



Minutes of MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting

Approved by Mayor and Council
on April 8, 2025.

Date of Meeting: November 7, 2024

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in regular session in the Mayor and Council Chambers in City Hall, 255 West Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 5:33 p.m., on Tuesday, November 7, 2024, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Present:

Lane Santa Cruz	Council Member Ward 1(electronic attendance)
Paul Cunningham	Council Member Ward 2
Kevin Dahl	Mayor Pro-Tempore, Council Member Ward 3
Nikki Lee	Council Member Ward 4
Richard Fimbres	Council Member Ward 5(electronic attendance)
Karin Uhlich	Council Member Ward 6

Absent/Excused:

Regina Romero	Mayor
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Staff Members Present:

Timothy Thomure	City Manager
Mike Rankin	City Attorney
Suzanne Mesich	City Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl announced that Council Members Santa Cruz and Fimbres would be participating electronically through Microsoft TEAMS.

(NOTE: Minutes for Item 8 through Item 9 and any Items considered separately for Liquor License Applications and Consent Agenda Items will be transcribed as verbatim minutes.)

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Kelley Dick of Saguario Christian Church.

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by the Mayor and Council and public in attendance.

c. PRESENTATIONS:

No presentations were made at this time.

d. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-318

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl announced City Manager's communication number 318, dated November 7, 2024 was received into and made part of the record. No appointments were made at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl asked if there were any personal appointments to be made.

Council Member Cunningham announced his personal appointment Harold Coleman, long time youth football advocate. He said he was appointing him to the 407 Parks Bond Committee and was really excited about his appointment.

3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-314

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl announced City Manager's communication number 314, dated November 7, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. He also announced this was the time scheduled to allow members of the Mayor and Council and the City Manager to report on current events and asked if there were any reports.

Current event reports were given by Vice Mayor Dahl and Council Members Santa Cruz, Cunningham, Lee, and Fimbres

A recording of this item is available from the City Clerk's Office for ten years from the date of this meeting.

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-315

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl announced City Manager's communication number 315, dated November 7, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. He also announced this was the time scheduled to allow Boards, Committees and Commissions to report on their activities during the past year, as well as, anticipated future activities.

Current event report was given by Timothy M. Thomure, City Manager.

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5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-317

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl announced City Manager's communication number 317, dated November 7, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read the Liquor License Agenda.

b. Liquor License Application(s)

New License(s)

NOTE: State law provides that for a new license application, "In all proceedings before the governing body of a city...the applicant bears the burden of showing that the public convenience requires and that the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of a license". (A.R.S. Section 4-201)

1. Daisy Mae's Steakhouse, Ward 1
City #66-24, Series: 12
Agent: Thomas Robert Aguilera
Address: 2735 W. Anklam Rd.
Action must be taken by: November 10, 2024

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

2. Johnny Gibson Downtown Market, Ward 6
City #67-24, Series: 10
Agent: Kevin Arnold Kramber
Address: 11 S. 6th Ave.
Action must be taken by: November 11, 2024

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

3. Seis Kitchen, Ward 2
City #69-24, Series: 12
Agent: Jake Jesus Munoz Jr.
Address: 6530 E. Tanque Verde Rd. #110
Action must be taken by: November 16, 2024

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

4. Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill #211, Ward 6
City #70-24, Series: 12
Agent: Theresa June Morse
Address: 3421 E. Broadway Blvd.
Action must be taken by: November 17, 2024

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

Person and/or Location Transfer(s)

NOTE: State law provides that for a person and location transfer, Mayor and Council may consider both the applicant's capability, qualifications, reliability and location issues. (A.R.S. Section 4-203; R19-1-102)

5. El Rustico, Ward 3
City #68-24, Series: 7
Agent: Mara Samanatha Almanza Adame
Address: 2281 N. Oracle Rd.
Action must be taken by: November 15, 2024

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

6. Traxide Taproom, Ward 6
City #71-24, Series: 6
Agent: Brenndon Richard Scott
Address: 402 E. 9th St.
Action must be taken by: November 23, 2024

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

c. Special Event(s)

1. The Tucson Rodeo Committee, Inc., Ward 5
City #T95-24
Applicant: Sam Merriman
Address: 4823 S. 6th Ave.
Purpose: The Tucson Rodeo (La Fiesta de los Vaqueros)
Event Date(s): February 15, 2025 - February 23, 2025

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

- d. Agent Change/Acquisition of Control/Restructure
NOTE: The local governing body of the city, town or county may protest the acquisition of control within sixty days based on the capability, reliability and qualification of the person acquiring control. (A.R.S. Section 4-203.F)

1. Traxide Taproom, Ward 6
City #AC4-24, Series: 7
Agent: Brenndon Richard Scott
Address: 402 E. 9th St.
Action must be taken by: November 19, 2024

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with City Requirements.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to forward items 5b1 through 6, 5c1 and 5d1 to the State Liquor Board with a recommendation of APPROVAL.

