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## Minutes of MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting

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Approved by Mayor and Council  
on March 4, 2025.

Date of Meeting: October 8, 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 5:36 p.m., on Tuesday, October 8, 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
Kevin Dahl	Vice Mayor, Council Member Ward 3
Nikki Lee	Council Member Ward 4
Richard G. Fimbres	Council Member Ward 5 (electronic attendance)
Karin Uhlich	Council Member Ward 6 (electronic attendance)
Regina Romero	Mayor

Absent/Excused:

Paul Cunningham	Council Member Ward 2
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Staff Members Present:

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

Mayor Romero announced that Council Members Fimbres and Uhlich would be participating electronically through Microsoft TEAMS.

**(NOTE: Minutes for Item 8 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 Carla Inclan, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office.

**b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**c. PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Mayor Romero proclaimed October 2024 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."
2. Mayor Romero proclaimed October 12, 2024, to be "Louis Bernal Day."
3. Mayor Romero proclaimed October 9, 2024, to be "Arizona Serve Day for the Elimination of Poverty."

**d. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-290**

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 290, dated October 8, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. She asked for a motion to approve the appointments in the report.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Dahl, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Cunningham absent/excused), to approve the appointment of Halley Hughes to the Environmental Services Advisory Committee.

Mayor Romero asked if there were any personal appointments to be made.

No personal appointments were made at this time.

**3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-288**

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 288, dated October 8, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. She also announced this was the time scheduled to allow members of the Mayor and Council to report on current events and asked if there were any reports.

Current event reports were given by Mayor Romero, Vice Mayor Dahl and Council Members Santa Cruz 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) OCT08-24-289**

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 289, dated October 8, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. She also announced this was the time scheduled to allow the City Manager to report on current events and asked if there were any reports.

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

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**5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-291**

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 291, dated October 8, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. She 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. A Webooo Mexican Bar and Grill Restaurant, Ward 6  
City #59-24, Series:12  
Applicant: Jose Pablo Rojo  
Address: 605 N. 4th Ave.  
Action must be taken by: October 12, 2024

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

2. Forbes Meat Co., Ward 6  
City #60-24, Series: 12  
Agent: Benjamin Michael Forbes  
Address: 747 S. 6th Ave. #151  
Action must be taken by: October 14, 2024

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

3. QN Market, Ward 1  
City #61-24, Series: 10  
Agent: Mutahar Muthanna Saeed  
Address: 5242 S. 12th Ave.  
Action must be taken by: October 18, 2024

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

4. Snag, Ward 6  
City #62-24, Series: 10  
Applicant: Nathaniel Pierce Belcher  
Address: 1712 E. Speedway Blvd.  
Action must be taken by: October 20, 2024

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

#### Person and 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. Rustico 2, Ward 5  
City #58-24, Series: 7  
Agent: Mara Samanatha Almanza Adame  
Address: 1830 S. Park Ave.  
Action must be taken by: October 11, 2024

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

#### c. Special Event(s)

1. Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, Ward 6  
City #T77-24  
Applicant: Renee Shane-Boyd  
Address: 5620 E. Pima St.  
Purpose: Fundraiser  
Event Date(s): November 7, 2024

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

2. Perimeter Bicycling Association of America, Inc., Ward 1  
City #T79-24  
Applicant: Thomas Juskiewicz  
Address: 260 S. Church Ave.  
Purpose: 41st El Tour de Tucson  
Event Date(s): November 21, 2024 - November 23, 2024

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

3. Northwest Moose Lodge No. 2543, Ward 3  
City #T81-24  
Applicant: Dan Foster  
Address: 1102 W. Grant Rd.  
Purpose: SlaughterHouse Haunted House  
Event Date(s): 10/24/2024 - 11/2/2024

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

4. Living Streets Alliance, Ward 6  
City #T86-24  
Applicant: Madeline Burchet McUvre  
Address: 200 S. 6th Ave.  
Purpose: Cyclovia Tucson  
Event Date(s): October 27, 2024

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

5. Coyote TaskForce, Ward 6  
City #T89-24  
Applicant: Jeffrey Grobe  
Address: 54 E. Pennington St. / 66 E. Pennington St.  
Purpose: Night for the Living  
Event Date(s): October 26, 2024

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

6. Reveille Men's Chorus, Ward 1  
City #T90-24  
Applicant: Jason Ckristafer Baker  
Address: 325 W. 2nd St.  
Purpose: Cabooret 2024 Concert and Silent Auction  
Event Date(s): October 19, 2024

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

7. Sallie Hunt Foundation, Ward 6  
City #T93-24  
Applicant: Ryan Wieczorek  
Address: 160 S. Scott Ave.  
Purpose: Haunted Tavern  
Event Date(s): October 24, 2024 - October 27, 2024

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

8. Southern Arizona Blues Heritage Foundation, Ward 1  
City #T94-24  
Applicant: Paul Bear  
Address: 3700 S. La Cholla Blvd.  
Purpose: Blues Heritage Festival 2024  
Event Date(s): October 26, 2024

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

d. Agent Change/Acquisition of Control/Restructure

NOTE: There are no application(s) for Agent Change/Acquisition of Control/Restructure scheduled for this meeting.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Dahl, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Cunningham absent/excused), to forward items 5b1 through 5, and 5c1 through 5c8 to the State Liquor Board with a recommendation of approval.

