

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

JUNE 26, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Robert E. Walkup called the Study Session to order at 3:33 P.M. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall Tower, Tucson, Arizona.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Council Member Karin Uhlich (Ward 3)

STAFF: Liz R. Miller, Assistant City Manager  
Karen Masbruch, Assistant City Manager  
Mike Rankin, City Attorney  
Kathleen Detrick, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
<p>(this item taken out of order)</p> <p>2. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Tucson Code (Chapter 3) Relating to the Sign Code (City-Wide) SS/JUNE26-07-214</p> <p>Presentation made, no formal direction given.</p>	
<p>1. Major Streets and Routes Plan Map Amendment – Future Planning Issues (Wards 4 &amp; 5) SS/JUNE26-07-216</p> <p>(Council Member Uhlich arrived at 3:47 p.m.)</p> <p>Presentation made, no formal direction given.</p>	

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<p>3. Proposed Charter Amendment for the November 6 Election Relating to the Mayor's Power to Vote and the Mayor's Inclusion in Calculating a Quorum of the Mayor and Council (City-Wide) SS/JUNE26-07-215</p> <p>Council Member West MOVED and it was duly seconded to have this item heard during a Public Hearing on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.</p> <p>Motion FAILED by a vote of 3 to 4 (Council Member Uhlich, Vice-Mayor Scott, Council Member Leal and Council Member Trasoff dissenting).</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u> Is informed</p>
<p>4. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/JUNE26-07-209</p> <p>Vice Mayor Scott announced that the Transportation Subcommittee met on June 20<sup>th</sup> and on that meeting they heard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislative Update on transportation-related items included in the state's FY08 budget. Included in the budget are items pertaining to the extension of time for repayment of highway bonds from 10 years to 30 years and the shift of \$62 million from the State</li><li>• Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update - a list of RTA projects and their status and the details of the application of RTA funds for the stabilization of the Steinfeld Warehouse.</li><li>• I-10 Update - effective the evening of June 22, all on/off ramps between Prince and 29th Street are closed for the duration of the construction schedule. Bridge demolition work will begin at Grant Road on July 6.</li><li>• Department of Corrections Inmate Worker Program Update- the first 3 months of implementation have shown it to be a success, and at the end of the 6-month trial period, staff will bring this to the Mayor and Council</li><li>• Downtown construction update - TDOT will implement outreach methods to help residents and visitors navigate around construction zones in the downtown area and will include, but are not limited to, a hotline phone number, website, flyers, and a low power radio station.</li><li>• Transportation Budget - projects included in the City's FY 2008 budget.</li></ul>	

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4. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/JUNE26-07-209 (Continued from previous page)

Council Member West reported on the June 21<sup>st</sup> Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee where they discussed:

- Inclusive Home Design – Review and discussion of draft ordinance with full Mayor and Council review at the August Study Session followed by public hearing and adoption.
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund Update – Discussion of federal program opportunities to benefit affordable housing projects. Also discussed were the names of applicants for the Tucson Housing Trust Fund which will be brought to the 6/26/07 Regular Meeting during Boards and Commissions.
- Special Event Liquor License (underage drinking) – a task force is working to develop stricter guidelines and a brochure and to require better training for servers. This item will come forth to Mayor and Council at a later date.
- KIDCO Update/Discussion – staff reported that an enhanced KIDCO Program would cost about 1.4 million per year and sustainability cannot fully cover these costs but staff recommends that they start with better site supervision which could be funded in through financial sustainability in the next Fiscal Year. The subcommittee recommends that a task force composed of all the school districts and others to determine if it is possible to provide additional programming such as tutoring and homework help, what the cost would be and who should be responsible.

The next meeting will be July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Council Member Uhlich announced that the next Environment, Planning and Resource Management Subcommittee will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in Mayor and Council Chambers.

5. Mayor and Council Regional and National Committee Reports (City-Wide) SS/JUNE26-07-210

Vice-Mayor Scott reported that the National League of Cities is pursuing following policy issues on their agenda:

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5. Mayor and Council Regional and National Committee Reports (City-Wide) SS/JUNE26-07-210 (Continued from previous page)
- Immigration Bill – which has been brought back for current discussion
  - House Appropriations Bills – Subcommittee recommendations for line item budget allocations in health and human services, the low-income home energy assistance program, pandemic influenza preparedness, community and rural health centers education
  - House Appropriations Bills – Subcommittee recommendations for increases in Housing and Urban Development for community development block grant programs, elderly housing, HOPE VI program, Section 8 tenant based rental assistance, Section 8 project based rental assistance
  - House and Senate Appropriations Bills - Homeland Security funding for local emergency responder programs and interoperable communications grants
  - State Children’s Health Insurance Program – for children whose parents earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford insurance
  - Senate Bill 294 – Amtrak programs and establishing a state and federal program for passenger rail development
  - Senate Bill 1419 is being debated for energy and environmental block grant programs for energy efficiency, conservation and emissions reductions strategies
  - SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill which extends the life of the national service policy and review study commission until December 2007

Council Member Uhlich reported on the Workforce Investment Board and announced that the four area region will be receiving a five million dollar federal grant over 3 years for the Pima County Innovation Frontier Program, which integrates workforce development and economic development in an effort to transform the dynamics of the region.

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<p>6. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda (City-Wide) SS/JUNE26-07-211</p> <p>Mayor Walkup removed Consent Agenda Item # 7-H for separate consideration.</p> <p><u>7-H Labor Agreement: with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 97</u></p> <p>(Council Member Leal departed at 5:17 p.m.)</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF HUMAN RESOURCES</u> Is informed</p>
<p>7. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/JUNE26-07-212</p> <p>Council Member West requested that a Community Support Fund Transfer from Ward II to the Loft Cinema in the amount of \$200 be put on the July 10<sup>th</sup> agenda. Mayor Walkup requested that \$500 from his Community Support Funds also be added to Council Member West's request.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF BUDGET AND RESEARCH</u> is responsible</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT: 5:18 P.M.</p> <p><i>VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE</i></p>	