

MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY FEBRUARY 21, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Robert E. Walkup called the Study Session to order at 3:36 P.M. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall Tower, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup
Vice-Mayor Carol West, (Ward 2)
Council Member Jose J. Ibarra, (Ward 1)
Council Member Karin Uhlich, (Ward 3)
Council Member Shirley C. Scott, (Ward 4)
Council Member Steve Leal, (Ward 5)
Council Member Nina J. Trasoff, (Ward 6)

STAFF: Mike Hein, City Manager
Mike Rankin, City Attorney
Kathleen Detrick, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
<p>1. Discussion of the Composition of the Citizens Water Advisory Committee (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-54</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to return with an amended ordinance to establish the terms as presented in the draft ordinance.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>2. Discussion of Donation Box Purpose on Utility Bill and Use of Open Space Donations (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-58</p> <p>Council Member Uhlich MOVED and it was duly seconded to retain the single open space checkbox and allow that fund to grow.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF WATER</u> Is responsible</p>

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<p>3. Discussion of a Proposed Amendment to Clean Elections Law (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-57</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct the City Attorney and City Clerk to return to Mayor and Council with recommended charter amendments, cost estimates, and other necessary actions to address the proposed changes as presented (attached hereto as Attachment 1), within the necessary time frame in order to place this on ballot by July.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK</u> Are responsible</p>
<p>4. Intergovernmental Relations: Update of 2007 State and Federal Legislation Affecting the City (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-53</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff MOVED and it was duly seconded to SUPPORT S1347: TEENAGE DRIVER SAFETY ACT; GRADUATED LICENSES.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF INTERGOV. RELATIONS</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>5. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-50</p> <p>Vice-Mayor West announced that the Children Families and Seniors Subcommittee met on February 15th and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusive Home Design – a report on design recommendations was presented, and staff was directed to hold a meeting with stakeholders and then bring this item back to subcommittee next month with more information• Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques (SALT) – a letter of support for this University of Arizona academic initiative to increase graduation rates was placed on a future Mayor and Council Meeting• Affordable Housing Trust Fund - possible funding options were presented by the Tucson Association of Realtors, and there will be continuing discussion of this topic at the next subcommittee meeting	

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5. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-50 (Continued from previous page)

The next Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee meeting will be on March 15th and topics will include:

- Social Host Ordinance
- Inclusive Home Design
- West Nile Update

Council Member Scott announced that the Transportation Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 20th and discussed several topics including:

- Legislative Update - Phoenix area conversion of HOV lanes to toll lanes, and the ability for private entities to do road work
- RTA Update – the Grant Road Corridor Study is underway and the composition/charge of its Advisory Committee, and there also was a discussion of the alignment modifications of the modern streetcar, which will come to a Mayor and Council Meeting in March
- I-10 Construction Update – there is continuing communication with ADOT, and the Clark Street Underpass will be closed from March 16th through mid-April so water line and drainage work can be done
- Traffic Mitigation Program – the Department of Neighborhood Resources is working on a pilot program that would allow people needing to fulfill Community Service requirements to do landscape maintenance in traffic circles and/or medians
- Van Tran Voucherless Payment System – an electronic system about to undergo a short test phase that allows customers to call in and purchase the electronic vouchers, without needing to travel down town, and create an “account” that customer draws from each trip
- Gem Ride - ridership was up 10,000 over last year for this free bus circulator system from parking lots to the gem show. The Cost to provide 8 routes was approximately \$550,000, shared by many parties, and funding for next year is being explored
- Back to Basic Funding (General Funding vs. HURF) – a suggestion for a proposed change was discussed, and it was decided that the current funding mechanisms will remain in place but that Council Offices will be told if a proposed project does not qualify for HURF funds, in order to avoid misspending of those revenues

The next Transportation Subcommittee Meeting will be held on March 21st.

