



Minutes of MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting

Approved by Mayor and Council
on March 3, 2026.

Date of Meeting: August 19, 2025

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 5:40 p.m., on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 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:

Regina Romero	Mayor
Lane Santa Cruz	Vice Mayor, Council Member Ward 1
Paul Cunningham	Council Member Ward 2
Kevin Dahl	Council Member Ward 3
Nikki Lee	Council Member Ward 4
Rocque Perez II	Council Member Ward 5
Karin Uhlich	Council Member Ward 6

Absent/Excused:

None

Staff Members Present:

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

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

a. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Randy Reynolds, Community Renewal.

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 August 23, 2025 to be "Tucson 250+ Celebration Year"
2. Mayor Romero and Council Member Cunningham presented a plaque to the Ridenour Family in honor of the naming Field #3 at Udall Park after Chase Ridenour.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7cc**

cc. NAMING FIELD #3 AT UDALL PARK AFTER CHASE RIDENOUR (WARD 2) AUG19-25-261, WARD 2

Resolution No. 23984

(This item was taken out of order.)

Comments were provided by Council Member Cunningham.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to approve Resolution No. 23984.

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

d. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-256

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 256, dated August 19, 2025, 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 Council Member Perez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to appoint Ann Miskey and Logan Havens to the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development (CEHD).

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

Mayor Romero announced City Manager’s communication number 228, dated August 19, 2025, 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.

Comments were made by Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, Council Member Uhlich and Mayor Romero.

4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Romero announced City Manager’s communication number 229, dated August 19, 2025, 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 for that report.

Comments were made by Timothy M. Thomure, City Manager.

5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Romero announced City Manager’s communication number 263, dated August 19, 2025, 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. Time Market, Ward 6
City #37-25, Series: 6
Agent: Peter Thomas Wilke
Address: 444 E. University Blvd.
Action must be taken by: August 23, 2025

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

2. The Saddle, Ward 6
City #38-25, Series: 12
Agent: Kevin Arnold Kramber
Address: 820 E. University Blvd.
Action must be taken by: August 30, 2025

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

3. Lomo Grill, Ward 6
City 39-25, Series: 12
Agent: Jason Eugene Scott
Address: 1521 N. Wilmot Rd.
Action must be taken by: September 7, 2025

Tucson Police Department and Business Services Department-Investigation Services have indicated the applicant is in compliance with City requirements.

Planning and Development Services Department has indicated the applicant is not in compliance with City requirements.

This item was considered separately.

Location Transfer(s)

NOTE: State law provides that for a location transfer, Mayor and Council may consider whether the public convenience requires and that the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of a license at that location. (A.R.S. Section 4-203; Rule R19-1-102)

4. Circle K Store #9598, Ward 2
City #40-25, Series: 9
Agent: Maria Danielle Burgess
Address: 5502 E. Grant Rd.
Action must be taken by: September 8, 2025

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

Written Argument(s): Opposed

This item was considered separately.

c. Special Event(s)

1. Watershed Management Group, Ward 6
City #T46-25
Applicant: Todd Joseph Hanley
Address: 1137 N. Dodge Blvd.
Purpose: Beavers and Brews
Event Date(s): September 30, 2025

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

2. Tucson Botanical Gardens, Ward 6
City #T47-25
Applicant: Mary Ann Confrey
Address: 2150 N. Alvernon Way
Purpose: Frida & Fifty Gala Fundraiser
Event Date(s): October 10, 2025

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

3. Tucson Celtic Festival Association, Ward 3
City #T48-25
Applicant: Angela Marie Nelson
Address: 4502 N. 1st Ave.
Purpose: 39th Annual Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games
Event Date(s): October 24, 2025 - October 26, 2025

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

4. Reveille Men's Chorus, Ward 1
City #T49-25
Applicant: Tuan Minh Vo
Address: 325 W. 2nd St.
Purpose: Caboret 2025 Concert and Silent Auction
Event Date(s): October 18, 2025

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

5. United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, Ward 1
City #T50-25
Applicant: Stephanie Goetz
Address: 600 S. Meyer Ave.
Purpose: Toast to Tucson
Event Date(s): September 19, 2025

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

6. Second Sky, Ward 5
City #T51-25
Applicant: Roslyn Elise Norman
Address: 4141 E. Irvington Rd.
Purpose: Raytheon Family Day
Event Date(s): September 20, 2025

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

7. Sonoran Glass School, Ward 1
City #T54-25
Applicant: Debra Ann Ruzinsky
Address: 633 W. 18th St.
Purpose: Fall Season Kickoff Fundraiser
Event Date(s): September 5, 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. 3602 Chevron, Ward 3
City #AC8-25, Series: 10
Agent: Thomas Robert Aguilera
Address: 3602 N. Oracle Rd.
Action must be taken by: August 25, 2025

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 7 to 0, to forward 5b1, 5b2, and 5c1 through 5c7 to the State liquor board with a recommendation of approval.

It was moved by Council Member Dahl, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forward 5d1 to State liquor board with a recommendation of approval.

5. LIQUOR LICENSES APPLICATIONS

- b. New License(s)

3. Lomo Grill, Ward 6, City 39-25

(This item was considered separately.)

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forward to the State Liquor Board with a recommendation for denial, but the denial would be withdrawn, and approval would be granted if they came into compliance with the PDSB requirements.

Mayor Romero: There are a couple that we will be considering separately, correct.

Clerk: Yes, your Honor, the first item is item 5b3, Lomo Grill and Ward 6.

Mayor Romero: Council Member Uhlich.

Council Member Uhlich: Thank you. I'm wondering if the agent Jason Scott is present or a representative of the owner of Lomo Grill? OK, even though that's not the case, I read through the materials on the failure to meet certain requirements with Planning and Development Services, and I appreciate that typically, if that's the case, we just kind of go to a recommendation of denial. However, if this business doesn't achieve the liquor license by September 7th, which is before our next meeting, they'll lose their lease. And I just hate to see, you know a restaurant struggle. And so, I'm wondering, Mr. Attorney, if I could move forward with a recommendation for approval in Quorum. I'm looking at you contingent on filing the required floor plan. In advance of the Liquor License Board's meeting, something like that.

City Attorney Mike Rankin: Honorable Mayor, Council Member Uhlich, you can do that, but what I would recommend is sort of the flip side of that is to recommend denial. But the denial would be withdrawn, and approval would be granted if they came into compliance with the PDSD recommendation. So that just kind of puts their feet to the fire more.

