



Minutes of MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting

Approved by Mayor and Council
on January 6, 2026.

Date of Meeting: May 20, 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 5:33 p.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Mayor Santa Cruz and upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

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

Absent/Excused:

Regina Romero	Mayor
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Staff Members Present:

Timothy M. Thomure	City Manager
Mike Rankin	City Attorney
Yolanda Lozano Clerk	

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

a. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Jessica Braxton, Saguaro Christian Church.

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz proclaimed May 2025 to be "Building Safety Month"
2. Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz Proclaiming the month of May 2025 to be "Older Americans Month"

c. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 157, dated May 20, 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 Cunningham, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to approve the appointment(s) of Sharon Matlack to the City Magistrates Merit Selection Commission (CMMSC) and John Curtis to the Veterans' Affairs Committee (VAC).

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz 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 Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 137, dated May 20, 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.

Current event reports were provided by Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz, Council Members Cunningham, Dahl, Perez.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 138, dated May 20, 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.

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

5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 139, dated May 20, 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: There are no new license application(s) scheduled for this meeting.

c. Special Event(s)

1. Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter, Ward 3

City #T36-25

Applicant: Katelyn Brianne Ricenbaw

Address: 4502 N. 1st Ave.

Purpose: Vegan Night Market

Event Date(s): June 7, 2025

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

d. Agent Change/Acquisition of Control/Restructure

1. Nevada Smith's Saloon, Ward 3

City #AC4-25, Series: 6

Agent: Tiffany Smith Gray

Address: 1175 W. Miracle Mile

Action must be taken by: June 2, 2025

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

It was moved by Council Member Dahl, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, (Mayor Romero absent/excused) to forward liquor license applications 5c1 through 5d1 to the Arizona State Liquor Board with a recommendation for approval.

6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz 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:

Allen Benz	Dennis Molnar	Lee Ziesche
JD Butler	Dax Shtraus	Derek Funckes
Russell Lowes	Julie Oppenheimer	Robert Cook
Chris Giokaris	Glenn Voyles	Suzanne Schafe
Cara Bissell		

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS A THROUGH N

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz 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) MAY20-25-131
- b. EXTENSION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR STREET NAMING AND ADDRESSING SERVICES (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-147

Resolution No. 23923 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) and Planning and Development Services; approving and authorizing the Third Amendment to the existing IGA between the City of Tucson (City) and Pima County to extend the effective date of agreement an additional five years; and declaring an emergency.

- c. TITLE VI EQUITY ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT FOR MAJOR SERVICE CHANGES TO SUN TRAN ROUTES 2, 12, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, AND 62 (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-149

Resolution No. 23925 relating to transportation and public transit; approving proposed major service changes to Sun Tran Routes 2, 12, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 62, and setting an effective date.

- d. TITLE VI COMPLIANCE POLICIES FOR MAJOR SERVICE CHANGES FOR SUN TRAN (CITY WIDE OR OUTSIDE CITY) MAY20-25-151

Resolution No. 23926 relating to Transportation and Public Transit; approval of the City of Tucson Transit Services Title VI Program for Submission to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA); and declaring an emergency.

e. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING WITH THE CITY OF TUCSON AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) FOR SCOPING SERVICES FOR PROJECT T0677, VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES THAT ASSIST PEDESTRIANS IN SAFELY CROSSING BUSY ROADWAYS (WARDS 3, 6) MAY20-25-153

Resolution No. 23927 relating to Transportation and Mobility; approving and authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson (City) and the State of Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Scoping Services for Project T0677 (Wards 3 and 6); and declaring an emergency.

f. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUCSON AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) FOR SCOPING SERVICES FOR PROJECT T0678, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, 8 (WARDS 1,2,3, AND 5) MAY20-25-156

Resolution No. 23928 relating to Transportation and Mobility; approving and authorizing Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) between the City of Tucson (City) and the State of Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Scoping Services for Project T0678 (Wards 1,2,3,5); and declaring an emergency.

g. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUCSON AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) FOR SCOPING SERVICES FOR PROJECT T0679, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, 386 TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-158

Resolution No. 23929 relating to Transportation and Mobility; approving and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson (City) and the State of Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Scoping Services for Project T0679; and declaring an emergency.

h. LEASE RENEWAL WITH T-MOBILE WEST LLC DBA T-MOBILE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 961 W. SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD (LF 0448, RP 568) (WARD 1) MAY20-25-144

Resolution No. 23921 relating to real property; authorizing and approving a lease agreement between the City of Tucson (City) and T-Mobile West LLC for property located at 961 W. Speedway Boulevard; and declaring an emergency.