**6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Mayor Romero 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 Romero 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:

Paul Weir  
Jarrett Regier  
Xavier Martinez

Mohyeddin Abul Aziz  
Ruben Vega  
Brad Holland

Sarah Roberts  
Isabel Garcia



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**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Romero announced the reports and recommendations from the City Manager on the Consent Agenda were received into and made part of the record. She asked the City Clerk to read the Consent Agenda.

- a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-287
- b. BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS: AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-295

Resolution No. 23831 relating to Boards and Commissions; amending the Metropolitan Education Commission to Decrease Membership from 39 members to 29 members, and to amend the terms of Commissioners and Governance Structure; and declaring an emergency.

- c. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT (IGA): WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF TUCSON FOR FUNDING RELATED TO THE AVANZA REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-297

Resolution No. 23833 relating to Economic Development and Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA); approving an Amendment to the IGA between the City of Tucson and the Industrial Development Authority of The City of Tucson, Arizona (IDA), for funding for the Avanza Revolving Loan Program and other small business assistance programs.

- d. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF PIMA COUNTY (RTA) FOR THE VALENCIA ROAD, I-19 TO ALVERNON ROAD PROJECT (WARDS 1 AND 5) OCT08-24-283

Resolution No. 23825 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) and Transportation; authorizing and approving an IGA between the City of Tucson (City) and the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County (RTA) to provide funding for the Valencia Road, I-19 to Alvernon Road Improvement Project; and declaring an emergency.

- e. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF PIMA COUNTY (RTA) FOR THE HARRISON ROAD, NEW BRIDGE OVER THE PANTANO WASH AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (WARD 4) OCT08-24-284

Resolution No. 23826 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAS) and Transportation; authorizing and approving an IGA between the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County (RTA) and the City of Tucson (City) for the Harrison Road, new bridge over the Pantano Wash and drainage improvements project; and declaring an emergency.

- f. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR THE INCARCERATION OF CITY PRISONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-285

Resolution No. 23827 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA); approving and authorizing the Execution of an IGA between the City of Tucson (City) and Pima County for the Incarceration of City Prisoners for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25); and declaring an emergency.

- g. GRANT AGREEMENT: WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT (WARDS 4 AND 6) OCT08-24-296

Resolution No. 23832 relating to Housing and Community Development; Authorizing acceptance of the FY 2024 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in the amount of \$500,000 to be used to launch Phase 2 of the 29th street Thrive Zone Initiative and creating 1 Grant-Funded Position; and declaring an emergency.

- h. PARKS AND RECREATION: NAMING NEWLY ACQUIRED PARK KHA DANG PARK AT 1933 N. BELL AVE. (WARD 6) OCT08-24-292

Resolution No. 23829 relating to Parks and Recreation; authorizing and approving the naming of a newly acquired park located at 1933 N. Bell Avenue as the “Kha Dang Park;” and declaring an emergency.

- i. RESOLUTION: SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE SANTA CRUZ RIVER URBAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF INTERIOR (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-293

Resolution No. 23828 a Resolution of the City of Tucson Mayor and Council; Calling on Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland to create the Santa Cruz River Urban National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Arizona; Recognizing and Celebrating its Rich History and Importance; and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately.)



- j. FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: WITH METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024/25 (CITY WIDE) OCT08-24-298

Resolution No. 23834 relating to Financial Participation Agreements; authorizing and approving a Financial Participation Agreement with the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; and declaring an emergency.

- k. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: APPROVING THE IMPACT FEE SUBSIDY REQUEST FOR FAMILY HOUSING RESOURCES INC (FHR) EMERY PARK PLACE (WARD 5) OCT08-24-294

Resolution No. 23830 relating to Affordable Housing and Development Impact Fees; Authorizing and Approving an Affordable Housing Impact Fee Subsidy for Emery Park Place; and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Dahl, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Cunningham absent/excused), that Consent Agenda Items a – k, with the exception of Item i, which was considered separately, be passed and adopted and the proper action be taken.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS I**

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Mike Rankin, City Attorney, read the following addition to Resolution 23828 into the record:

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz River has roots in Spanish and Mexican history, starting in the late 1600s. Geographic and architectural features include the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, Mission Garden, Tumacacori National Historical Park, Raul M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch and San Xavier del Bac Mission; and

WHEREAS, water from the river has flowed through the region's acequias for the farming of crops for peoples' survival. Rancherias, community farms with animals, gardens, cattle and horses dot the Santa Cruz River. In the barrios along the river,

rancheria families still use the channel to work their horses, which are central to a multi-generational culture and traditional way of life; and

WHEREAS, the ecologically and culturally rich Santa Cruz River flows through the heart of a fast-growing metropolitan area of over 1 million people anchored by the City of Tucson. After generations of population growth, settler diversions, and groundwater overuse, the perennial surface flows vanished, with the river all but drying up except during heavy seasonal rains. There are few elders remaining who remember the river running perennially; and

It was moved by Council Member Santa Cruz, duly seconded and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Cunningham absent/excused), to pass and adopt Consent Agenda Item i and the proper action taken.