Council Member Uhlich: So, moved.

Council Member Dahl: Second.

Mayor Romero: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

All: Aye

Mayor Romero: Any against? Motion carries.

5. LIQUOR LICENSES APPLICATIONS

b. Location Transfer

Circle K Store #9598, Ward 2, City #40-25

(This item was considered separately.)

City Attorney Rankin read into the record the various elements of the applicable administrative regulation that set out the criteria for the basis for a recommendation for denial. The implicated sections of the administrative rule are 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 and those refer to the petitions and testimony from persons in favor or opposed to the license. Who reside in own or lease property in close proximity?

He said the testimony that was offered here tonight was by people who follow within that category. Other bases that were raised tonight and are factors in your recommendation are the number and series of licenses already in close proximity, the

evidence concerning the nature of the proposed business, its market and its likely customers, the effect of vehicular traffic in close proximity, and the compatibility of the proposed business with other activity.

He said in close proximity, the effect or impact of the proposed premises on businesses or a residential neighborhood is activities may be affected by granting the license and finally, proximity to licensed childcare facilities.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forward to the State Liquor Board with a recommendation for denial.

Clerk: Your Honor, the second item to be considered separately is item 5b4 Circle K in Ward 2.

Mayor Romero: Council Member Cunningham.

Council Member Cunningham: We have multiple speaker cards on this item. I've got eight cards, I think I was going to invite the applicant first, or how do we do?

Mayor Romero: I think we can invite the applicant and then you could have the those that are here to speak on it.

Council Member Cunningham: Why don't we have Andrea come up first and talk about the process?

Attorney Andrea Lewkowitz: Good afternoon, Mayor, Council. My name is Andrea Lewkowitz. I'm an attorney for Circle K Corporation for this application. If it's OK with you, we're going to have, as you can see, that we have three speaker cards. I asked Jordan Ridberg to go first and then Troy, and then I will. If that's OK? Thanks very much.

Council Member Cunningham: that's fine.

Real Estate Manager for Circle K Stores Jordan Ridberg: Good evening, Mayor and Council. I appreciate your time tonight. My name is Jordan Ridberg, and I am the real estate development manager for Circle K. Tonight with me, I have Troy Beatty, our Director of Operations. Troy lives in Tucson and manages operations for the entirety of our Southern Arizona network, as well as Andrea Lewkowitz our Council.

We are here tonight seeking Council's recommendation for approval of a Class 9 liquor license for our 2B constructed store at the southeast corner of Grant and Craycroft, where the vacant bank branch building sits today. This application would effectively move our liquor license from the existing Circle K store at the northeast corner to the southeast corner of the very same intersection.

This project represents one of the first pieces of a large-scale optimization plan we have for our network in Tucson. It is no secret that as part of our established network in Tucson, we have many small, tired assets that have served this community for 30-40 and in some cases 50 years or longer. These stores have served their useful life. But are no longer representative of who Circle K is today or who we want to be in the future. This project is a prime example of our commitment to invest significantly in revitalizing and reimagining our network presence in Tucson, with the ultimate goal of providing a better experience for both our customers and our employees.

Relocating the store will allow us to provide a larger parking lot for safer vehicular and pedestrian ingress, egress, and circulation. A cleaner, safer store with two to four times the number of employees, better lighting, as well as 30 security cameras inside and out, as well as being able to bring food and beverage offerings for the Community we serve, in which we do not currently have the floors space to sell, all while bringing a significantly enhanced architectural and landscape design to the intersection.

I would like to bring Troy Beatty up to speak on some operational initiatives that we are taking to improve the overall safety and security of our stores, as well as some actions we are taking to build and foster meaningful partnerships with the city for the overall betterment of the Community we jointly serve. Thank you.

Circle K Director of Operations Troy Beatty: Good evening, Mayor and Council, and my neighbors. My name is Troy Beatty. I'm the Director of Operations for Circle K in Southern Arizona. I'm a long-time Tucson resident. I went to school here; this is my hometown. I actually live in Ward 2, just two blocks away from the proposed location. I'm proud to lead a team of almost 1200 employees from Marana all the way down in Nogales, and I am proud that Circle K does to help support our community. You may not know, but we support a number of communities in Tucson, like United Cerebral Palsy, Children's Advocacy Center, Wounded Warrior, The Centurions Kodak, and the Lupus Foundation. Tucson Chamber of Commerce, Kart, and 88 Crime, where I'm actually a Board Member with 88 Crime. We purchased trained police dogs for the Tucson Police Department and the Pima County Sheriff, and we also support smaller neighborhood groups like HOAs, Little Leagues, and we even do tree planting around Tucson.

You as the leader of 122 plus stores in southern Arizona. I'm really focused on some key areas, basic ones like customer service, friendly sales representatives and clean stores, but really important ones like providing a safe environment for employees and our customers.

We employ state-of-the-art video equipment tied to a live 24/7 support team. We have roving security guards, remote surveillance units called LVTs that can be connected directly with TPD. You may see them around little blue lights and things like that. We can put those in some stores as well. In some locations, we use pass-through Windows. Most stores don't even use cash at night. That's really helped our safety from prior years. It's really been a big change.

We have extensive training programs, and in this case, we're talking about a liquor license. We do restricted sales training with all employees twice a year. I just finished mine last week again.

It's getting to be monotonous, but I still do it twice a year. Most of my network, as you heard, are pretty old. You go to some stores, two gas pumps, something like that. Hard to get in, hard to get out.

They're falling apart, and my goal is to build bigger, prettier stores and maybe close some of these older ones that are hard to get in and hard to get out of. I've updated probably around 60 stores. And maybe you've gone in and seen some of the food service in the new tile, but some of my stores are just way too old to do that with, and I believe that Circle K can better serve our community, my neighbors with a nicer, brighter, and safer stores, and we are reducing the amount of our older stores.

Ms. Lewkowitz: So, you heard from Jordan and Troy about facilities and operations, and of course I'm here to bore you with the law. We know that when we are considering whether to grant a license for a specific location, there are certain things that the law tells us to consider. We did not hear back and received 8 letters of protest from neighboring, or I assume their neighbors for I was able to locate the property. The medical office building immediately South of the proposed site.

