input. I don't see anything wrong with that at all.

Mr. Licea: May I chime in for just a second.

Councilor Flagg: I'm not, you know, Director Credio, I think Herman's got a point about the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup>, you could like fix that up and make it more bike friendly but it's a waste, at least 2/3 of that project, and put that money into something that the citizens of our town really, really use which is transit. And transit needs to be kept free and transit needs to not have the routes cut, and that's what really serves our community, not taking away a lane of traffic on 36<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Aguirre: And just one more thing, too, I wanted to bring, Brian had mentioned something about the funding, the amount of funding that it's going to cost us, the \$1 million, right, versus the entire project. I believe if I remember correctly, there was some type of formula that said that each jurisdiction would get a certain percentage or something like that. I'm just wondering if South Tucson is receiving what they should be and if we are keeping track of that and if not, how do we go about getting that information so we can make sure that we are getting all of the funding, because if we got another \$1 million that should be coming to us, we want to make sure we get what we can out of it.

Councilor Valenzuela: Regarding RTA.

Councilor Aguirre: Yeah, regarding RTA funding, I'm sorry. Yes, regarding RTA funding.

Mr. Licea: I'll touch on that in a second, but to your comments, Councilor Flagg, I totally agree and Councilor Valenzuela, for sure we can definitely do something more local and I will just say in my experience, you know, as working for Planning in South Tucson, my capacity is seriously limited. That's the only advantage of this partnership right here, you know. City of Tucson has a lot more infrastructure, they are able to help us out

with the budget engagement process, something we are really limited in. Again, with that being said, we can certainly do a little better, you know, we can certainly have further conversations if you guys can help us get the outreach out, do some events and put the meat on the table. I'll bring the grill.

Councilor Flagg: Yeah, right on.

Mr. Licea: I would love to get the community input and then I just want to reiterate on one of the things that Sam was talking about, you know, what this project really does is, yes, we know there is an existing path there on 36<sup>th</sup>, but we want to drive a point that this is going to bring added safety. It's going to bring this separation for bicycles, not everybody has bikes. This pathway as an adult, you know, sometimes there is kids and if you cross these railroad tracks, it's not the safest crossing at all, you know. There's pavement that's got moisture damage, lifting up and all that stuff, so with that being said, that's just something we are trying to get you enough to consider, you know. Not everybody is an adult that rides these things, you know. Sometimes you've got elderly folks walking down it. So, it's a multi-use path. And talk about the funding, so City of Tucson will not be funding South Tucson's part, just to be clear, and the current TIP projects, we only have \$150,000 for construction. Direction from PAG is to scale down the project. \$150,000 doesn't take us anywhere, quite frankly. We probably could put up a couple trees, two lights or something, maybe some new striping, and that's it. We wouldn't be able to do anything for safety, so with that being said, I want to not necessarily change the subject but since Councilor Aguirre asked about the funding, I just wanted to pass up the opportunity to consider and people talking about RTA funding, there is the RTA One was passed under a state enabled legislation which requires each jurisdiction apart from the City of Tucson, which is like every small jurisdiction to receive 1% of revenues collected, or \$300,000 annually. So, there's got to be some number crunching, data analysis and all that stuff when planning exactly how to do everything, what amount of revenue has been collected, and then that may be our answer as to how to fund this project and other projects, transportation related projects.

Mr. Chesston: Yes, I can answer that, thank you very much for the opportunity. So as Josue mentioned, you should as the City of South Tucson being receiving a minimum of 1% of the RTA revenues collected. Much of that 1% is currently, as I understand it, currently goes to funding transit in South Tucson through the RTA. It's about \$7,000 annually. So I believe if you were to take the RTA revenue and divide it up by 20, the City of South Tucson should be receiving somewhere in the million dollar per year allocation. I think that what would be prudent is to ask the RTA where you are currently at with your 1% allocation, and how is it being provided to the City of South Tucson. There may be some opportunities to fund this project. Also, I just want to make one note to Councilor Flagg's comments, is that for this particular project, the Prop 407 funding for the City of Tucson is very specific to the El Paso Southwestern Greenway. We do have funding available to design it and we will work very closely with your staff to make sure the design within the City of South Tucson really meets the intent and what it is that your community is looking for. We are not by any means going to dictate what that design is going to look like. I do just want to underscore what Josue just said is that there are people of all different abilities that walk and bike, and there are some perfectly comfortable biking within the roadway, street network, but there are others that don't feel as comfortable. So when you add a multi-use path to your transportation infrastructure, it introduces a very low stress environment for people to get out and walk or bike. So that is the intent of the Greenway project. We do have the project within the City of Tucson that we plan to move forward with design and construct, and we would really love to work with the City of South Tucson to make sure there is not a gap in that network.



