



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Study Session Minutes

Approved by Mayor and Council
on November 14, 2022.

Date of Meeting: February 23, 2022

MEETING NOTE: Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted declarations of a public health emergency at the local, state and federal levels, this meeting was conducted using measures to protect public health. This meeting was held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in study session remotely through Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Romero at 1:04 p.m.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Regina Romero
Council Member Cunningham (Ward 2)
Council Member Karin Uhlich (Ward 3)
Council Member Nikki Lee (Ward 4)
Council Member Richard G. Fimbres (Ward 5)
Council Member Steve Kozachik (Ward 6)

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Vice Mayor Lane Santa Cruz (Ward 1)

STAFF:

Michael J. Ortega, City Manager
Michael Rankin, City Attorney
Suanne Mesich, City Clerk

- 1. Executive Session - Discussion on Mayor and Council's Position Regarding Central Arizona Project Board of Directors' Approval of Rosemont Copper's Water Storage and Recharge Request (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-34**

(This item was continued at the request of staff.)

2. **Mayor and Council Direction Regarding Executive Session – Discussion on Mayor and Council’s Position Regarding Central Arizona Project Board of Directors’ Approval of Rosemont Copper’s Water Storage and Recharge Request (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-35**

(This item was continued at the request of staff.)

3. **Executive Session - Review of City Attorney (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-36**

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Vice Mayor Santa Cruz absent/excused), to enter into executive session as noticed on the agenda.

RECESS: 1:06 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:56 p.m.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: All present, (Vice Mayor Santa Cruz absent/excused)

STAFF: All present

Executive Session was held from 1:07 p.m. to 1:49 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Vice Mayor Santa Cruz absent/excused) to return to open session.

4. **Mayor and Council Direction Regarding Executive Session – Review of City Attorney (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-37**

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Vice Mayor Santa Cruz absent/excused), to proceed as discussed in Executive Session and to schedule an item on a Regular Session in March for the reappointment of the City Attorney.

5. **City Manager’s Report and Update on COVID-19, Employee Requirements and Legal Matters (City Wide and Outside City) SS/FEB23-22-33**

Mayor Romero presented the item and initiated the discussion providing and update on the status of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Pima County with regards to the number of new cases, the percentage of individuals vaccinated, and statistics relating to testing.

Mayor Romero proceeded to provide an update on the mask mandate in Pima County referencing the County’s intention to allow their mask mandate to expire at the end of February but still requiring masks inside of County facilities.

Comments were provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager, who expressed the intention of mirroring the County’s policy thus continuing to require masks inside of

City facilities and continuing to pay close attention to CDC guidelines and best practices.

Discussion ensued; comments were made by Council Members Cunningham, Kozachik, and Fimbres.

No formal action was taken.

6. Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Update and Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Discussion (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-38

Opening remarks were made by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager.

Information and presentation were given by Jeff Yates, Business Services Department Director, who fielded and answered questions relating to the FY 2021 General Fund balance as of June 30, 2021, FY 2022 current budget status, FY 2023 budget development process, and External economic trends that can possibly impact FY 2023.

Mr. Ortega continued the presentation providing information as to the possible fore comings of FY 2023 including budget status and allocations, revenue sources, and vacancy statuses. Mayor Romero requested information on the health of PSPRS, TSRS, the Trust Fund, and employee classifications and compensation.

Discussion ensued; comments were made by Council Members Kozachik, Fimbres and Cunningham.

No formal action was taken.

7. Update on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-30

Opening comments were made by Mayor Romero who provided a summary with regards to the City's efforts thus far working towards becoming a "climate resilient City". She explained that through advanced community outreach paralleled with City planning efforts, the City of Tucson had hired consulting firm Buro Hapold to help lead the development of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Information and presentation were given by Timothy Thomure, Assistant City Manager, who initiated the presentation providing an update on the City's climate action planning and implementation efforts from December 2019 to present and provided a glimpse as to future planning and goals. He introduced Chris Rhie and Louis Spanias, Buro Hapold, who continued the presentation.

Mr. Rhie provided information on the vision and background of Buro Hapold, past and current collaborations with various groups and organizations, insight as to the

approach and various practices taken by the firm to achieve their goals, as well as an introduction to the “Project Team” for the City of Tucson.

Mr. Spanias proceeded to provide a presentation on the “Scope of Work” for the City of Tucson Climate Action and Adaptation Plan outlining information on the following topics:

1. City Engagement
2. Marketing and Communication Strategies
3. Community Engagement
4. Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
5. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast
6. Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies
7. Implementation Plan
8. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting Plan
9. Draft and Final Plans

Discussion ensued; comments were made by Council Members Dahl, Cunningham, Lee, and Fimbres.

No formal action was taken.

8. Updates on State and National Legislation and Regional Committees (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-29

Information was provided by Andrew Greenhill, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, who fielded and answered questions relating to bills on the Legislative Agenda, particularly SB 1446 and the “Postal Reform” Bill.

Discussion ensued; comments were made by Mayor Romero and Council Members Kozachik, Cunningham, and Fimbres.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Vice Mayor Santa Cruz absent/excused), to support HB2129, HB2484, HB2485, HB2708, SB1531, SB1634 and oppose HB2001, HB2166, HB2431, HB2447, HB2701, HB2749, HCR2031, SB1003, SB1004, SB1164, SB1166, SB1191, SB1274, SB1446, SB1496.

9. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-31

Council Member Cunningham requested that Consent Agenda Item 7h be considered separately.

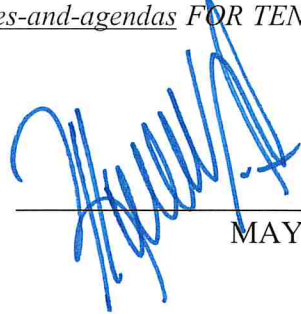
Item 7h	Tucson Code: Amending (Chapter 10) Fiscal Year 2022 Compensation Plan Schedules (City Wide) FEB23-22-55
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10. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas (City Wide) SS/FEB23-22-32

Council Member Dahl requested a Study Session item for a discussion on the Silverbell Rd. widening project.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 3:38 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the study session meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 23rd day of February 2022, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.



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