And there were employees who also said letters, but there was no reference to whether they reside owner lease property within one mile of the proposed premises. Which again, if we look at administrative Code Rule 19-1-702, we're limited to considering people's opinions. Those who live or own or lease property within one mile, we sent a note out to each of the people who sent a letter of protest in asking them, inviting them to call, write, schedule a time, and did not hear from a single person. I actually just overheard a gentleman in the back kind of proudly say that he received an e-mail. He didn't know I was behind him and said I received an e-mail, but I didn't answer because I knew it only helped Circle K. Well for us, we look at that as a problem with communication. And while Circle K may have miscommunicated some information early on, having fail to notify Councilman Cunningham that this application was coming. Maybe he would have had some suggestions for us smooth ahead. However, here we are tonight, and we have the law in front of us, and we're supposed to consider what anyone who resides owns releases property within that one mile. Without a response to my e-mail, I have no idea what their problem is with this application.

There were general allegations about alcohol use. That's not helpful to us in understanding the law. Under what circumstances would that be an appropriate basis to recommend disapproval. This is not a liquor store; it is a general merchandise store that sells fuel to people. The customers pick up, they're ready to eat meals, snacks, and everyday household personal items. You know, they come in for everything from chewing gum. And then maybe you know and yes, they can get beer, wine and spirits, but liquor is not the primary revenue source for these stores. It is also not a bar.

This is for off premises consumption. People go into the store, they buy their items, is put in a bag, they take them away and they drive away. Just like any other general merchandise store or grocery store. Drug Store any of those places you don't expect people to be standing there drinking outside and that's not going to be allowed ever.

One of the issues that also has been brought to our attention is that under Section L of the Rule, the proximity of the proposed premises to a licensed child facility can be considered as well. And it's true there is a licensed childcare facility just east of the proposed site. Interestingly, they did not protest this license. We have not heard from the owner. I visited with an employee 15-year employee there as late as this afternoon, who told me that their only concern was related to traffic. They had actually already agreed to a cross-access easement for the space, the drive area between the parcels, and we looked at the site. And realize that on that West side there is a wrought iron fence, while on the South and East side of their property they have a block fence.

So, I went back in, and I said, gosh, why don't you have a block wall fence here? They said that would be great. I said we'll be happy to work with you. So that would be something that would alleviate their concerns about traffic. They're not concerned about alcohol. It seems to me that whatever reason. We've seen in the letters that we did receive are using the alcohol as a reason to avoid having the store there, but I don't understand what reason that is. Again, without anyone responding to us, we are more than willing to communicate to work with them to know what the neighbors want.

Circle K has been on that northeast corner for 45 years. Certainly, well before most of anybody else was out there so this is Circle K's neighborhood too. Do they want it to be successful? They want everyone to be safe; the safety and security of the employees, the staff and the neighbors is the most important thing to them. So, we invite any neighbors to bring their concerns to us. Again, no one responded, it's difficult for us to communicate with someone without getting anything in return.

Anyway, again, it's off premises consumption. You know, if you drop into you know any number of stores, everything from Costco or Safeway, Trader Joe's or those are premises licenses, they're the same thing. I'll go back to the law every chance we can to say let's focus on what does matter, how we can work together to be successful and meet the criteria for the issuance of the license. Thank you so much for your time.

Council Member Cunningham: All right. So, thank you, Circle K for all your comments will now bring up Darren Davenport. He's one of the neighbors. I've got six cards from neighbors.

Comments were made by Darren Davenport, Sajit Vinayak, Joanne Trego, Jim Trego, and Adam Pershing,

Council Member Cunningham: Ok, a couple of things, and I want to start by saying that I'm a Circle K rewards member, I shop there, I used to work there. I actually worked the graveyard at Circle K at Speedway and Swan. There's a couple people here actually remember me doing that in 96 – 97. And I don't have any hate on Circle K, I didn't really know much about this project until the Tanque Verde Valley, and the Tanque Verde and Houghton permit was pulled. And so, then I called Circle K, and they came and spoke. They were responsive, and they came and spoke with me and so I want to give them credit where credit is due; they've tried. They started this dialogue, but as we kind of started as we started to have this dialogue, I started to talk and investigate a lot of these issues that we're having. And it got pointed out to me that they've now

had multiple plans to reset stores that have been stymied by either the liquor license process, the rezoning process, or just neighborhood interference.

One of them is on the east side at 22nd and Prudence. They had a plan to do something there where they're going to be, and the negative feelings from just the community in general kind of overwhelmed that project. The same thing happened to Drexel and Tucson, and the same thing happened at Golf Links and Craycroft. So, something's got to give. So, I checked with the Tucson Police Department. They couldn't put the numbers together because there are too many incidents. Circle K to put them together. The estimation is approximately 60% of our hotspot addresses are Circle K's. And our bigger problem is that this current location is within 1/4 mile, we've had 784 calls for service in the last 2 1/2 years. For those of you counting at home, that's an average of .83, almost one call service per day, and that is not good.

Also, I can say that I spoke with Old Fort Little Neighbor Association, who is opposed. All that being said, we kind of ran out of time here. I actually think there is a pathway to have some dialogue with Circle K and talk about how we legislate or how we regulate selling minis, and convenience stores. The mini bottles, how we talk about night security, how we talk about what they're going to do.

That was one other piece to this the neighbors are very concerned that once this building is vacated and the new Circle K would possibly go up. What would happen to the old building across the street? What would it become, and who would rent it? And then finally, there are 21 liquor licenses within a mile, and that isn't counting the Circle K that's one mile and 18 feet away, which is a problem. There is a convenience store in every direction a mile away, including Pima and Wilmot, which is another Circle K. And there's a 7 Eleven at Pima and Craycroft next door to a liquor store at Pima and Craycroft, so when we get into all these things, it's really hard for me as a Council person to recommend approval. I just can't do it, but I do say it's important that we look for everybody who's annoyed with Circle K on the other thing is again with Circle K. And this is something I firsthand experience with the workers aren't organized, I tried.

So, the big thing is that our biggest discussion for everybody who wants to get mad at Circle K, and whatever, just remember, there were times in your life where getting a Slurpee and going there was a thing, and it's got potential, and they have potential to be good community partners. But we've got to hit kind of the reset button with them. So, I want to start that dialogue now, but I can't. We have not really even gotten there; we had to rush this thing over. They have a partner out of Dallas that's kind of their landlord and partner in this. Who are they trying to rush this thing through, and we just can't find a pathway to do that, but I think that there is a pathway to have some meaningful dialogue with this group? And try to move something forward. As you heard, Troy Beatty says he's a Tucsonan. He's an east-sider, and he's been with Circle K for 20 years. He cares about our community, and Mr. Rydberg drove down from Phoenix again and has been on the phone with me. Like all week, they're not bad people. They're just caught up in something that is an unmanageable situation for the city. So, with that, I'm going to move recommended denial.

