

MAYOR AND COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY MARCH 27, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER



1. ROLL CALL: 5:38 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup, Vice-Mayor Carol West, Council Members Jose J. Ibarra, Karin Uhlich, Shirley Scott, Steve Leal and Nina J. Trasoff, Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk

STAFF MEMBERS: Mike Hein, City Manager
Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager
Mike Rankin, City Attorney

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Chaplain Gary Coburn, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was Led by Chaplain Gary Coburn and Staff Sergeant Jennifer Coburn, Davis Monthan Air Force Base.

PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation to Richard Nassi, City Traffic Engineering Administrator.
- b. Proclamation – Proclaiming April 2 to April 6, 2007 to be “Arizona Work Zone Safety Awareness Week.”

The City Clerk announced that Susie Rogers is available to provide Spanish language assistance for anyone who needs it.

The City Clerk announced that Item 8 Public Hearing will not be held because the applicant has withdrawn the request.

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3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – MARCH27-07-155

Vice-Mayor West announced that she was honored with the Arizona Women Political Caucus Memoirs Award, which promotes the roles of women in government and society.

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3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – MARCH27-07-155 (Continued from previous page)

Vice-Mayor West announced that on Saturday, April 7 she is leading a Tucson Water Avra Valley Recharge Basin/ Sweetwater Wetlands Tour. Participants will leave from Eastside City Hall, 7525 E. Speedway at 8:00AM, returning at 1:00 PM. Please call Tina at 791-4687 for reservations.

Vice-Mayor West announced that on Thursday, April 12 the Ward II office is holding a Town Hall on West Nile Virus Prevention at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The public is invited

Vice-Mayor West gave her thanks to several Ward II neighborhoods that have had clean-ups. These include River Ranch, Vista Del Monte, San Carlos, Eastside, and Eastpoint.

Council Member Uhlich announced that the Cesar Chavez March will be held Saturday March 31st, at 9:00 AM starting at Pueblo High School and ending at Rudy Garcia Park, located at Irvington and South 6th Avenue. She invites the public to attend to celebrate and honor his legacy.

Council Member Uhlich announced that this Saturday, March 31st is Family Fun Day sponsored by the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition. It will be held at Flowing Wells District Park, located 5510 N. Shannon Road. For more information on this event call the Ward II office at 791-4711.

Council Member Trasoff announced that there will be a community wide forum held on March 28th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the Ward VI office, 3202 E. 1st Street. Staff from the City of Tucson and Pima County Health Department will be there to present and answer questions.

Council Member Trasoff announced Youth Employment and Enrichment Fund Awards to the Invisible Theatre's production of "The Me of Inside Me" with the Pastime players, and also a sponsorship for a teaching assistantship for a challenged individual to help pass on their skills to another.

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Mayor Walkup provided an update on the Tucson Police Officer, who was injured in a car crash that occurred early Tuesday morning. Officer Jason Wilhelmsen is in critical but stable condition and the Mayor and Council send him their best wishes.

4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS MARCH27-07-156

No report.

5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS – MARCH27-07-166

THIRSTY’S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL, CITY 7-07
BAJIO MEXICAN GRILL, CITY 12-07
CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL PRESCHOOL, CITY T12-07
CARONDELET FOUNDATION INC. (DBA THE CENTURIONS),
CITY T15-07
ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, CITY T16-07

Council Member Ibarra MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to forward these applications to the State Liquor Board with recommendations for APPROVAL.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Jeff Burkholder spoke about groups in Tucson that he feels are spreading hate and quoted statements that he said were on their websites.

Michael Toney spoke about Item #10 and believes that the Public Hearings leading up to this item were not properly noticed or held.

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6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (Continued from previous page)

Roy Warden handed out a letter to the Mayor and Council about legislation being introduced into the State Legislature and requested it be placed on a Mayor and Council Agenda.

Russ Dove spoke about an incident that he was arrested for, and stated that he is being unfairly persecuted.

Joe Sweeney spoke about incidents that have been happening at their public meetings and requested that the Mayor and Council intervene.

Norman Ward spoke about West Nile Virus and does not want the City to consider fogging the area because of associated health risks.

7. C O N S E N T A G E N D A

*****ITEMS "G" WAS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY*****

A. FINAL PLAT: (S06-167) ESTRELLA HOMES, A CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION PROJECT, UNITS 1 TO 8, COMMON ELEMENT "A" AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENT "B" – MARCH27-07-158

DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

B. REAL PROPERTY: ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELL – MARCH27-07-162

RESOLUTION NO. 20612

DIR. OF WATER

C. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS IN THE SAFETY ELEMENT-SIGNALIZATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY – MARCH27-07-159