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5. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-50 (Continued from previous page)

Council Member Trasoff announced that the Rio Nuevo Subcommittee met on February 15th and they discussed:

- Tucson Children's Museum – a request for matching funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the City and Rio Nuevo to examine organizational growth, program expansion, and possible, relocation to the west side cultural campus is coming forth to Mayor and Council in March
- Historic Downtown Street names – staff was directed to work with TPAC to develop recommendations for the design and location of signage to celebrate historical names, and also to investigate the design and location of markers describing the history behind those names. Contemporary street names will not change and they will be designed so they are not confusing.
- Warehouse Arts District - the Subcommittee was asked to write the Governor regarding a recent, conflicting, engineering study about the habitability of the Steinfeld Warehouse that says the building can be shored up, and that the termination of artist occupancy may not be required. Staff was requested to evaluate the study and the ability to keep the artists in their location and together if possible, and the costs to stabilize the building.
- Request for Qualifications (RFQ)/Sale of West Side Acreage (15 acres) – Staff met with residents and gathered input on features, to be incorporated into the Request, and also the need for the plan to be aligned with the continuation of the modern streetcar

Council Member Leal added to the Rio Nuevo Subcommittee report and announced that staff from the Transportation Subcommittee is to share historical cost and analysis informational studies on the warehouses with the Rio Nuevo staff.

6. Mayor and Council Regional and National Committee Reports (City-Wide) SS/FEB21-07-52

No reports were given.

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<p>7. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda SS/FEB21-07-51</p> <p>No items were removed from the Regular Agenda.</p>	
<p>8. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/FEB21-07-56</p> <p>Council Member Scott requested that the Regular Agenda books be modified so that the motion maker for the Consent Agenda is at the top of the page of listed items.</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>9. Administrative Action Report and Summary SS/FEB21-07-55</p> <p>Vice Mayor West wanted the public to know the number for the Linda Lopez bill that she supported. This bill is HB 2687.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT: 5:10 p.m.</p> <p><i>VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE</i></p>	

From: C. T. Revere
To: Carol West; Jose Ibarra; Karin Uhlich; Nina Trasoff; Robert Walkup; ...
Date: 2/20/07 5:15 PM
Subject: Clean Elections amendment for Study Session discussion

CC: Kathleen Detrick; Mike Hein; Mike Rankin

DATE: February 14, 2007

DRAFT

TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Nina Trasoff
Ward VI Councilmember

SUBJECT: Proposed amendment to Clean Elections Law

INFORMATION: The 1985 change to the City Charter that created public funding of city elections failed to anticipate the effect of independent campaigns that either oppose or support a candidate. Now that the significant influence of independent campaigns on city elections is understood, the Mayor & Council are asked to consider a proposed amendment at the Feb. 21 Study Session.

The amendment would allow for public matching funds for any candidate who is the target of an independent campaign, increase reporting requirements, set forth penalties for falsifying campaign expenditure reports, and calls for semi-annual evaluations of the ordinance.

Matching Funds: The proposal would allow for a public matching provision against any so-called independent campaign operating to influence city council and mayoral elections.

Whenever an independent campaign is created and raises funds, either on behalf of a candidate or against a candidate, the candidate(s) negatively affected may ask for and receive from the city 50 cents for every dollar raised by the independent campaign.

This provision would provide a deterrent to raising money for an independent campaign, as it would in turn provide financial support to the candidate(s) being negatively affected by the effort. Given the deterrent effect, it is unlikely that many - if any - independent campaigns would arise to place additional financial burden on the city's public campaign fund.

Reporting Requirements: The proposal would tighten reporting requirements for independent campaigns to allow careful verification of their activities and the triggering of matching campaign funding.

Independent campaigns would be required to report the amounts they raise and spend every month, starting 12 months before municipal elections, with the reporting requirements becoming weekly within eight weeks of the municipal elections.

City staff would be authorized to conduct random audits of the reports of independent campaigns, similar to what candidates seeking public funding are now subject to.

Penalties: Violations for false reporting would carry the maximum penalties available to the city, and would include a prohibition of the individuals involved in running the independent campaign or serving in a leadership capacity (including advisors, chairs, treasurers, board members) from engaging the city for up to ten years regarding contracts, rezonings, or lobbying either the city council or the city administration.

Review of the Ordinance: The City Clerk would be required to review the provisions of this ordinance and to evaluate its effects publicly with the City Council no later than 12 months before any municipal election for council or mayor.

Among other topics to discuss are the potential cost to the city, and how to determine what independent campaign activities will trigger matching funds.