Council Member Dahl: Second.

Mayor Romero: There is a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Council Woman Lee.

Council Member Lee: Thank you, Mayor. Paul, I'm absolutely going to support your motion. I just want to say that I have also heard this from other convenience stores like QT. So with this is you know, I have a level of compassion for what Circle K is going through as well because these things are happening on their property, and I'm curious to the City Manager, given the data that the Council member provided with the number of instances that happen at these types of stores. If there's anything we can look at from the TPD standpoint for some sort of programming to assist, because it almost seems like this is an attraction to attract a lot of this activity that spills over into the community. So, how do we get at that a little bit better? I'm definitely curious if we could look into that a little bit.

City Manager Timothy M. Thomure: Honorable Mayor and members of the Council, certainly can work with the Chief on what strategies might be available to us. We do have ongoing dialogue with some of the convenience store operators in the valley already for a similar type of programming, and similar type of dealing with the issues and partnering on that. Happy to engage with Circle K in a similar way.

Mayor Romero: Council Member Perez.

Council Member Perez: I was just about to speak to that, and you know, I think that just comparatively, Quick Trip has actively engaged with Council Members on how to engage with the unhoused community. How to combat certain behaviors around our stores, and so you know, I think just as a comparator, that might be something worth considering and engaging with the city more proactively on that front. I know that right now they're already engaging with our community Health and Wellness Program on how to actually collaborate with us on that front. Because this is so Paul's point, I think a larger issue at hand. So, with that, I'll still support the motion there, but I think there is a path forward on engaging with the city more closely.

Mayor Romero: I wanted to add, it's valuable to the Mayor and Council in our neighborhoods. I sat in the space that Council Member Cunningham is sitting now as a Council member representing Ward One for 12 years. We hear from our neighbors about liquor licenses in proximity to their neighborhoods, and one of the issues is the saturation of liquor licenses and the availability of liquor licenses. So many times, saturated in certain areas, and then what those liquor licenses mean to the neighbors in the area. And I would really appreciate the City of Tucson, either the City Manager, Community Safety, Health and Wellness, Tucson Police Department, really bringing in Circle K to see what it is that they can do to help alleviate the concerns that neighbors have with the products that they offer in their store. And so if it is roving security, if it is putting liquor behind the counter, if it is, you know, other steps that they can take to alleviate the concerns that neighbors have with what the products that they sell attract to their community, so I will be supportive of your motion. But I do agree with you, Council Member Cunningham, that there's more conversation to be had in order for Circle K to be a good neighbor to everyone, Mr. Rankin.

City Attorney Mike Rankin: Honorable Mayor, members of the Council, I just wanted to read into the record the various elements of the applicable administrative regulation that set out the

criteria for the basis for a recommendation for denial based. On an application for a particular location, which is what this is location transfer request. So, based on the evidence and the discussion that you've had tonight, the implicated sections of the Administrative Rule are 126789 and 12, and those refer to the petitions and testimony from persons in favor of or opposed to the license. Who resides in own or lease property in close proximity? And I can't avowal to how many of the eight people who submitted written protest live within one mile. But certainly, the testimony that was offered here tonight was by people who follow within that category.

Other bases that were raised tonight and our factors in your recommendation are the number and series of licenses already in close proximity. The evidence concerning the nature of the proposed business, its market, and its likely customers. The effect of vehicular traffic is close proximity. The compatibility of the proposed business with other activities in close proximity, the effect or impact of the proposed premises on businesses or residential neighborhood is activities may be affected by granting the license. And finally, proximity to licensed childcare facilities.

Mayor: Alrighty, Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Santa Cruz: I just wanted to add something to the conversation, since we're talking about like Circle K generally, to some of the frustrations that neighbors will have that in my experience, when you know seeking a liquor license commitments will be made to the neighbors, of how the cleanup, lighting, also contributing to neighborhood events. But Regional supervisors change, Store managers change, and neighbors never get the promises or the commitments that were made because of the opt-in high turnover, and leadership within Circle K. So, I know that that's been a frustration. I don't know how we change that perception that neighbors have of Circle K not being a good neighbor.

Mayor Romero: Alrighty, so there's no further discussion. All those in favor of the motion, please signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Romero: Any against, motion carries. Thank you all so much, thank you to the neighbors and the representatives of Circle K thank you.

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

Dale Maneshiro
Luke Felix-Rose
Brie Ainsworth
Tom Adang

April Putney
Vivek Bharathan
Roslyn Norman
J.P. Salvatierra

Jose Valladares
Erica Braymen
Rolande Baker
Lia Caldwell

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS A THROUGH HH

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) AUG19-25-258
- b. APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED WARD OFFICE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-266

Resolution No. 23987 relating to Finance: Approving the Expenditure of Budgeted Ward Office Funds for Various Programs and Projects (City-Wide); and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately.)

- c. TERMINATION OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENT AMONG THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, PIMA COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF TUCSON FOR THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA COALITION FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE COALITION MANAGER POSITION (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-255

Resolution No. 23981 relating to Economic Initiatives; authorizing and approving the termination of the Funding Agreement among the University of Arizona, Pima Community College District, Pima County, and City of Tucson for the Southern Arizona Coalition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience (SACCAR or the Coalition) Manager position; and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately.)

- d. AMENDMENT 1 TO IGA WITH PIMA COUNTY BJA FOR THE FY22 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-264

Resolution No. 23985 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements; approving an amendment extending for one year the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson (City) and Pima County for the FY2020 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award; and declaring an emergency.

- e. CITY OF TUCSON TRANSIT SERVICES TITLE VI 2025 PROGRAM (CITY WIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY) AUG19-25-231

Resolution No. 23967 relating to Transportation and Public Transit: approving the City of Tucson's Transit Services Title VI 2025 Program for submission to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA); directing staff to submit the City's Transit Services Title VI 2025 Program to the FTA and declaring an emergency.