**8. ZONING: TP-ENT-0624-00013 SONORAN SOUTH ANNEXATION DISTRICT PIMA COUNTY RURAL HOMESTEAD (RH) ZONE TO CITY OF TUCSON RURAL HOMESTEAD (RH) ZONE (WARD 5) OCT08-24-286**

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 286, dated October 8, 2024, was received into and made part of the record. She said this was a request to establish original city zoning for the Sonoran South Annexation District. The district consists of a parcel located south of Old Vail Connection Road and east of Swan Road. Original City Zoning is required by Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) Title 9-471.L and the Unified Development Code (UDC) Section 4.6. The Pima County Rural Homestead (RH) Zone would be translated to the City of Tucson Rural Homestead (RH) Zone.

Mayor Romero announced the City Manager recommends approval of the ordinance. She asked if the applicant or representative were present and agreeable to the proposed requirements

Barbra Coffee, Director of Economic Initiatives on behalf of the property owner stated they were agreeable to the proposed requirements.

Mayor Romero asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 12128 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 12128 relating to Zoning: establishing Original City Zoning in the area located South of Old Vail Road Connection Road and East of Swan Road in Case TP-ENT-0624-00013 Sonoran South Annexation District, Pima County RH to City of Tucson RH.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Cunningham absent/excused), to pass and adopt Ordinance 12128.

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**Mayor Romero:** Item 8

**Clerk:** Zoning TP-ENT-0624-013 Sonoran South Annexation District, Pima County Rural Homestead (RH) Zone to City of Tucson, Rural Homestead (RH) Zone in Ward 5, Ordinance 12128.

**Mayor Romero:** City managers communication number 286, dated October 8th, is received into and made part of the record. This is a request to establish original city zoning for the Sonoran S annexation district. The district consists of a parcel located South of Old Vale Connection Road and east of Swan Rd. Original city zoning is required by Arizona revised statutes title 9-471.L what if it is or I? And the Unified Development Code section 4.6 the Pima County Rural Homestead Zone would be translated to the City of Tucson Rural Homestead Zone. The city manager recommends approval of the ordinance is the applicant or representative of the applicant present?

**Barbra Coffee, Economic Initiatives Director:** Evening, Honorable Mayor, Members of Council, Barbara Coffee, Director Economic Initiatives on behalf of this item.

**Mayor Romero:** Would you like to do a small presentation? Do you have anything to add for this item?

**Director Coffee:** I can share absolutely Mayor, Members of Council. This represents an 80-acre parcel recently annexed and as you said is...is here for its translational zoning. It is property of the Tucson Airport Authority and it is an item where there were no protests in this in the recommendation by the zoning examiner, is to move forward and hopefully this will bring about future opportunities for us in in terms of the airport's ability to bring quality jobs and economic development in the future, but right now it is original zoning.

**Mayor Romero:** Director Coffee, do you know if the if the property owners or the applicants or representatives are agreeable to the proposed requirements, I...I usually have to ask that bylaw.

**Ms. Coffee:** Yes, they are agreeable.

**Mayor Romero:** OK. Any questions or comments on this item? Alrighty. So, what is the Council's pleasure on this item?

**Council Member Fimbres:** Madam Mayor, I move to pass and adopt Ordinance 12128.

**Council Member Uhlich:** Second.

**Mayor Romero:** So, there's a motion to pass the original city zoning and adopt Ordinance 12128. There is a second, any further discussion on this item? Hearing none, we do need to go to roll call.

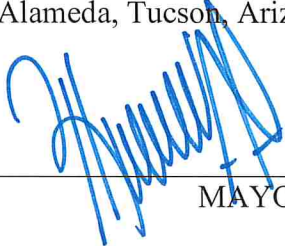
**Clerk:** 1st I'll read the ordinance by number and title only if that's OK. Ordinance No. 12128 relating to Zoning: establishing Original City Zoning in the area located South of Old Vail Road Connection Road and East of Swan Road in Case TP-ENT-0624-00013 Sonoran South Annexation District, Pima County RH to City of Tucson RH.

Mx Santa Cruz – aye; Mr. Dahl – aye; Mrs. Lee – aye; Mr. Fimbres – aye; Mx. Uhlich; Mayor Romero – aye.

**Mayor Romero:** Ordinance 12128 passes by a vote of 6 to 0. Item 9.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** 6:52 p.m.

Mayor Romero announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.

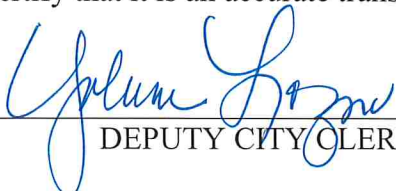
  
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CITY CLERK

**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 8th day of October 2024, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.

  
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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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