RESOLUTION NO. 20613

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<p>D. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS IN THE SAFETY ELEMENT, ELDERLY AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS CATEGORY – MARCH27-07-160</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20614</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF TRANSPORTATION</u></p>
<p>E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO PROVIDE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE TUCSON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DATA NETWORK – MARCH27-07-161</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20616</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF TRANSPORTATION</u></p>
<p>F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH BARRY M. COREY – MARCH27-07-153</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20617</p> <p>The City Clerk read a correction into the record on Page 2, Exhibit A to the Resolution No. 20617, under #4, the statement that previously read “the City agrees to pay the Attorney for the services rendered to the Commission as follows” now reads “the City agrees to pay the Attorney for costs and expenses as provided in Schedule A, and for the services rendered to the Commission as follows.”</p>	<p><u>CITY ATTORNEY</u></p>
<p>H. BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS: APPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – MARCH27-07-170</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20619</p> <p>The City Clerk read a correction into the record for Section 1 of Resolution No. 20619 regarding the term of office for Mr. Ramirez, which should read “beginning March 27th, 2007 and ending January 2nd, 2013.”</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>

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<p>I. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR THE STATEWIDE TERRORISM LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM – MARCH27-07-168</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20620</p>	<p><u>POLICE CHIEF</u></p>
<p>Vice-Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded that items on the Consent Agenda, with the changes as read into the record and “G” which was considered separately, be approved and/or adopted and proper action taken.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	
<p>G. FINANCE: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND TRANSFER TO THE CESAR E. CHAVEZ HOLIDAY COALITION – MARCH27-07-169</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20618</p> <p>Vice-Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded to PASS and ADOPT Consent Item G with the following additions to the original \$200 that was allocated by Council Member Uhlich:</p> <p>Council Member Ibarra: \$200.00 Council Member West: \$200.00 Council Member Scott: \$200.00 Council Member Trasoff - \$191.00</p> <p>The grand total is now \$991.00.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF BUDGET AND RESEARCH</u></p>
<p>8. PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING (C9-06-27) MORENO – PROBASCO DRIVE, R1 TO R2, CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – MARCH27-07-163</p> <p>This case has been withdrawn.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p>

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9. PUBLIC HEARING: HARRISON ROAD, OLD SPANISH TRAIL TO GOLF LINKS ROAD DISTRICT PAVING IMPROVEMENT – MARCH27-07-164

RESOLUTION NO. 20598

Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to PASS and ADOPT Resolution No. 20598.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

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10. PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING (C9-06-32) THE BRIDGES PAD – KINO PARKWAY, R-2, C-1, C-2, AND I-1 TO PAD-15, CITY MANAGER’S REPORT AND ORDINANCE ADOPTION – MARCH27-07-167

ORDINANCE NO. 10383

Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

Council Member Leal MOVED and it was duly seconded to APPROVE the request for rezoning as recommended by the Zoning Examiner and PASS and ADOPT Ordinance No. 10383, and that the Mayor and Council make the following specific findings that provide a basis for approval of this request as the Planned Area Development process.

Approval of the Bridges PAD will provide vital and extraordinary benefits to the community, and is based on the unique circumstances of the site which include:

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1. The site is within a depressed economic area characterized by a disproportionately high number of unemployed, a lack of available jobs; a high poverty rate; and low levels of educational attainment and job skills
2. The site is within an area that has been designated as a Federal Empowerment Zone and a State Enterprise Zone.
3. In the South Park HOPE VI Economic Development Study prepared for the city in 2001 to provide an economic strategy for this area, it was determined that “the area is severely lacking in personal merchandise and service options, requiring residents to travel long distances to fulfill their everyday shopping needs.” The study determined that this site was the single most important site for a development that would significantly improve the economic status and character of the South Park area.
4. The site is over 350 acres, providing a unique opportunity for large scale planned development. The site itself has been vacant and unused for decades, contributing to the lack of economic development and investment activity in the area.
5. The entire site will be developed under a single plan approved by the Mayor and Council. This allows the large retail use to be integrated into the overall development in a manner that puts distance and buffers between that use and existing residential neighborhoods.
6. The primary entrance to the site will be located near the junction of I-10 and I-19, providing access to the site from the interstate and Kino Boulevard. This will help direct non-area traffic away from local streets and diminish the traffic impact on the adjoining areas. This proximity to I-10 and I-19 is a condition by itself.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 6 to 1 (Council Member Uhlich dissenting).

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RECESS: 7:04 P.M.
RECONVENE: 7:20 P.M.
MAYOR AND COUNCIL: ALL PRESENT
STAFF: ALL PRESENT

11. ZONING: (C9-97-08) HOUGHTON / IRVINGTON LP –
IRVINGTON ROAD, SR TO C-1, ORDINANCE ADOPTION –
MARCH27-07-154

ORDINANCE NO. 10382

Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to PASS and
ADOPT Ordinance No. 10382.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

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12. ZONING: (C9-05-08) STILLER – ESCALANTE ROAD, SR TO R1,
TIME EXTENSION – MARCH27-07-165

The City Clerk read a correction into the record that the actual time
extension is to March 28th, 2011, not to February 16, 2011 as indicated
in the Staff Recommendation in the Mayor and Council
Communication.

Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to
APPROVE the request for time extension as presented by Staff, with the
adjustments as read into the record.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

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13. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS – MARCH27-07-157

Council Member Uhlich MOVED and it was duly seconded to appoint Rose Anderson, Larry Bird, and Murray Handler to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

Council Member Uhlich appointed Deborah Muñoz-Chacon as the Ward III representative to the Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Commission.

CITY CLERK

14. ADJOURNMENT: 7:23 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.