



Minutes of Special Mayor and Council Meeting

Approved by Mayor and Council
on February 27, 2007

Date of Meeting: January 30, 2007

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in special session, in the Mayor and Council Chambers of City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkup and upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

José J. Ibarra	Council Member Ward 1
Carol W. West	Vice Mayor, Council Member Ward 2
Karin Uhlich	Council Member Ward 3
Shirley C. Scott	Council Member Ward 4
Steve Leal	Council Member Ward 5
Nina J. Trasoff	Council Member Ward 6
Robert E. Walkup	Mayor

Absent: None

Staff Members Present:

Mike Hein	City Manager
Michael Rankin	City Attorney
Kathleen S. Detrick	City Clerk
Mike Letcher	Deputy City Manager

2. EMERGENCY SERVICES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: ADOPTION OF PIMA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 57, dated January 30, 2007 would be received into and made a part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 20575 by number and title only.

Resolution No. 20575 relating to emergency services and emergency preparedness; adopting Sections 4.8, 6.1.6, and 6.2.8 of the Pima County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official City of Tucson Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorizing incorporation of the City of Tucson Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Pima County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Council Member Scott, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Resolution 20575.

Vice Mayor West stated she did not have the opportunity to spend much time reviewing the document, but the time she had spent caused some concern. There were a number of inaccuracies on the document. For example, she did not know until she read the document that the City of Tucson had a flood prone land acquisition program and in fact, there was not such a program. They worked closely with Flood Control District on that. She said it appeared to her that there was no one from Tucson Water on the committee and later learned that was not true. There were also some inaccuracies on the use of the CAP and our use of effluent on page fifty-one of the Plan. At first she felt there were inaccuracies in the document and could not vote for it, but she spoke with one of the Tucson Fire Chiefs and he explained they would be working to clean it up to bring it back to Mayor and Council. She understood there was miscommunication with the Fire Department and other parts of the jurisdiction and the document had to come before another higher jurisdiction soon. Vice Mayor West stated she wanted to read the rest of the document, because if the first review allowed her to see some serious errors, obviously there were more. She was going to vote for this with the caveat that this would come back with corrections because there were some errors in the document. She thought this was important because there was a possibility that would allow us to receive funds to fix some of the flooding that occurred last summer and it certainly affected Ward 2. She said she would be voting for this.

Council Member Trasoff said she had a couple of questions for clarification. One of the things that concerned her was that the document was a prevention document and not a "how do we deal with it once it has happened." That raised a couple of questions for her. She said that even in the prevention aspects, they were looking at the professionals and how would they look at what the potentials were and eliminate that. What was lacking were issues of language and at risk populations, and this issue was being dealt with in our county wide response program. She concurred with Vice Mayor West that the documents were received late and they did not have the time to be briefed or sit down to review it. She said regarding prevention terms, there was need to look at special populations within the community concerning the disability, homelessness, home

bound seniors, and populations with language restrictions and wanted to make sure that the people in these special populations were not overlooked.

Mayor Walkup stated that this was a fascinating document with extraordinary statistics and history data. He was surprised that some hazards dating way back in history had an effect on so many cities.

Vice Mayor West said on page thirty-two, there was a short report on the City of Tucson that provided the framework for some future time. She said the City was losing ground, as far as retail because it was going out to Pima County. Another thing that needed to be corrected was that the Planning Department disagreed with some of the statistics that were listed. She commented as elected officials, the Mayor and Council needed to take this document seriously and try to remedy this.

Dan Newburn, City of Tucson Fire Chief stated he appreciated the comments and thanked the Mayor and Council for being present for the special meeting, even though it was at the last minute. He said he wanted to explain how they got into the situation. This plan was a significant document and had been in the works for well over a year. They were the last entity to receive the document for review, for submission, for contribution, and they were under the impression they had ample time to work on it. They received a phone call at the State level informing them that the document needed to be ratified by the Mayor and Council by February 5, 2007. He said they tried to explain that the next Council meeting was not until February 6, 2007; and since they were working with another governmental agency, asked if a two week extension could be granted. The State informed them an extension could not be granted. They met with the City Attorney and City Manager and concluded that the deficiencies could be corrected over the next year. There was regional money attached to this document and they wanted to be competitive. He assured the Mayor and Council that they would continue to communicate with them, make sure they had a deep understanding of the document and change the language as necessary.

Mayor Walkup commented that it was a very informative document and he could see the applications were very important.

Mayor Walkup asked if there were any further discussions. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Ibarra, Uhlich, Scott, Leal, Trasoff;
Vice Mayor West and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Resolution 20575 was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 7 to 0.

3. ADJOURNMENT: 5:13 p.m.

Mayor Walkup announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 30th day of January, 2007, and certify that it is an accurate transcription.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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