- f. FINAL PLAT FOR (TD-DIV-1223-00135) 120 E YAVAPAI RD, LOTS 1-3 (WARD 3) AUG19-25-234
- g. FINAL PLAT FOR (TD-DIV-0824-00067) NORTH COLUMBUS DUPLEX LOTS 1 AND 2 (WARD 6) AUG19-25-235
- h. FINAL PLAT FOR (TD-DIV-0624-00055) SOUTH PARK VILLAS RESUB #2 LOTS 1-5 (WARD 5) AUG19-25-236
- i. FINAL PLAT FOR (TD-DIV-0624-00052) TUCSON MEDICAL CENTER LOT 13 (WARD 2) AUG19-25-238
- j. FINAL PLAT FOR (TD-DIV-0425-00053) KOSTKA MINOR SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1-4 (WARD 1) AUG19-25-239
- k. FINAL PLAT FOR (TD-DIV-1124-00089) CASITAS ON PARK AVENUE, A CONDOMINIUM (WARD 5) AUG19-25-240

- l. FINAL PLAT FOR (TD-DIV-0624-00053) SAN FERNANDO HEIGHTS, LOTS 1-15 (WARD 1) AUG19-25-241

- m. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEASE AMENDMENT TO LF071 WITH TUCSON INTERNATIONAL MODELPLEX PARK ASSOCIATION (TIMPA) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN RP 1440 & RP 1730, LOCATED AT 3250 N. RESERVATION ROAD. (OUTSIDE CITY), RES# 2024-094 (OUTSIDE CITY) AUG19-25-257

Ordinance No. 12186 relating to real property; approving and authorizing an amendment to the July 1, 1995 Lease Agreement between the City of Tucson and Tucson International Modelplex Park Association, Inc. for real property located at 3250 North Reservation, Avra Valley, Arizona; and declaring an emergency.

- n. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION & REENTRY'S (ADCRR) PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-242

Resolution No. 23970 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation & Reentry (ADCRR), pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for ADCRR's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and ADCRR will help offset the cost of that 23-week basic training program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that basic training program; and declaring an emergency.

- o. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION'S (ADOTMVD) PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-243

Resolution No. 23971 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division (ADOTMVD), pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for the ADOTMVD's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the ADOTMVD will help offset the cost of that 23-week basic training program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that basic training program; and declaring an emergency.

- p. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT'S (AZG&FD) PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-244

Resolution No. 23972 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZG&FD), pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for AZG&FD's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and AZG&FD will help offset the cost of that 23-week basic training program either by paying the city \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that basic training program; and declaring an emergency.

- q. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE CITY OF NOGALES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-245

Resolution No. 23973 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and the City of Nogales, pursuant to which the City of Tucson will provide basic training for the City of Nogales Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the City of Nogales will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City of Tucson \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- r. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-247

Resolution No. 23975 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and Pima Community College, pursuant to which the City will provide Basic Training for the Pima Community College Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and Pima Community College will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- s. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE TOWN OF SAHUARITA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-249

Resolution No. 23976 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and the Town of Sahuarita, pursuant to which the City will provide Basic Training for the Town of Sahuarita Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the Town of Sahuarita will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- t. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-250

Resolution No. 23978 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and Santa Cruz County, pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and Santa Cruz County will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- u. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-252

Resolution No. 23980 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements And The Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and the Tucson Airport Authority, pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for the Tucson Airport Authority Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the Tucson Airport authority will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- v. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-251

Resolution No. 23979 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City Of Tucson (CITY) and the University of Arizona, pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for the University of Arizona Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the

University of Arizona will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- w. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE PASQUA YAQUI POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-248

Resolution No. 23977 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City Of Tucson (CITY) and the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for the Pasqua Yaqui Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- x. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-246

Resolution No. 23974 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City Of Tucson (CITY) and the Tohono O'odham Nation, pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and The Tohono O'odham Nation will help offset the cost of that 23-week Basic Training Program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that Basic Training Program; and declaring an emergency.

- y. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-237

Resolution No. 23969 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and the City of Casa Grande, pursuant to which the City of Tucson will provide basic training for the

City of Casa Grande Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the City of Casa Grande will help offset the cost of that 23-week basic training program either by paying the City of Tucson \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that basic training program; and declaring an emergency.

- z. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE TOWN OF MARANA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-233

Resolution No. 23968 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and the Town of Marana (Town), pursuant to which the City will provide basic training for the town of Marana Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the town will help offset the cost of that 23-week basic training program either by paying the city \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that basic training program; and declaring an emergency.

- aa. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING FOR THE TOWN OF ORO VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PEACE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (SALETC) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-232

Resolution No. 23966 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and the Tucson Police Department; authorizing and approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and the Town of Oro Valley (Town), pursuant to which the city will provide basic training for the town of Oro Valley Police Department's peace officer recruits at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center (SALETC), and the Town will help offset the cost of that 23-week basic training program either by paying the City \$15,000 per enrolled recruit or by providing a full-time class counselor for the duration of that basic training program; and declaring an emergency.

- bb. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR THE INCARCERATION OF CITY PRISONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-267

Resolution No. 23988 relating to 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 2026 (FY26); and declaring an emergency.

- cc. NAMING FIELD #3 AT UDALL PARK AFTER CHASE RIDENOUR (WARD 2) AUG19-25-261

Resolution No. 23984 relating to Parks and Recreation; authorize and approve naming Morris K. Udall Park Field #3 the “Chase Ridenour Field;” and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately and considered after Item 2c.)

- dd. DESIGNATING CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS IN PARKS (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-262

Ordinance No. 12187 relating to Parks and Recreation; amending the City of Tucson Code Chapter 21 and establishing designated children’s play areas to regulate use within City Parks and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately.)

- ee. YOUNG TREE ACCELERATOR GRANT PARTNERSHIP (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-265

Resolution No. 23986 relating to Financial Participation and Grant Agreements; approving the Partnership Agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and Flowers and Bullets to Implement the Young Tree Accelerator Project Grant; and declaring an emergency.

- ff. FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (FPA) AMENDMENT: WITH THE PRIMAVERA FOUNDATION FOR THE PRIMAVERA WORKS PROGRAM (WARD 6 AND CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-268

Resolution No. 23989 relating to Outside Agency Activities; authorizing and approving the Amended and Restated Financial Participation Agreement (FPA) between the City of Tucson (City) and the Primavera Foundation Inc.; for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26); and declaring an emergency.

