

Minutes of the Regular Agenda Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona, held Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 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
 Councilor Brian Flagg
 Councilor Roxanna Valenzuela

Others Present: Sandra Calkins, Non-Resident
 Tisha Tallman, CEO, Primavera Foundation

Mayor Diaz called the Regular Agenda Meeting of April 2, 2024, to order at 6:00 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.

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

Vice Mayor Lopez. Here.
Acting Mayor Rogers. Here.
Councilor Romero. Here.
Mayor Diaz. Here.
Councilor Flagg. Here.
Councilor Aguirre. Here.
Councilor Valenzuela. Here.

Call to the Audience

Mayor Diaz asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to address the Council this evening.

Ms. Aguirre advised that there is one speaker, Sandra Calkins, address 2600 S. 8th Avenue, non-resident, and the topic is Fire Department.

ITEM #05 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Diaz asked if there are any changes, deletions or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024. Having heard none, he asked for a motion for approval of Minutes.

Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to approve the Minutes.

Councilor Aguirre Seconded the Motion.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call:

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

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

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

FINANCE - REPORT & UPDATE (OVERVIEW)

ITEM #08 - PRIMAVERA FOUNDATION PRESENTATION ON ROLLING OUT THE 4TH CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON COMMUNITY IMPACT MEASUREMENT STUDY

Ms. Tisha Tallman addressed the Council regarding the 4th City of South Tucson Community Impact Measurement Study.

ITEM #09 - DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, FINANCING, AND OPERATIONS

A motion was made by Councilor Valenzuela to form a Citizens Advisory Committee to look into financing options that will help with the funding gap and capital expenses. Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.
Councilor Romero. Yes.
Mayor Diaz. No.
Councilor Flagg. Yes.
Councilor Aguirre. Yes.
Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

ITEM #10 - DISCUSSION REGARDING DESIGNATING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Acting Mayor Rogers made a Motion to create two separate Boards.

Councilor Romero Seconded the Motion.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.
Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.
Councilor Romero. Yes.
Mayor Diaz. Yes.
Councilor Flagg. No.
Councilor Aguirre. No.
Councilor Valenzuela. No.

Vice Mayor Lopez made a Request to Reconsider.

Councilor Aguirre Seconded the Request.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.
Acting Mayor Rogers. No.
Councilor Romero. No.
Mayor Diaz. No.
Councilor Flagg. Yes.
Councilor Aguirre. Yes.
Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers again made a Motion to create two Separate Boards.

Councilor Romero Seconded the Motion.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. No.
Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.
Councilor Romero. Yes.
Mayor Diaz. Yes.
Councilor Flagg. No.
Councilor Aguirre. No.
Councilor Valenzuela. No.

Councilor Aguirre made a Motion to make the Board of Adjustment the same as the Board of Appeals.

Councilor Flagg Seconded the Motion.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. No.

Councilor Romero. No.

Mayor Diaz. No.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

ITEM #11 - RESOLUTION NO. 24-05 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RATIFYING, APPROVING, AND ADOPTING AN EXTENSION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 JOHN A. VALENZUELA YOUTH CENTER RECREATION FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND THE PIO DECIMO CENTER, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Acting Mayor Rogers made a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 24-05.

Councilor Aguirre Seconded the Motion.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

ITEM #12 - RESOLUTION NO. 24-06 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING, RATIFYING AND ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA AND THE PIO DECIMO CENTER, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Acting Mayor Rogers made a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 24-06.

Councilor Aguirre Seconded the Motion.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

ITEM #13 - ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Lopez made a Motion to Adjourn.

Councilor Aguirre Seconded the Motion.

Mayor Diaz asked for Roll Call.

Vice Mayor Lopez. Yes.

Acting Mayor Rogers. Yes.

Councilor Romero. Yes.

Mayor Diaz. Yes.

Councilor Flagg. Yes.

Councilor Aguirre. Yes.

Councilor Valenzuela. Yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 2nd day of April, 2024. I further certify the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Veronica Moreno, City Clerk