

MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY NOVEMBER 22, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Vice Mayor Fred Ronstadt called the Study Session to order at 12:37 P.M. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall Tower, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Mayor Fred Ronstadt, (Ward 6)
Council Member Jose J. Ibarra, (Ward 1)
Council Member Carol West, (Ward 2)
Council Member Kathleen Dunbar, (Ward 3)
Council Member Shirley C. Scott, (Ward 4)
Council Member Steve Leal, (Ward 5)

TEMPORARY ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mayor Robert E. Walkup (arrived at 2:00 p.m.)

STAFF: James Keene, City Manager
Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager
Mike Rankin, City Attorney
Kathleen Detrick, City Clerk

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<p>(This item taken out of order.)</p> <p>2. City Manager Recruitment Process (City-Wide) SS/NOV22-04-297</p> <p>There was apparent Mayor and Council consensus to proceed with the process outlined and seek candidates throughout the County for the position of interim City Manager to serve anywhere from 3 to 15 months.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF HUMAN RESOURCES</u> Is responsible</p>

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<p>(This item taken out of order.)</p> <p>5. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/NOV22-04-298</p> <p>Council Member Scott reported for the Transportation Subcommittee.</p> <p>Council Member West announced the Growth Subcommittee would not meet in December.</p>	
<p>6. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda SS/NOV22-04-299</p> <p>No items were removed from the Consent agenda at this time.</p>	
<p>7. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/NOV22-04-300</p> <p>Vice Mayor Ronstadt announced that he will ask Mayor Walkup to request that the RTA dedicate a seat to represent the disabled community.</p> <p>Council Member West requested a Study Session item be scheduled early in 2005 to discuss the details of the plan to address vacant and dilapidated property.</p> <p>Council Member Scott requested a full discussion be scheduled to discuss SAWA (Southern Arizona Water Association).</p>	<p><u>LIZ MILLER, ASSIST. CITY MANAGER</u> Is responsible</p> <p><u>DIR. OF WATER</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>1. Presentation by the State Treasury Department (City-Wide) SS/NOV22-04-301</p> <p>Presentation made, no formal direction given to staff.</p>	
<p>RECESS: 2:00 P.M. RECONVENE: 2:10 P.M. MAYOR & COUNCIL: ALL PRESENT STAFF: ALL PRESENT (Mayor Walkup arrived at 2:00 p.m.)</p>	

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3. Defense and Indemnification of City Officers and Employees in Litigation Arising Out of Proposition 200 (City-Wide) SS/NOV22-04-302

Presentation made, formal action taken as part of the Regular Agenda item 6-E.

4. Draft *Water Plan: 2000-2050* (City-Wide and Outside City) SS/NOV22-04-296

Council Member West MOVED, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Ronstadt to approved the City Manager’s recommendation:

1. Receive the plan
2. Direct staff to initiate a public involvement process to assist in decision-making about key elements of the Plan, and
3. Schedule further consideration of the Plan in 9-12 months after public input has been received.

Motion PASSED by a 7 to 0 vote.

Additionally the following comments/suggestions were made

Council Member Leal

- Pursue legislation, partnering with other communities in similar situations, agendize this item as part of our legislative program.
- Provide the pros and cons of a Statewide AMA. Would this option make things easier or harder.
- What is the safe amount of water supply that can be leased?
- Include this information in the December 6th item requested by Vice Mayor Ronstadt

Mayor Walkup

- Schedule an on-going Study Session item, at least once a month

Vice Mayor Ronstadt

- Requested staff present to Mayor and Council on December 6th issues related to the CAGR (Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District). The presentation should include the following:
 - a. What is it and what was its intended purpose when the legislature created it?

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- b. What does CAGR D water cost in comparison with Tucson Water?
 - c. If developers utilize the CAGR D to provide Assured Water Supply designation to their development, who pays the bill—the developers or the homeowners?
 - d. Are there any limits to how much groundwater can be pumped in the CAGR D?
 - e. Are developers taking advantage of the CAGR D to deplete our groundwater supply, use up our groundwater credits and make no effort to use renewable sources of water? If so, what can be done about this?
 - f. Who else in the Tucson AMA—and across Arizona—uses the CAGR D for its wet-water supply—and how many acre feet do they use per year?
 - g. If CAGR D members pump groundwater on the southeast side, is the recharge of that water taking place in the area where it's pumped?
 - h. If CAGR D members pump groundwater on the southeast side, is that water coming out of the same aquifer that supports the City of Tucson?
 - i. Are there any imminent rezonings or developments in the City of Tucson or Pima County where the developer proposes to pump groundwater through the CAGR D? What are the City of Tucson's and Pima County's policies on this issue?
- Comments from residents should be separated by city and non-city residents and participants in the public outreach should comment on what the Mayor and Council policy on providing water outside City limits should be.
 - The following questions should be answered by memo:
 - a. regarding State Land – is it in the best interest of the State Land Dept. to work with Tucson Water and the GRD to pump water from the state Land?
 - b. Regarding issues pumping water to Vail. How are current rate payers affected by the higher priced water?
 - c. Can the price of water be different based on the source?
 - d. Wastewater issues
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Council Member West

- What are City department's doing to save water?
- Make this presentation to the Governor's Office
- What exactly is "safe yield" and what is Assured Water Supply (AWS)? What are the consequences of losing the AWS?
- What is planned to improve demand management and increase conservation?

Council Member Scott

- Is it possible to provide the public samples of "taste at the different price levels"?
- Provide a side-by-side comparison of the 1989 Plan and the 2004 Plan
- Explain the costs beyond 2018 better
- What is the Southern Arizona Water Association (SAWA)?

Council Member Ibarra

- Emphasized that the community dialogue is the most important component of this plan and requested updates on public outreach efforts and public responses.
- Suggested using samples of treated water from Scottsdale.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:14 P.M.

VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.