- gg. VICTIMS’ RIGHTS PROGRAM (VRP) GRANT AWARD (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-259

Resolution No. 23982 relating to Victims’ Rights; approving and authorizing execution of an Award Agreement with the Arizona Attorney General’s Office for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Victims’ Rights Program; and declaring an emergency.

- hh. MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER IN RELATION TO FORMER CITY MANAGER MICHAEL ORTEGA'S APPOINTMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (PAG) AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA) (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-260

Resolution No. 23983 relating to Administration; authorizing and approving a Conflict of Interest Waiver in relation to former City Manager Michael Ortega's Appointment as Executive Director for the Pima Association of Governments and the Regional Transportation Authority; and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, that Consent Agenda Items a – hh, with the exception of Items b, c, cc and dd, which were considered separately, be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM B

- b. APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED WARD OFFICE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-266

Resolution No. 23987 relating to Finance: Approving the Expenditure of Budgeted Ward Office Funds for Various Programs and Projects (City-Wide); and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately.)

It was moved by Council Member Perez, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, that Consent Agenda Item 7b, be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

Clerk: First Item is Item 7b.

Mayor Romero: Council Member Perez:

Council Member Perez: Thank you. I asked for us to pull this item because I think that it was important just to know that, you know, this is the first time that Mayor and Council are approving our surplus in this way, and I think that there is an immense benefit to that. I also wanted to just give attention to the investments themselves, you know, Ward 5 had the group most significant surplus of the Council offices. Thank you, former Council Member Fimbres.

But all that being said, the sheer diversity in the investments that are happening across all of us, and I'll let you guys get to that, I think they are so diverse in that they cover everything from

public safety to education, early childhood education, and STEM learning. We even had Second Sky come in, and so you know, I think for us in particular within Ward 5, this surplus investment is in tandem. With our grants program, which is opening today. And in total it is about half a million in investments within our Southside.

And so, I'm incredibly excited for this item in that it's direct investments to. Our Ward 5 has been significantly impacted by the Trump administration in terms of the retracting of federal funding from everything from our senior meals program to the impacts to our school districts. And so, you know, I'm incredibly excited to have this opportunity. And with that, I'll move to approve the consent item.

Council Member Cunningham: Second.

Mayor Romero: There is a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none. I think you did a great job representing all of our thoughts in this. Do we need roll call?

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

Mayor Romero: Item 7b is approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM C

- c. TERMINATION OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENT AMONG THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, PIMA COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF TUCSON FOR THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA COALITION FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE COALITION MANAGER POSITION (CITY WIDE) AUG19-25-255

Resolution No. 23981 relating to Economic Initiatives; authorizing and approving the termination of the Funding Agreement among the University of Arizona, Pima Community College District, Pima County, and City of Tucson for the Southern Arizona Coalition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience (SACCAR or the Coalition) Manager position; and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately.)

It was moved by Council Member Lee, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, that Consent Agenda Item 7c, be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

Clerk: The next item to be considered separately is Item 7c, and it's Council Woman Lee.

Mayor Romero: Council Woman Lee.

Council Member Lee: Thank you, Mayor. And also, good job, Suzanne. That was the longest consent agenda ever. Double H. So, I just wanted to pull this one for a moment because I read some concerns that the Community had with respect to what it means to terminate this position for Climate Adaptation and Resilience, Coalition Manager position and what it doesn't mean for our work. In in respect to climate action, so I was wondering if the City Manager could speak a little bit to this.

City Manager Timothy M. Thomure: Thank you, Honorable Mayor, members of the Council, this position was funded for the first two years out of grant funding that was competed for and successfully awarded under the Biden Administration. And it had a mission and a goal to form a coalition, but then also prepare applications for mega funding from the federal government. This position had those first two years that were grant funded, made a couple of applications for federal funding which was awarded, we actually extended it for a third year out of general fund balance, even though the grant funding had run out. And it has run its course as its ability to try to attract additional funding in this area has basically struck out a number of times.

However, that does not impact our ongoing delivery of Tucson, Resilience Together, our climate action work, our climate action team, our Chief Resilience Officer, all of those elements are still in place, and all of the active projects are ongoing, and programs, and we are still seeking federal funding. We've had to pivot a bit in the last few months about how we go about doing that and what programs we target, but the climate action work is resilient and as strong as it has been. This was an attempt to accelerate that to a degree and we gave a good try for three years.

Council Member Lee: Thank you.

Mayor Romero: Thank you, Council Woman. This position was not with Chief Resilience Officer Office it was in Economic Initiatives Office, correct? OK. Thank you so much for bringing that out. Would you like to move the item?

Council Member Lee: I would like to move the item, Mayor.

Council Member Dahl: Second.

Mayor Romero: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none. Let's go to roll call.

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

Mayor Romero: Item passes by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM DD

dd. DESIGNATING CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS IN PARKS (CITY WIDE)
AUG19-25-262

Ordinance No. 12187 relating to Parks and Recreation; amending the City of Tucson Code Chapter 21 and establishing designated children's play areas to regulate use within City Parks and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately.)

Discussion was held; No action was taken.

Clerk: The last item to be considered separately is Item 7dd, at the request of Vice Mayor Santa Cruz.

Vice Mayor Santa Cruz: Thank you, Miss Clerk. I pull this item because I think it was important for transparency that we discussed the potential unintended consequences of this ordinance. My concerns are that defining children as 12 and under could exclude youth who still benefit from the spaces like Neo Divergent Kids or those with disabilities, for whom younger play equipment is developmentally appropriate. If a splash pad is designated only for children under 12, does that mean teens ages 13 to 18 can't use it? We just had the Barrio Nopal opening this past weekend, and middle schoolers were thrilled to finally have a park they could bike to.

The ordinance also defines adults as 18 and over, but some parents, like teen parents, are also under 18. Constituents have raised concerns that if you don't have children, does this mean you can't swing on an empty swing set or cool off at a splash pad in your own neighborhood? I know that with our back our bike rides from the ward one office, we ride to the splash pads, and adults and kids, all of us go into the splash pads and enjoy that amenity.

With Prop 407, we've invested heavily in parks, since splash pads. So that these should feel inclusive, community spaces and not restricted ones, and as a parent of four, I understand the concern. I know times can also not feel comfortable with random adults hanging around the playground either. But I think the problem is behavior and not age. I think that instead of having these rigid age limits, we should focus on addressing inappropriate or unsafe behaviors directly.

