



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Study Session Minutes

Approved by Mayor and Council
on October 6, 2026.

Date of Meeting: May 5, 2026

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in a study session in the Mayor and Council Chambers in City Hall, 255 West Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona at 1:09 p.m., on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Regina Romero
Vice Mayor Lane Santa Cruz (Ward 1)
Council Member Paul Cunningham (Ward 2) (*arrived at 1:11 p.m.*)
Council Member Kevin Dahl (Ward 3)
Council Member Nikki Lee (Ward 4) (*electronic attendance*)
Council Member Selina Barajas (Ward 5)
Council Member Miranda Schubert (Ward 6)

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

None

STAFF:

Timothy M. Thomure, City Manager
Roi Lusk, City Attorney
Marisa Stoller, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM / MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION

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- 1. Executive Session – Update on Colorado River Water Interstate Negotiations and Supply Contracts (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-109**
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- 3. Executive Session – Laister v. City of Tucson, et al., Pima County Superior Court Case No. C20259167 (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-114**
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(Note: Upon no objection by Mayor and Council, this item was taken out of order and considered after Item # 1.)

(Note: Council Member Cunningham arrived at 1:11 p.m.)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, duly seconded and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Cunningham absent/excused), to enter Executive Session as noticed on the agenda.

SS/MN05-05-26

RECESS: 1:10 p.m.
RECONVENED: 2:21 p.m.
MAYOR & COUNCIL: All Present
STAFF: All Present

Executive Session was held from 1:10 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, duly seconded and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0 to return to open session.

2. Mayor and Council Direction Regarding Executive Session – Update on Colorado River Water Interstate Negotiations and Supply Contracts (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-110

It was moved by Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to proceed as discussed in executive session to direct the City Attorney and City staff to work with other Arizona water users, to include negotiating appropriate agreements, to respond to the upcoming shortages to supplement Tucson's already robust water portfolio in light of the planned shortages in 2027 and 2028 if the proposed the 3-state agreement is adopted. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements on behalf of the City as necessary.

3. Executive Session - Laister v. City of Tucson, et al., Pima County Superior Court Case No. C20259167 (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-114

(This item was taken out of order and considered after Item #1.)

4. Mayor and Council Direction Regarding Executive Session - Laister v. City of Tucson, et al., Pima County Superior Court Case No. C20259167 (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-115

It was moved by Council Member Schubert, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to authorize and direct the City Attorney to proceed as discussed in executive session, to include the settlement of this tort lawsuit in the amount of \$100,000.

5. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget and Compensation Plan (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-112

Introductory comments were made by Timothy M. Thomure, City Manager.

Information was provided by Anna Rosenberry, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer.

Comments and questions were made by Mayor Romero, and Council Members Cunningham, Dahl, and Barajas.

No formal action was taken.

6. Safe City Initiative – Public Safety Communications, and Street Racing Update (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-113

Introductory comments were made by Timothy M. Thomure, City Manager.

Information was provided by Mike Garcia, Public Safety Communications Department (PSCD) Director.

Comments and questions were made by Mayor Romero and Council Members Cunningham, Dahl, and Barajas.

Information was provided by Monica Prieto, Chief of Police, Tucson Police Department (TPD).

Comments and concerns were made by Mayor Romero, Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, and Council Members Dahl, Barajas and Lee.

Additional information was provided by Sam Credio, Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) Director.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

7. Proposed Changes to Park Tucson Rates and Fees (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-111

Introductory comments were made by Timothy M. Thomure, City Manager.

Information was provided by Sam Credio, Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) Director and Andy Bemis, Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility.

Comments and questions were made by Mayor Romero, Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, and Council Members Dahl, Lee, Barajas and Schubert.

No formal action was taken.

8. Discussion and Direction Relating to Matters that are Pending in Front of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and Other Regional Jurisdictions (City Wide and Outside City) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-105

Information was provided by Stephanie Zamora, City Manager's Office.

No formal action was taken.

9. Update on and Direction Relating to State and National Legislation, Executive Orders and Administrative and Agency Orders; and Update on Federal, State and Regional Committees (City Wide and Outside City) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-106

Information was provided by Laura Dent, Director of State and Federal Relations.

Comments were made by Mayor Romero; she asked the City Attorney on how to proceed when there are questions about adding the City of Tucson to certain amicus briefs.

Roi Lusk, City Attorney, advised that he was aware of the request regarding amicus briefs and stated those discussions would be addressed through both state and federal legislative updates, as well as future conversations with Mayor and Council, to ensure alignment with Mayor and Council direction moving forward.

No formal action was taken.

10. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-107

Council Member Barajas requested the following item be considered separately:

Item 5b2 – Liquor Dan, Ward 5

Council Member Schubert requested the following item be considered separately:

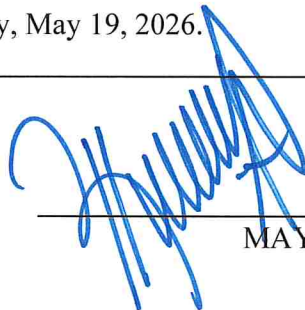
Item 7c – Proposed Changes to Park Tucson Rates and Fees (City Wide) Communication: MAY05-26-129

11. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY05-26-108

No items were identified for future agendas.

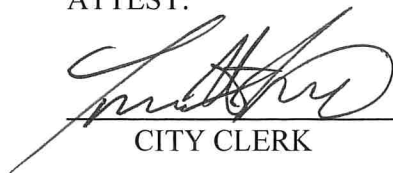
ADJOURNMENT: 4:22 p.m.

The next Study Session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing minutes of the study session meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 5th day of May 2026, and do hereby certify that they are a true and accurate record of the proceedings and actions taken at the meeting.


DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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