Councilor Valenzuela: I just have a small suggestion, well, it's a big suggestion. I was on your website. It is not very user friendly, especially on the interactive map. Also, it's not bilingual. Most of our community speaks Spanish so if you could get a section there in Spanish, that would be great. That's all, thank you.

Mr. Credio: Thank you, Councilor Valenzuela, I appreciate that input.

Councilor Flagg: To our Finance Director, are we being ripped off RTA money? Should we be getting more funneled into RTA based on what Mr. Credio just described? You said \$1 million should be coming in here?

Mr. Credio: That is just my estimate, and I would suggest that you reach out to the RTA for that information. Don't take my word to the bank. I would reach out to the RTA for answers.

Councilor Flagg: I believe you. Josue, what are we going to do about that because I don't want to get ripped off by RTA if they owe us money. Can somebody say something?

Councilor Valenzuela: We should give Staff direction to do some research and reach out.

Councilor Flagg: Josue, can we do that?

Ms. Moreno: We can definitely will go back. This is something that we just discovered, and through communication with the Planner and people he speaks with, so I think this very relevant to this conversation, and we will come back to Mayor and Council with what if any money is due to South Tucson, because I think that possibly there is. I don't know, I can't say we don't know, so we will go ahead with that.

Councilor Flagg: So we should direct, as a Council.

Mayor Diaz: No.

Councilor Flagg: We direct Staff, Paul?

Ms. Moreno: We will do that. Just give me direction and I'll do that.

Councilor Flagg: Yeah, but I don't know. I want to make it as strong as possible.

Mayor Diaz: Wait a minute, wait a minute. You also mentioned that there was \$700,000 for transportation already?

Mr. Credio: Yes, Mayor Diaz. Currently the City of Tucson provides transit service to the City of South Tucson through an IGA with RTA, and that transit service is funded by the Regional Transportation Authority and the last time I looked at the IGA's, it's in the \$700,000 to \$750,000 ballpark. I'd be happy to provide City Manager Moreno with a copy of that IGA if that would be helpful for you guys.

Mayor Diaz: Thank you.

Ms. Moreno: Thank you, I appreciate it.

Ms. Aguirre: Yes, Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council, if I am not mistaken, those types of expenditures are also listed on the TIP, money that goes towards transit.

Mayor Diaz: Yeah, right. Ok, are there any more questions?



Councilor Flagg: Yeah, I think as a Council we need to be clear that for further collaboration on this effort, we need to like surface our population and get input on moving forward on it, whether they want a lane taken out of 36<sup>th</sup> Street, you know, while there is already a bike path there, basically. So I think we need to, before we move forward on it, as the City of South Tucson we need to communicate with our people and we can collaborate with the City, but we ain't going to do it with little sticky notes and stuff. We would like to do it in like a style like we as the Council come up with. Is that good?

Mayor Diaz: Something interesting that was discussed in the Sahuarita retreat and that was that when they did their surveys and went out to the public to see what voters wanted on the bond package that they were going to present, and it seems like because Sahuarita has more younger generation people living there versus what Green Valley has, right. So the people, especially here where we are being gentrified by the younger people that can afford some of these houses, they are being built in South Tucson, the gentrification is going to bring down our age structure kind of down further, but the thing that they picked was pickleball courts that they wanted located in Sahuarita. So that is part of the bond package, to create and build pickleball courts, just FYI.

Councilor Flagg: That was good.

Mayor Diaz: So again, I appreciate your input, I appreciate you coming down, and thank you very much for all the information. We will get back with you through Staff or through some other way, even study sessions here or somehow, we will keep the communications going.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Mr. Mayor, I would like to see if we can take a look at all their overlays they have about the bike route so you can envision, you know, because we just see them in the screen right there, but you actually look down at the plan that they have, it's something worthwhile looking at so we can envision what 36<sup>th</sup> Street is going to look like.