i. IMPACT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC – LARIAT VILLAGE - IMPACT FEE SUBSIDY REQUEST (WARD 5) MAY20-25-141

Resolution No. 23920 relating to Affordable Housing and Development Impact Fees; authorizing and approving an Affordable Housing Impact Fee Subsidy Request for Lariat Village, A 120-Unit Multifamily Housing Development; and declaring an emergency.

j. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): BETWEEN THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-146

Resolution No. 23922 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA); approving and authorizing the execution of an IGA between Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) and the City of Tucson for integration of TUSD dispatchers into the City's Public Safety Communications Department (PSCD); and declaring an emergency.

k. RENEWAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (IGA): BETWEEN PIMA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF TUCSON FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2026-2028 HOME CONSORTIUM AND SUBAWARD (CITY WIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY) MAY20-25-148

Resolution No. 23924 Relating to Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA); Approving and Authorizing an IGA between Pima County (County) and the City of Tucson (City) for Continuation of the Pima County Consortium Agreement and an Intergovernmental Subrecipient Agreement for a Subaward to Pima County of Home Investment Partnership Funding; and declaring an emergency.

l. INITIATION OF EL PRESIDIO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN UPDATE (WARD 1) MAY20-25-150

m. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): WITH ARIZONA MUTUAL AID COMPACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUCSON AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-154

Resolution No. 23932 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements; authorizing and approving the City of Tucson's execution of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact, a multiparty Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs and participating counties, cities, towns, tribal governments, and fire districts statewide; and declaring an emergency.

n. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUCSON AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT (CITY WIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY) MAY20-25-152

Resolution No. 23930 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements and Fire Protection; authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson (City) and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for cooperation in wildland firefighting; and declaring an emergency.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS (COA) MAJOR SERVICE CHANGES TO SUN TRAN ROUTES 2, 12, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, AND 62 (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-159

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 159, dated May 20, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. This is the time and place legally advertised for a public hearing to take formal action on the recommended major bus service changes for SunTran routes 2, 12, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29 and 62 for implementation in August of 2025.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz said the public hearing is scheduled to last for no more than one-hour speakers are limited to a 5-minute presentation. She asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on the item.

Comments were made by Suzanne Schafer and J.P. Salvatierra.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

It was moved by Council Member Dahl, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 23931 by number and title only.

Resolution No. 23931 relating to transportation and public transit; approving the major service changes to Sun Tran Routes 2, 12, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, AND 62; and setting an effective date of August 17, 2025.

It was moved by Council Member Dahl, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to pass and adopt Resolution 23931.

9. PUBLIC HEARING: CITY OF TUCSON'S GENERAL PLAN, PLAN TUCSON 2025 (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-155

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 155, dated May 20, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She also announced this was the time and place legally advertised for a public hearing to discuss the City of Tucson's General Plan, Plan Tucson 2025.

Information and presentation was given by Cesar Acosta, Planning and Development Services Department Principal Planner.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz said the public hearing was scheduled to last for no more than one hour and speakers were limited to five minute presentations.

Comments were made by Kate Hotten, Marta Lynne, John Schwarz, J.P. Salvatierra, Helen Erickson, Brendon Lyons, and Stella Mae Smith.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to close the public hearing.

Discussion was held. Comments and questions were made by Council Members Dahl, Uhlich, and Cunningham.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 23933 by number and title only.

Resolution No. 23933 relating to planning and development services; adopting Plan Tucson 2025; and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to pass and adopt Resolution 23933 and to consider and integrate the final round of feedback into a document for Mayor and Council's final consideration at a meeting in June.

(NOTE: Council Member Cunningham departed at 7:03 p.m. and returned at 7:08 p.m.).

10. TENTATIVE BUDGET ADOPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) (CITY WIDE) MAY20-25-160 (CITY WIDE)

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 160, dated May 20, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 23918 by number and title only.

Resolution No. 23918 relating to Finance; adopting a tentative budget for the 2025/26 Fiscal Year; fixing the time and place to conduct a public hearing on said budget and adopt the final budget in a special meeting; and fixing the time and place to levy the primary and secondary taxes for said Fiscal Year.

Comments were made by Council Members Cunningham.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused and Council Member Perez recused), to pass and adopt the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) portion of the tentative budget.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to pass and adopt Resolution 23918.