So, I had a couple of questions for our parks director as we're looking at this item. When it comes to children defined as 12 and under, and what that means for splash pads designated as a children's play area, and our teens 13 to 18 or older, prohibited from using them.

Tucson Parks and Recreation Department Director Lara Hamwey: Good Evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members. So, how we achieved the 12-year-old recommendation was based on seeing citywide. Nationally, what language was embraced, and what typically these play areas are built to a lot of our playgrounds are either 2 to 5 or 6 to 12, 6 to 13. The anticipation is that this is a tool for parents who are feeling uncomfortable in the moment, they witness an adult who is in the area that they feel is potentially a safety threat to their kids and have a tool to be able to call. I don't anticipate that a parent is going to call when they see, say, a group home plans a trip out to the splash pad or the playground to have fun.

I know Ward 4 had also brought that up as a concern, and so then I went back to our City Attorney and we talked about it through the volume of calls and emails that we get from our folks that go to a playground and they feel unsafe for a variety of different reasons. And they're uncomfortable if adults are lingering within the space. That they're sharing with their kids and not feeling like they have a lot of resource to do something in the moment and doing something in the moment for them would be calling 911. For us, depending on what the situation is. Either our staff do engagement, or we then partner up depending on the situation with other resources within the city to try and do that engagement at that local level.

Vice Mayor Santa Cruz: So, with what you just said, what are the penalties for violating the ordinance and who enforces them and how and when? Because as we know, when you do call 911, this is not going to be a high priority call. So, you know, like what? What's the intended purpose of this?

Director Hamwey: So, the idea for I'll speak to one idea for me, is data. You know, if we start to see an increase of getting a call then, that's an opportunity for a particular location where I can talk to Chad or someone on his team to when they report to us seeing an increase of call volume in terms of what in speaking with Chad, the Chief of Police, it is a misdemeanor and the appropriate response will be done based on the details of what the phone call reports and then what the call volume response is at that given time.

So, it's very hard to be predictive on when they will go out and when they will not be able to go out. But for me, in terms of a lot of what we've been doing in parks. Recently is we pay attention to where we get that call volume or reporting that we have an increase of an instance of an issue and then we can that allows us to make some decisions around that.

Vice Mayor Santa Cruz: All right, so with what you're saying, if Parks and Rec already gets these calls, they're being documented, could we not create a list of hot spots and then be more proactive and having to involve, you know, the Police Department, who already has, you know, limited resources to respond to these types of calls. And 2nd, could we not just have signage that says if you see something, say something you know, like reporting it without it having to be law enforcement.

Director Hamwey: So, I understand, Vice Mayor, I understand what you're asking. So what I find is that the parents and the neighborhood associations that are reaching out to us tends to have a time difference. They went to the park and They came home, and then they drafted an email. The value of 911 is that it's in the moment at that point in time. Say you do have someone that has come for the reason that there are children in those designated spaces. We are not going to be able in the moment to be able to really offer them a lot of assistance, right? That's where the 911 tool would help parents and families. So I think that is the difference between the level of communication right now and the ability to do responsiveness. And it's a tool that also helps the parents to see that we are hearing what they are saying in terms of their concerns, what they're going out into the parks, specifically to those spaces that have been built and invested in for kids.

Vice Mayor Santa Cruz: So, I hear what you're saying, and also what I hear from folks is that they get frustrated when they call 911 for a theft or you know something that's not high urgency, and then get frustrated because then it's like, what's the point if police aren't going to show up? So, I hate trying to create solutions for something that isn't. You know, we can't do it. So I am more curious about if we really are concerned about safety, and we know that nobody's actually gonna be able to respond in that moment that we have more proactive measures in hotspot areas to have our Park safety patrol what not, come out and do you know, like at High Peak hours or whenever you know, families tend to be there because a lot of not we're just coming out of summer. We know that kids aren't gonna be going to the park till the evening hours. So, is that a time that we focus on rather than? You know, just waiting for a call. So, like I said earlier, I am concerned about having these punitive measures that limit the enjoyment that the rest of us can have in these park spaces.

I know that I've always appreciated it like a Himmel Park, but you do have these different playsets, and it does tell you the age, like developmental age levels for each one, and to just like be respectful and mindful of that, if that's more of what we can encourage. Then you know, creating or putting a policy in place is going to have unintended consequences. The other thing I think is that it was all my questions for you right now, Laura, and the only other thing I've heard from community members is asking how ordinances like this are crafted without community input. Even when public input isn't legally required, it still builds trust and helps us avoid these unintended consequences. I recognize that there are moments where urgency requires us to act quickly, like with the large water user ordinance, but for issues that don't carry the same time urgency.

How can we create more transparency in the drafting process? How can we ensure we're engaging residents early enough that their concerns and lived experience can help shape the ordinance before it comes to Mayor and Council? So, just going back as a parent, I understand the perception of safety, and we also live in a society where we can often struggle with discomfort around people who are different from us. But my concern is that when a playset is being used for refuge instead of recreation, and no longer serves its intended purpose. And when kids and families encounter drug paraphernalia on a playground, it's no longer a safe play space. At the same time, these concerns are not unique to our playgrounds. We see the same issue at our bus stops, our benches, and other shared public spaces. So, rather than relying on age-based restrictions, can we consider something that takes all of this feedback into account?

One that keeps parks welcoming and inclusive while addressing inappropriate or unsafe behaviors in a consistent, behavior-based way across our public spaces. So, what I'm asking my colleagues is if we were to consider an ordinance, I don't think that this is it as it stands, and that it should be more behavior-based than age-based. And speaking to my colleague, Councilmember Cunningham, we already have ordinances and policies in place that address behavior. So just something for us to consider.

Mayor Romero: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Ms. Hamwey, did you consult with the Parks and Recreation Commission? I know that that the Citizen Commission and were there any conversations had there?

Director Hamwey: Madam Mayor. Yes, we did advise them that this was coming and being recommended to the Council. We did not receive any feedback from them against it. And then I do want to call out that one of the members of our Bond Oversight Commission specifically sent me a letter about his concern about going to playgrounds with his two-year-old daughter. And his concerns around safety there, and I responded to him, letting him know that this ordinance was coming and he was appreciative. That was his response and writing to me.