Mayor Diaz: Ok, thank you. We will keep those up after the meeting.

Mr. Credio: Yeah.

Councilor Flagg: Hey, when will you come back? Do you have a time frame?

Councilor Valenzuela: Mayor, so I think the next step would be for us to meet with Josue and have a presentation of what's been presented to the public so far, get a report, get like all of the community input and then we decide our concept with the help of the City, and then do our own community outreach. Is that correct? Is that how we are moving forward?

Councilor Aguirre: That seems like, I feel like that's what's been kind of stated here. If you all are in agreement, I would move -

Mayor Diaz: What a minute, wait a minute.

Councilor Aguirre: I'd like to move that -

City Attorney Stinson: This is not an action item today.

Councilor Flagg: Ok.

Councilor Flagg: Still, we can make a motion, right?

Councilor Aguirre: So we can give direction to Staff to get with the City of Tucson, get the information that was requested today.

Ms. Moreno: Yes.

Councilor Aguirre: And move forward.

Ms. Moreno: So the next item, once we get all the information, will be on the agenda for action. We will follow up with the 1% funding.

Councilor Aguirre: The RTA. Thank you.

Councilor Valenzuela: Thank you.

Mr. Credio: Thank you Mayor and Council. I appreciate your time.

Mayor Diaz: The next item is Resolution #24-01.

ITEM #11 - RESOLUTION NO. 24-01 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON ["CITY"], ARIZONA, RATIFYING, APPROVING, AND ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ["IGA"] WITH PIMA COUNTY ["COUNTY"] FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ["CDBG"]

Ms. Moreno: Yes, Mayor, Members of the Council. This is an item for our Finance Director. She will go over it with you.

Ms. Aguirre: Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council. The item you have before you is a routine annual item. It's an agreement with the County for (inaudible) on to the City of South Tucson. The amount of this award is \$175,000 broken down as it is shown indicated on the Agenda Report. The funding is the same as it was the prior year, and it goes from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This item here, the application for these funds, was submitted in pre-application form during the fall of, I believe it was 2022, and the award is finally coming through us. It just came through Pima County maybe a month ago, more or less, but this is just one of those items that takes a while to get approval. It goes through many layers of approval, sub-applications and applications. So even though I know we have had items like this before you in the past and we have had comments, at that point last year this was already submitted. So the City did not lose funding, but rather at least submit for the same programming. So essentially, tonight I know you guys might discuss and talk about what we need for planning and if that is the case, I believe it begins right around the fall. And that would be for the application for fiscal year '24-'25.

Mayor Diaz: Are there any questions?

Councilor Aguirre: Yeah, so, I was looking through this and I don't, page 18, it's number 29 there, second to the last page, number 29 is the Israel boycott certification. I'm really struggling with that. I don't feel comfortable approving this with that in there.

City Attorney Stinson: Council Member, I can answer this question. This is actually required to be in all municipal contracts. It's a State Legislature requirement. I think this citation is actually in there, yes, ARS 45-39.01 (inaudible) so you can take a look at that, but it's actually going to be in all municipal contracts that you sign.

Councilor Flagg: It's in this an IGA and we have other IGA's and that's not in there.

City Attorney Stinson: It likely is.

Councilor Flagg: No, I read them all the time.

City Attorney Stinson: It is required, it should be based off the State Legislature.

Councilor Flagg: So you are saying if that is not in there, we can't do this IGA with the County, and Pio Decimo doesn't get \$100 grand, is that what you are saying?

City Attorney Stinson: It is required by the State Legislature. It's going to be in all the municipal contracts. This is not something specific to the City of South Tucson; it is going to be in any state or municipal contract you see.

Councilor Aguirre: I don't understand how it is Constitutional, like honestly.

City Attorney Stinson: You can always raise that with your State Legislatures.

Councilor Flagg: Well, can't we still take it out and vote for the whole thing, minus number 29 and then let the County take that up?

City Attorney Stinson: Mayor and Council, you are permitted to take it out but if it is ever raised, that could be an issue, right.

Councilor Flagg: We could deal with it then.

Ms. Aguirre: One of the things I would like to comment on, and I'm sorry for interrupting, Michelle, is there is a really (inaudible) on cities and towns on compliance with State Legislature. Non-compliance with State Legislature means the loss of state shared revenues. I just wanted to put that out there.

