

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY MARCH 27, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Robert E. Walkup called the Study Session to order at 1:34 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 – Evaluation of City Manager (City-Wide)<br/>SS/MARCH27-07-103</p> <p>(This item was taken out of order.)</p> <p>15. Executive Session – W.R. Grace Bankruptcy No. 01-1139 (City-Wide)<br/>SS/MARCH27-07-115</p> <p>Council Member Uhlich MOVED and it was duly seconded to go into Executive Session for Items #1 and #15 as noticed in the agenda.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> |              |
| <p>RECESS: 1:35 p.m.<br/>RECONVENE: 2:41 p.m.<br/>MAYOR &amp; COUNCIL: ALL PRESENT<br/>STAFF: ALL PRESENT</p>  |              |

| AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION  | STAFF ACTION   |
|---|--|
| <p>Executive Session was held from 1:35 p.m. to 2:41 p.m.</p>   |  |
| <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>(This item was taken out of order.)</p> <p>16. Mayor and Council Direction Regarding Executive Session – W.R. Grace Bankruptcy No. 01-1139 (City-Wide) SS/MARCH27-07-116</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct the City Attorney to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding the W.R. Grace Bankruptcy Case and to ratify the decision the City Attorney has made relating to the settlement proposal.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>   | <p><u>CITY ATTORNEY</u><br/>Is responsible</p>         |
| <p>2. Presentation by McGuire Entrepreneurship Program Student Team on Waste Processing Business Plan Proposal (City-Wide) SS/MARCH27-07-104</p> <p>Vice-Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded that the Mayor and Council recognize the efforts by the University of Arizona McGuire Entrepreneurship Team to develop a viable business plan for waste reduction and renewable energy generation. Furthermore the Mayor and Council wish them success in the William James Foundation’s 2007 Socially Responsible Business Plan Competition to be held next month in Washington D.C.</p> <p>Council Member Leal requested a friendly amendment to have staff work with the student team to review the prototype for effectiveness and possible future use.</p> <p>Amendment accepted by maker.</p> <p>Motion as amended PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> | <p><u>DIR. OF ENV. SERVICES</u><br/>Is responsible</p> |

| AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION   | STAFF ACTION  |
|--|---|
| <p>3. City Response to West Nile Virus - Update (City-Wide)<br/>SS/MARCH27-07-102</p> <p>Presentation was made, no formal direction given.</p>   |   |
| <p>4. Metropolitan Housing Commission Activity Update (City-Wide)<br/>SS/MARCH27-07-101</p> <p>Vice Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded to accept the recommendation from the Metropolitan Housing Commission and the FY06 Affordable Housing Production Report and to direct staff to bring this topic to a future Mayor and Council Study Session for further discussion on the issue of funding the trust fund.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>                   | <p><u>DIR. OF COMMUNITY SERVICES</u><br/>Is responsible</p> |
| <p>RECESS: 3:57 p.m.<br/>RECONVENE: 4:12 p.m.<br/>MAYOR &amp; COUNCIL: ALL PRESENT<br/>STAFF: ALL PRESENT</p>  |   |
| <p>5. Downtown Development Opportunity - West Congress Vacant Land Request for Qualifications (RFQ) (Ward 1) SS/MARCH27-07-105</p> <p>Council Member Ibarra MOVED and it was duly seconded to authorize the initiation of the Request for Qualifications, for the 14.3 acres of vacant land located on west of I10 south of Congress but to adjust the committee to seven (7) total members, three (3) of which are to be from Menlo Park.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> | <p><u>DIR. OF RIO NUEVO</u><br/>Is responsible</p>          |
| <p>6. Presentation of Honorary Citizen of Tucson Certificates (City-Wide)<br/>SS/MARCH27-07-107</p> <p>Presentation was made, no formal direction given.</p>   |   |

| AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION  | STAFF ACTION   |
|---|--|
| <p>7. Presentation/Discussion Regarding the Refined Locally Preferred Alternative for the City of Tucson Transit Alternatives Analysis (City-Wide) SS/MARCH27-07-106</p> <p>(Council Member Ibarra departed at 4:26 p.m.; returned at 4:28 p.m.)</p> <p>Presentation was made, no formal direction given.</p>   |  |
| <p>8. Pima Association of Governments (PAG) Management Committee's Recommendations to Regional Council and the RTA Board (City-Wide) SS/MARCH27-07-114</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to endorse the PAG Management Committee's Recommendations #1 and #2 to the Regional Council and the RTA Board.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>  | <p><u>DIR. OF TRANS.</u><br/>Is responsible</p>              |
| <p>9. Intergovernmental Relations: Update of 2007 State and Federal Legislation Affecting the City (City-Wide) SS/MARCH27-07-108</p> <p>Vice Mayor West MOVED and it was duly seconded to OPPOSE HB2612: TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>  | <p><u>DIR. OF INTERGOV. RELATIONS</u><br/>Is responsible</p> |
| <p>10. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/MARCH27-07-109</p> <p>Council Member Scott reported on the March 21<sup>st</sup> Transportation Subcommittee meeting where they heard updates on the Five Points Intersection and Houghton Road Corridor– both of which are funded and are moving forward, and also discussed the proposed composition of the Grant Road Corridor Advisory, which will be brought before the Mayor and Council for discussion at a future Study Session.</p> |  |

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION

STAFF ACTION

10. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide)  
SS/MARCH27-07-109 (Continued from previous page)

Council Member Trasoff reported on the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rio Nuevo Subcommittee where they discussed:

- Historic Street Names and collaborative efforts with Tucson Pima Arts Council to pick a design for the plaques to identify the historic names of downtown streets.
- Warehouse Arts District – an update on the letter sent to the Arizona Department of Transportation to delay their decision regarding the Steinfeld warehouse, and that during this time the artists can remain while the city helps them to relocate downtown
- Downtown Development and Infrastructure Requirements - Update on the private/public partnership to identify infrastructure needs downtown to meet future demands.

Vice Mayor West reported on the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee where they continued to work with stakeholders on the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance, they also discussed the Social Host Ordinance which is being worked on by a task force, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund finding options, and also the VANS Fee Registration Program draft ordinance which is moving forward but there is still more work to be done with stakeholders. The next meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor West reported on the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Environment, Planning and Resource Management Subcommittee meeting and the following items were on that agenda:

- CAP update – a previous plan to manage a shortage of water is now back on the table due to a disagreement with Nevada and California, also discussed was the power costs to move CAP water to Tucson and efforts to provide financial relief to customers,
- Drought Response Plan - a request will be forthcoming to establish a Stage I drought which will include a Lead by Example program in which City staff self-audit for efficiencies and savings
- Mineral Level Outreach Program update – out of over 14,000 responses, lower mineral content continues to be the preference at 57%, but that when the costs are relayed, the preference drops to 50% of those surveyed.
- Storm Water Harvesting was briefly discussed, and this item will be coming forth to a Mayor and Council Study Session.

| AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION  | STAFF ACTION                               |
|---|--|
| <p>11. Mayor and Council Regional and National Committee Reports (City-Wide) SS/MARCH27-07-110</p> <p>No reports were given.</p>  |  |
| <p>12. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda SS/MARCH27-07-111</p> <p>Vice Mayor West removed Consent Agenda Item 7-G for separate consideration.</p> <p><u>7-G. - Finance: Community Support Fund Transfer to the Cesar E. Chavez Holiday Coalition</u></p> |  |
| <p>13. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/MARCH27-07-113</p> <p>Vice Mayor West re-affirmed her intention to bring the Affordable Housing Trust Fund funding options to a future Mayor and Council Study Session.</p>                                  | <p><u>AGENDA COMM.</u><br/>Is informed</p> |
| <p>ADJOURNMENT: 5:02 p.m.</p> <p><i>VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE</i></p>  |  |