

MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY MARCH 20, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Robert E. Walkup called the Study Session to order at 3:04 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. Executive Session - Cox License Renewal (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-90</p> <p>Vice Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded to go into Executive Session for Item #1 as noticed in the agenda.</p> <p>Motion as PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	
<p>RECESS: 3:05 p.m. RECONVENE: 4:00 p.m. MAYOR & COUNCIL: STAFF: ALL PRESENT</p>	
<p>Executive Session was held from 3:05 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Council Member Ibarra did not attend the executive session.)</p>	

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<p>Vice Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded to return to open session.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	
<p>2. Mayor and Council Direction Regarding Executive Session - Cox License Renewal (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-91</p> <p>Vice Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct the City Attorney and the other city negotiating team representatives to continue to work with Cox representatives to finalize language in the Cox proposal that incorporates all of the deal points previously approved by the Mayor and Council, including the retention of the purchase option provision as described in executive session.</p> <p>Furthermore it was moved, that given the compressed time line that exists for engaging in the formal renewal process, that the Mayor and Council not delay the item currently scheduled for action on tonight's agenda. In the event that the Mayor and Council will need to engage in the formal hearing process to resolve the renewal issues, it is critical that the process be established without further delay.</p> <p>Finally, the City Attorney was directed and authorized to suspend or stay the formal process once resolution of all outstanding issues related to the license renewal is achieved through the ongoing informal negotiations and that this be documented in writing and signed by both parties.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 5 to 2 (Council Members Leal and Ibarra dissenting).</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF INFORMATION</u> <u>TECHNOLOGY AND</u> <u>CITY ATTORNEY</u> Are responsible</p>
<p>3. Submission of FY 08 Compensation Plan Market Adjustment Recommendation (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-97</p> <p>Recommendation was submitted, no formal action was taken.</p>	
<p>4. School Plus Jobs Program (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-99</p> <p>* This was continued. to the meeting of April 10, 2007.</p>	

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<p>5. Iran Divestments (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-98</p> <p>Council Member Leal MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to request that the Tucson Supplement Retirement System Board and its investment staff to consider an investment policy that looks to limiting or reducing the amount or nature of the pension fund holding in the Iran's energy sector, and that this be done in a timely manner, but with due regard with the protection of principle and maintenance of income necessary to meet the present and future retirement needs of the TSRS. Staff is to bring this item back as soon as possible.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 6 to1 (Vice Mayor West dissenting).</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>6. Presentation Regarding the Ben's Bells Project (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-100</p> <p>Presentation was made, no formal direction was given.</p>	
<p>7. Intergovernmental Relations: Update of 2007 State and Federal Legislation Affecting the City (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-93</p> <p>Vice Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded to SUPPORT H2268: PEACE OFFICERS; CANCER INSURANCE.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF INTERGOV. RELATIONS</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>8. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-92</p> <p>Vice Mayor West announced that the next Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at 8:30 a.m. in Mayor and Council Chambers.</p>	

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8. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-92 (Continued from previous page)

Council Member Scott announced that the next Transportation Subcommittee will be held on March 21st at 3:30 p.m. in Mayor and Council Chambers. The agenda includes:

- Houghton Road Corridor
- Five Points Intersection Update
- Major Streets & Route Plan Amendments
- El Paso Greenway
- Grant Road Corridor Advisory Committee

Vice Mayor West requested that the next Environment, Planning and Resource Management Subcommittee on March 22nd be held at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Trasoff announced that the next Rio Nuevo Subcommittee meeting will be held on March 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at the Ward VI Council Office.

9. Mayor and Council Regional and National Committee Reports (City-Wide) SS/MARCH20-07-94

Vice Mayor West reported on the recent National League of Cities (NLC) meeting in Washington, D.C. where she serves on the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Steering Committee, and noted how the Environmental Protection Agency has taken a renewed stance and interest in promoting alternative fuels and other ways to reduce emissions and they presented some programs to address these issues.

Council Member Scott also reported on the recent meeting of the National League of Cities, where she sits on the Board of Directors, and noted that one of their top priorities and a topic of constant discussion is the need to preserve the funding and allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to cities.

Council Member Trasoff congratulated and thanked Council Member Scott for her representation on the NLC Board of Directors and what it means for Tucson and Southern Arizona.

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Council Member Scott thanked Council Member Trasoff and stated that because she is on the Policy and Legislation Committee for the NLC Board of Directors Tucson has had a voice in forming the priorities at the NLC.

Vice Mayor West mentioned that during the NLC Senator Kyl reversed his previous stance and stated his support for CDBG funding.

* Vice Mayor West reported on a meeting between Council Member Scott, Council Member Trasoff, herself and Congressman Rick ~~Ramsey~~ Renzi, where they discussed his efforts to build a national housing trust fund, and how at Tucson program could serve as a model for the national effort.

Vice Mayor West also reported on a meeting where she accompanied the Bullhead City delegation to meet with Senator Jon Kyl's staff about their financial needs for a sewer project, along with Lake Havasu City, because of the need to alleviate the very large sewer bills, and also keep nitrates out of Colorado River Water.

10. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda SS/MARCH20-07-95

Vice Mayor West removed Consent Agenda Items 7-A, 7-D, 7-H and 7-J from the agenda to be considered separately.

7-A. - Finance: Community Support Fund Transfer to the Southern Arizona Aids Foundation for the 19th Annual Aidswalk

7-D. - Finance: Community Support Fund Transfer to the Tucson Centers for Women and Children

7-H. - Tucson Code: Amending (Chapter 27) to Establish the Terms of Members of the Citizens' Water Advisory Committee Nominated by the City Manager

7-J. - Finance: Community Support Fund Transfer for Artworks! Academy

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11. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/MARCH20-07-96 No items were requested for Future Agendas.	
ADJOURNMENT: 4:38 p.m. <i>VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE</i>	