Councilor Valenzuela: It's just challenging it, right?

Councilor Flagg: Put it to Pima County, right? Maybe they won't say anything.

Councilor Valenzuela: So do you just want to put this off until we find out what options we have to remove this from the contract?

Councilor Flagg: Or we can say that we want to do this and take out number 29 and see if it flies. And it goes to the County, right, then they deal with it. It's a two-way IGA, right, us and the County?

City Attorney Stinson: Mayor and Council, the IGA that you guys agree to is going to have to be the same in form.

Councilor Aguirre: So if we amended it, then they would have to look at it and then agree also.

Acting Mayor Rogers: Yes.

Councilor Aguirre: Then we go back and forth.

Ms. Moreno: I have a question. Would this subject, like you mentioned Councilor Flagg, JVYC to lose funding and therefore this is a ratification and this takes effect in October, they could lose funding from October last year through now.

City Attorney Stinson: Correct.

Ms. Moreno: The money, it's been spent already.

City Attorney Stinson: Right.

Councilor Flagg: We're not saying no, we're not saying no.

Ms. Moreno: I understand, but what I am saying is if it were to come back and forth then it could delay the funding for the Youth Center.

Councilor Flagg: That would be malicious to delay it on the part of the County.

City Attorney Stinson: There is a possibility.

Councilor Aguirre: So when would this need to get approved in order for them not to be affected? Would you know more or less, at least a window?

Mr. Licea: Technically, these contracts run on federal, actually might not be federal, because previous years October 1 of last year, so technically they are already operating.

Councilor Aguirre: On this.

Mr. Licea: So for South Tucson this is literally the specific program you're talking about, the JVYC, when they are operating from October to now, they are already out of money, so it could delay when they are going to get reimbursed for their expenses.

City Attorney Stinson: And Mayor and Council, I don't know if this is helpful, but this issue has actually been brought to the Arizona Supreme Court. They have made a decision about this and actually amended the language, so it's not a boycott of Israel that is not allowed, it's a boycott of goods and services from Israel, so they made a little bit of a proverb.

Councilor Aguirre: That's not going to, that's not what a boycott is, getting goods and services from Israel.

City Attorney Stinson: Just to be clear, this actually this has been litigated.

Councilor Flagg: Right, right.

City Attorney Stinson: It is in all municipal contracts. This is one of those things that I don't have better legal advice because it is coming from the State.

Acting Mayor Rogers: I wouldn't do it.

Mayor Diaz: Ok, so Vice Mayor.

City Attorney Stinson: Unfortunately, the City is not going to have the abilities to single-handedly make these kinds of decisions because they are going to be in municipal contracts.

Mayor Diaz: Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Lopez: I am just curious whether we are done discussing this because I would like to make a motion to approve this Resolution No. 24-01, regardless of number 29 whether it is on there or not, it is something that is done by the Legislature which is over our head.

Acting Mayor Rogers: Yep.

Vice Mayor Lopez: So, why are we going to jeopardize the funding for one of our local Pio Decimo and JVYC when it's something that is already in motion and if we stop, it would have some detrimental effects in the future.

Mayor Diaz: Would you restate the motion, please.

Vice Mayor Lopez: I want to make a motion that we approve Resolution No. 24-01.

Acting Mayor Rogers: Second.

Mayor Diaz: It's been Moved and Seconded.

Councilor Flagg: Can I make a substitute Motion? A substitute Motion is that we put it off until next time.

Acting Mayor Rogers: There's already been a Motion.

Councilor Valenzuela: And look at our legal options.

Councilor Flagg: Yeah, and look at our legal options, possibly even with the County Attorney and put it on the agenda for two weeks from tonight.

Councilor Aguirre: I would second that.

Councilor Flagg: Because we don't want to see JVYC not have money.

Councilor Aguirre: Right.

Councilor Flagg: At the same time -

Councilor Valenzuela: It's the principal.

Mayor Diaz: Taking the substitute motion first.

Acting Mayor Rogers: We can't have two Motions.

Ms. Moreno: Would you like Roll Call, Mayor?

Mayor Diaz: Excuse me.

Ms. Moreno: Would you like Roll Call on the substitute Motion? Are you calling for a Roll Call on the second Motion or on the first one?

Mayor Diaz: The second one, two motions.