Mayor Romero: Is there an opportunity to be able to review the comments made by the Vice Mayor so that we can have? I mean, I'm concerned about adults being able to use splash pads, right? I'm concerned about teenagers being able to use splash pads and other spaces you already know because you've told me that there are not a lot of places for teenagers to be able to have recreation opportunities, and so I want to make sure that we're not acting impulsively and not thinking through the consequences. And then how do we regulate behavior versus access to our resources that should be equal to all of them? I agree that if the playgrounds can only have people of a certain size or weight, you know, I would never get in there myself. I think I would be stuck. But being able to differentiate, and then we also have 311. 311 is not 911, 311 is much more trying to connect the community to the resources they need, and so I just wonder how we approach it? Council Member Cunningham.

Council Member Cunningham: Two things. I'm sorry, Lara, you're going to have to go back on the drawing board on this, and I don't even know if there's a pathway to do this type of ordinance. I'm really concerned about opening ourselves up for accusations of prejudging people, like I don't want to be in a situation where we're literally having parents going. Oh well, that guy looks suspicious, I'd better call the cops on him. I mean, if someone's given you some bad vibes as a parent, you're going to get your kid out of there and call. I mean, there are all kinds of different things.

We already have enough ordinances out there to harass homeless people; we don't need another one. I'm just looking at all this stuff, and I don't like either of those are my big things. I think I understand that there's a national model thing, but we don't really follow the national model; Tucson kind of feeds to its own little drum, and so I think we need to be a little careful here. I'm not comfortable with a situation where someone's on the playground, and they're literally maybe going through a mental health issue. They might be doing this; they may be doing that. And all of a sudden, we have people. How often does it happen? When we do get a call for 911 and show up and it's not exactly what's going on. That stuff happens all the time. I was literally driving down the street, and there was a person with a weapon 911 call, and it was a guy walking around with a golf club, and the Lieutenant told me about the call, and he was like, there was nothing going on. The guy was just walking around; he was taking this golf club to get repaired he and someone called 911 on him. And so, I'm very concerned about this situation where it's like, OK, there's an old person on the playground, and we must go respond.

And one, we don't have the resources for that, but two, what if there was a reason for the person on the playground? What if the person was looking for their kid? I mean, I'm just not sure about this. So, I think we're gonna have to go back. My question for this body is, do we move it and vote no, and just completely reject it, or do we say? We tell you to go start over, or do we say continue, and I don't think we will continue it. I think we need to, like, tell them to reject them

and tell them to start over. That's what I think we need to do. And then yes, all the other stuff we said about protecting our kids. I'm a dad too. I mean, come on, no one's here trying to keep kids less safe. That's not even entertaining. Let's talk about what we're really trying to do here, which is to allow people to enjoy our parks.

Mayor Romero: Council Member Lee.

Council Member Lee: I'll just add one thing, kind of well, it's definitely related to this. And I know Chief Kazmar's not here; he would probably get upset at me for saying this, but other jurisdictions have Park Rangers, right? They have staff, they have people roaming around doing things, and we don't have that. But we do have CSO'S and so as a group, if we decide that this is a priority, we want to put more resources on this target for a temporary time based on the data that Lara is getting. Maybe that's something we could talk about doing, because I understand the problem that we're trying to solve. I do. And I'm a mom of four, too and I have a 17-year-old that loves to go to the park and play still. And I love to see that because kids don't do that enough these days. So, I'm just trying to figure out, as you said, Paul, how do we come to something that helps solve the challenges that are there? And do so in a way that aligns with what we're talking about right now. So, just an idea on the CSO's piece, if we wanted to really focus on certain areas.

Mayor Romero: I feel comfortable, just you know, not approving this today, and I like the idea of going back and working together to find solutions to the problem areas. If there are problem areas, Laura, I want to make sure that the Mayor and Council help you solve whatever you're trying to get at. Absolutely. I agree that we want to make sure that we keep people safe in our parks. And how do we reach that? So, I would suggest that we just do not consider this item today and then try to help with the concerns that you have, Lara, is that, OK? Mr. Attorney, can we do that?

City Attorney Rankin: Mayor. Yes, you can. If you just choose not to make a motion on it at all, then there's no action on the item, including no direction to bring it back at a certain time, and that's where it leaves it.

Mayor Romero: And I think that we're all wanting to help pinpoint the problems that you're trying to solve and make sure that it is important to have this conversation also with the Parks and Recreation Commission. So, they and those who are citizen appointees that represent the Mayor and Council can help you think through it. And then, of course, Vice Mayor Santa Cruz had wonderful questions and ideas to try to find solutions to your concerns. That OK?

Vice Mayor Santa Cruz: Yes.

Mayor Romero: OK, thank you so much, Lara, really appreciate it. So, we're not going to make any motion. We're gonna put this item on the side. Thank you so much, Vice Mayor, for bringing it to us. What's next for us?

8. ORDINANCE: AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE TUCSON CODE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE QUANTITY WATER USERS (CITY WIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY) AUG19-25-269

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 269, dated August 19, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 12188 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 12188 relating to Tucson Water; authorizing and adding new provisions to the Tucson Code, Specifically Chapter 27, Water, Article I, General, Section 27-20 And 27-21, Large Quantity Water Users and Additional Remedies; declaring an emergency and setting an effective date.

City Attorney Mike Rankin reiterated the modifications he read into records for the ordinance during study session item 14.

It was moved by Council Member Lee, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to pass and adopt Ordinance 12188, and that the City Manager, the Chief Resilience Officer and Tucson Water schedule and complete not less than six months of public engagement that will include relevant stakeholders and the Citizens Water Advisory Committee to allow for public comment on the ordinance and possible revisions or additions to the regulations.

9. REZONING – MAJOR CHANGE TO MODIFY CONDITIONS AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – ORDINANCE ADOPTION, TP-MOD-1023-000024 (C9-95-10) – ALVERNON LEE COMMERCIAL PLAZA – ALVERNON AND LEE, C-1 (WARD 6) AUG19-25-253

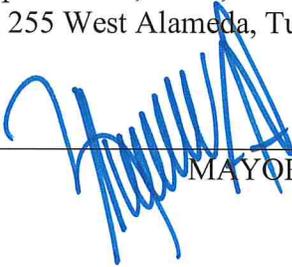
Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 253, dated August 19, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 12188 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 12185 relating to Zoning: amending zoning district boundaries in the area located at the southeast corner of Alvernon Way and Lee Street in Case TP-MOD-1023-000024 (C9-95-10) C-1; and setting an effective date.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to pass Ordinance 12185.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Romero announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at or after 5:30 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.



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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 19th day of August 2025, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.



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