Mike Rankin, City Attorney, requested a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute any agreement with Pima County regarding \$250,000 in funding for the Pima Early Education Program Scholarships (PEEPS) program.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to authorize the City Manager to execute any agreement with Pima County regarding \$250,000 in funding for the PEEPs program.

11. ZONING – ORDINANCE ADOPTION TP-ENT-1224-00028 IRVINGTON DISPENSARY – W IRVINGTON RD C-2 (MARIJUANA DISPENSARY) (WARD 1) MAY20-25-145

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 145, May 20, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She said this was a request to approve a special exception land use to allow a marijuana dispensary at 910 W. Irvington Rd. The parcel is located at the northeast corner of Irvington Road and Interstate-19 within a C-2 zone.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz said the City Manager and Zoning Examiner recommend approval of the rezoning request. She asked if the applicant or representative were present and agreeable to the proposed requirements.

Brian Underwood, The Planning Center was present and agreeable to the proposed requirements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 12167 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 12167 relating to Zoning; a special exception land use – marijuana dispensary – TP-ENT-1224-00028 Irvington Dispensary – West Irvington Road – located at 910 West Irvington Road, at the intersection of Irvington Road and Interstate-19; approving with conditions the construction of a marijuana dispensary in the c-2 zone; and setting an effective date.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to pass and adopt Ordinance 12167.

12. ZONING – ORDINANCE ADOPTION TP-ENT-1224-00030 MILAGROS TOWER – S 16TH AVE (MH-1) WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (WARD 1) MAY20-25-142

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 142, dated May 20, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She said this was a request for approval of a wireless communication facility as a special exception land use. The special exception site is located at 3410 S. 16th Avenue, approximately one-half mile north of Ajo Way and just east of Interstate-19.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz said the City Manager and Zoning Examiner recommend approval of the rezoning request. She asked if the applicant or representative were present and agreeable to the proposed requirements.

A representative from the Native Network on behalf of the Yaqui Tribe was present and agreeable to the proposed requirements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 12166 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 12166 relating to zoning; a Special Exception Land Use – Wireless Communications Facility – TP-ENT-1224-00030 Milagros Tower – 16th Avenue – one-half mile north of Ajo Way and 150 feet east of Interstate-19; approving with conditions the construction of a wireless communication facility, 80 feet in height, located In the MH-1 zone; and setting an effective date.

It was moved by Council Member Dahl, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to pass and adopt Ordinance 12166.

13. ZONING – CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TP-ENT-1024-00020, E 22ND ST, 10041 E 22ND ST, SR TO RX-2 (WARD 2) MAY20-25-143

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 143, dated May 20, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She said this was a request to rezone an approximately 4.3 acre parcel from SR (Suburban Ranch Zone) to RX-2 (Residence Zone) to allow for the development of five one story single-family homes on lot sizes consistent with surrounding development.

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz said the City Manager and Zoning Examiner recommend authorization of the zoning subject to certain conditions. She asked if the applicant or representative were present and agreeable to the proposed requirements.

Rob Longaker, WOB Group was present and said they were agreeable to the proposed requirements.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to approve the request as recommended by the Zoning Examiner with the proposed conditions.

14. ZONING – CITY MANAGER’S REPORT TP-ENT-1224-00029 PCCLT – N LINDA AVE, R-2 TO O-3 (WARD 1) MAY20-25-140

Mayor Pro Tempore Santa Cruz announced City Manager's communication number 140, dated May 20, 2025, was received into and made part of the record. She said this was a request to rezone three residential parcels totaling approximately three quarters of an acre from R-2 to O-3. The subject parcels are located at 17 N. Linda Ave, just north of Congress Street. North Linda Avenue is a local street not defined in the Major Streets and Routes Plan.

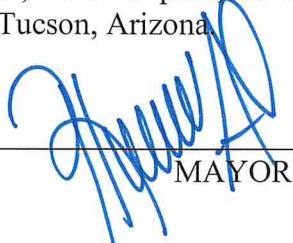
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Lexi Wellott, The Planning Center was present and said they were agreeable to the proposed requirements.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Mayor Romero absent/excused), to approve the request as recommended by the Zoning Examiner with the proposed conditions.

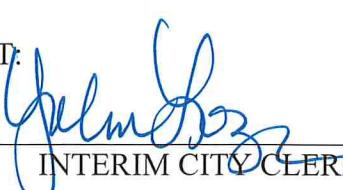
15. ADJOURNMENT: 8:03 p.m.

Mayor Romero announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on June 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



INTERIM 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 20th day of May 2025, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.



Yolanda Lopez
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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