Ms. Moreno: We are going to ask for the first Motion made by Vice Mayor Lopez, Seconded by Acting Mayor Rogers, then we are going to go to a substitute Motion as motioned by Councilor Flagg, basically asking to table the item and we will come back. Roll Call on the first by Vice Mayor approving Resolution No. 24-01.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers: Aye.

Mayor Diaz: Yes.

Councilor Flagg: No.

Councilor Aguirre. No.

Councilor Valenzuela. No.

Ms. Moreno: So now we will go down the line for the substitute Motion. Did everybody understand what it was for, to table the Item to a future meeting?

Vice Mayor Lopez: To discuss item number 29?

Ms. Moreno: Yes.

Councilor Aguirre: And get legal counsel.

Ms. Moreno:

Vice Mayor Lopez. No.

Acting Mayor Rogers. No.

Mayor Diaz. No.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

Ms. Moreno: So we have a tie vote.

Councilor Flagg: Next meeting.

Ms. Moreno: It's a tie, we can put it on for the next meeting.

Mayor Diaz: Let the record reflect the outcome of Item #11, please. Item #12.

ITEM #12 - RESOLUTION NO. 24-02 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA,  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF COMMEMORATIVE  
BANNERS HONORING CESAR CHAVEZ

Ms. Moreno: Yes, thank you Mayor, Members of the Council. So the City honors and recognizes Cesar Chavez as a holiday. Back in 2015 there was a Resolution that (inaudible) holiday also indicating that the City of South Tucson places banners along South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Diaz asked us to bring back the Resolution to Mayor and Council, putting banners along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I believe it was from City limits to City limits. Public Works would install the banners and I believe Mayor Diaz mentioned that the artwork for the banners would be donated.

Mayor Diaz: Correct.

Ms. Moreno: So this would be the Resolution for Mayor and Council.

Mayor Diaz: Do we have discussion on the Item? Any discussion on the Item?

Councilor Flagg: I have something. Is like Angel from Public Works amenable to working on this?

Ms. Moreno: I sure hope so. I know that, Mayor and Councilor Flagg, I know that the boom truck was inoperable for quite some time.

Ms. Aguirre: I think it's been repaired.

Ms. Moreno: Ok, so it's been repaired so I want to say yes, Mayor.

Councilor Flagg: Yeah, because he doesn't have that many workers compared to how many he had ten years ago.

Councilor Aguirre: The boom truck would be there.

Ms. Moreno: Yeah, for whatever height it should be.

Councilor Flagg: Ok.

Ms. Moreno: As soon as we get the artwork donated, we can get it printed on banners and set them up in advance of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Vice Mayor Lopez: How many banners are we putting up?

Mayor Diaz: Ten.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Along South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue or for all the streets, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue?

Mayor Diaz: No, just South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cesar Chavez Avenue.

Vice Mayor Lopez: And this is for March 31<sup>st</sup>?

Mayor Diaz: Yeah. Because of the fact that we are on the road also to rename 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cesar Chavez Avenue, just like the City of Tucson has, the iron work up there and the statue and all that on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, so we're on the road for that. What we need is the application, I believe that during the first time that we did this, there was quite a few petitions were turned over to the City of South Tucson. I don't know if we still have them or not, but it should be recorded and it was over 51% of the business owners and residents and everybody who lives on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, so we were on the road to do that. I asked the City of Tucson also if they had done their part as far as their section of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cesar Chavez Avenue. So the process, it's in the works. All we are doing is putting these banners for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Acting Mayor Rogers: Ok, so do we need to move the Resolution 24-02?

Mayor Diaz: We need a Motion and a Second.

Acting Mayor Rogers: I just moved it.

Mayor Diaz: Is there a Second?

Vice Mayor Lopez: Second.

Ms. Moreno:

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Aye.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.



Mayor Diaz: Thank you. Item #13.

ITEM #13 - ADJORNMENT

Mayor Diaz: We need a Motion to Adjourn.

Councilor Aguirre: I so move.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Second.

Mayor Diaz: It's been Moved and Seconded.

Council Members: Unanimous Ayes.

Mayor Diaz: We stand adjourned. Thank you.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 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 Agenda Meeting of the City Council of South Tucson, Arizona, held on the 6th day of February, 2024. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Veronica Moreno, City Clerk