6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl announced this was the time any member of the public was allowed to address the Mayor and Council on any issue except for items scheduled for a public hearing. Speakers were limited to three-minute presentations.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl also announced that pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, individual Council Members may ask the City Manager to review the matter, ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda, or respond to criticism made by speakers. However, the Mayor and Council may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during “call to the audience.”

Comments were made by:

Ruben Anaya
G. Johnson

Mark Brown
Jarret Regier

Jack M.

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7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS A THROUGH J

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dahl announced the reports and recommendations from the City Manager on the Consent Agenda were received into and made part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read the Consent Agenda.

- a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-316

- b. TUCSON POLICE: ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD FUNDING FROM THE BJA FY24 FORMULA DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR BACKLOG REDUCTION (CEBR) PROGRAM (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-319

Resolution No. 23841 relating to the Tucson Police; accepting the Funding Award from the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the FY24 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program; and declaring an emergency.

- c. TUCSON POLICE: ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD FUNDING FROM THE FY24 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-320

Resolution No. 23842 relating to the Tucson Police; accepting the FY24 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementations Project Grant for Tucson Police Department; and declaring an emergency.

- d. TUCSON POLICE: ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR FY24 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICE (COPS) HIRING PROGRAM (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-321

Resolution No. 23843 relating to the Tucson Police; accepting the Department of Justice FY 2024 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program Grant; and declaring an emergency.

- e. TUCSON POLICE: ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR FY24 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-322

Resolution No. 23844 relating to the Tucson Police Department; accepting the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2024 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program Grant Award; and declaring an emergency.

- f. TUCSON POLICE: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY24 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANTS AWARD (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-323

Resolution No. 23845 relating to the Tucson Police Department; accepting a U.S. Department of Justice FY 2024 Community Policing Development Microgrant and declaring an emergency.

- g. TUCSON POLICE: ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR THE FY24 NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP-CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-324

Resolution No. 23846 relating to the Tucson Police; accepting a \$500,000 FY24 National Public Safety Partnership-Capacity Building Grant from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); and declaring an emergency.

- h. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY'S HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (CITY WIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY) NOV07-24-312

Resolution No. 23839 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements; approving and authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson (City) and Pima County for the continued administration of the County's Housing Choice Voucher Program; and declaring an emergency.

- i. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, AND HOMES INVESTMENT PLAN (P-CHIP) RESOLUTION (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-313

Resolution No. 23840 relating to Housing and Community Development; approving the People, Communities, and Homes Investment Plan (P-CHIP); and declaring an emergency.

- j. ADOPTION OF COMPENSATION PLAN G-3 SCHEDULE CORRECTION (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-326

Ordinance No. 12134 relating to Compensation Plan; amending the Tucson Police Department's G-3 Schedule for Special Assignment Pay; and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Council Member Lee, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), that Consent Agenda Items a – j, be passed and adopted, and the proper action be taken.

8. ECONOMIC INITIATIVES: CONSIDERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY LEASE EXCISE TAX (GPLET) DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT WITH TWO EAST CONGRESS, LLC (WARD 6) NOV07-24-325

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl announced City managers communication 325, dated November 7, 2025, was received into and part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 23847 by number and title only.

Resolution No. 23847 relating to Economic Initiatives and Real Property authorizing and approving the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET) Lease Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and Two East Congress, LLC for their Mixed-Use Development located at 2 E. Congress.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to pass and adopt Resolution 23847.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: Item 8.

Clerk: Economic initiatives, consideration of the government property lease, excise tax, gut development agreement for the proposed mixed-use development with 2 E Congress LLC resolution number 23847.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: City's manager communication number 325 dated November 7th, has received into and made part of the record. Miss Clerk you are requested to read resolution 23847 by number and title only.

Clerk: Resolution No. 23847 relating to Economic Initiatives and Real Property authorizing and approving the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET) Lease Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and Two East Congress, LLC for their Mixed-Use Development located at 2 E. Congress.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: What's the Council's pleasure?

Council Member Uhlich: Mr. Vice Mayor? I would like to first thank our economic development team for working through this and really congratulate and thank the entire to E Congress LLC team and Mr. Wadland. I had the chance to tour this building with the downtown Tucson Partnership, it is really breathtaking and to see it preserved not only the structure and just an incredible building, but some of the original artwork that has been there forever. So they're just doing a fabulous job. And so, with that, I would like to move that we pass and adopt Resolution 23847.

Council Member Lee: Second.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: Any discussion? Roll Call.

Clerk: Mx. Santa Cruz – aye; Mr. Cunningham – aye; Vide Mayor Dahl – aye; Mrs. Lee – aye; Mr. Fimbres – aye; Mx. Uhlich – aye.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: So, Resolution 23847 passes by a vote of 6 to 0. Item 9.

9. **ORDINANCE: ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR HOOKAH LOUNGES AND HOOKAH BARS; ESTABLISHING PROHIBITED HOURS OF OPERATION (CITY WIDE) NOV07-24-327**

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl announced City managers communication 325, dated November 7, 2025, was received into and part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 12133 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 12133 relating to Business Regulations; Amending Tucson Code, Chapter 7, Businesses Regulated, Article XIX, Tobacco Retail Establishments, by amending Section 7-427 to add definitions relating to Hookah Bars; adding a new Section 7-737, Hookah Bars-Special Requirements; establishing an effective date of December 8, 2024: and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to pass and adopt Ordinance 12133.

Mike Rankin, City Attorney, commented with the adoption of Ordinance 12133, the regulations will go into effect December 8, 2024, allowing time to individually notify hookah lounges of the new requirements.

City Clerk: Ordinance establishing regulations for hookah lounges and hookah bars, establishing prohibited hours of Operation, Ordinance number 12133

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: City managers communication number 327 dated November 7, is received into and may part of the record. Miss Clerk, you are requested to read Ordinance 12133 by number and title only.

Clerk: Ordinance No. 12133 relating to Business Regulations; Amending Tucson Code, Chapter 7, Businesses Regulated, Article XIX, Tobacco Retail Establishments, by amending Section 7-427 to add definitions relating to Hookah Bars; adding a new Section 7-737, Hookah Bars-Special Requirements; establishing an effective date of December 8, 2024: and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: What is the Council's pleasure?

Council Member Uhlich: I would like to thank Council Member Fimbres for bringing this forward with me, and particularly to thank the leadership in the team at TPD for really helping us to understand the Nexus of what we're seeing at hookah lounge establishments and violent crime and real concerns for our Community, I also want to thank the city Attorney for working with us to try and figure out how we could begin to get at this and support our community and TPD in response. So, I don't know if colleagues have questions but I'm certainly ready to move the item. If there's a, we can have discussion, OK? So, I move the item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: Any Discussion? Any questions from anybody? Roll call.

Clerk: Mx. Santa Cruz – aye; Mr. Cunningham – aye; Vice Mayor Dahl – aye; Mrs. Lee – aye; Mr. Fimbres – aye; Mx. Uhlich – aye.

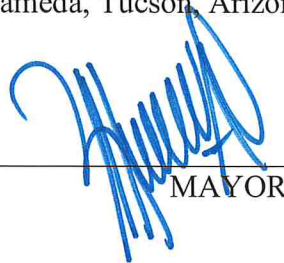
Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: Ordinance 12133 passes by a vote of 6 to 0. Item 10.

Mike Rankin, City Attorney: Before we go to item 10, I'll want to make a quick announcement with that. With your adoption of Ordinance 12133, the regulations included in the Ordinance will go into effect December 8th, so it'll be 30 days from now. That'll give us an opportunity to give individual notice to the hookah lounges, about the new requirements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dahl: Thank you Mr. Rankin, any others? Ok. Item 10.

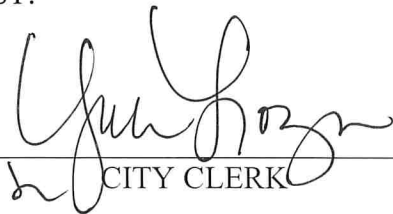
10. ADJOURNMENT: 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Romero announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.



MAYOR

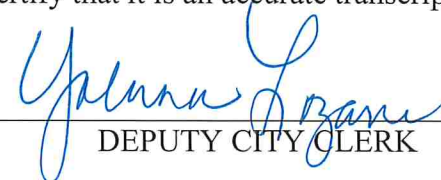
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CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 7th day of November 2024, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.



DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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