



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Study Session Minutes

Approved by Mayor and Council
on October 6, 2026.

Date of Meeting: May 19, 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 1:08 p.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Regina Romero
Council Member Paul Cunningham (Ward 2)
Council Member Kevin Dahl (Ward 3)
Council Member Selina Barajas (Ward 5)
Council Member Miranda Schubert (Ward 6)

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

Vice Mayor Lane Santa Cruz (Ward 1)
Council Member Nikki Lee (Ward 4)

STAFF:

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

AGENDA ITEM / MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION

1. Continued Discussion and Direction on Items Related to the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County (RTA) (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY19-26-120

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

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

Comments and questions were made by Mayor Romero and Council Members Cunningham, Schubert, and Barajas. Staff fielded and answered questions.

Formal action was taken.

SS/MN05-19-26

It was moved by Council Member Schubert, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, and Council Member Lee absent/excused) to authorize and direct staff to consult with the Tucson Transit Advisory Committee (TTAC) for guidance on programming the transit element category of funding most significantly for spending related to item 51, the safety and security of the regional transit system.

2. FY2027 Classification and Compensation Proposal: Update on Employee Disputes Memorandum: SS/MAY19-26-121

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

Information and updates were provided by Dr. Teri Traaen, Human Resources Director.

Comments and questions were made by Mayor Romero and Council Member Schubert. Staff fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

3. Discussion on the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department (TPRD) Proposed Fees and Current Feedback on Certain Fees (City Wide and Outside of the City) Memorandum: SS/MAY19-26-123

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

Information was provided by Lara Hamway, Tucson Parks and Recreation Director.

Comments and questions were made by Mayor Romero and Council Members Cunningham, Dahl, Barajas, and Schubert. Staff fielded and answered questions.

No formal action was taken.

(Note: Council Member Cunningham departed at 2:18 p.m. and returned at 2.22 p.m.)

4. Discussion of the Tentative Budget Adoption for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY19-26-124

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.

No formal action was taken.

5. Update on Strategic Initiatives Related to the Fentanyl/Opioid Public Health Crisis and Presentation on SAFR Center by Dr. Laurel Jacobs and Jodie Pothast (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY19-26-122

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

Information was provided by Liz Morales, Assistant City Manager.

Information was provided by Dr. Laurel Jacobs, University of Arizona, Research Assistant Professor; Reann Buckingham, Crisis Services Director; and Lindsay Telles, Community Bridges, Operations Administrator.

Comments and questions were made by Mayor Romero and Council Members Cunningham, Dahl on behalf of Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, and Council Member Schubert. Comments and questions were fielded by Assistant City Manager Liz Morales.

Roi Lusk, City Attorney, advised that the reviewed document is basic in nature and does not establish a governance structure for Rozak and the participating jurisdictions. Ms. Morales and Mayor Romero emphasized the importance of aligning the goals of all participating jurisdictions, including Tucson's, while maintaining sufficient flexibility to respond quickly to key issues.

It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 4 to 1 (Council Member Schubert dissenting, and Vice Mayor Santa Cruz, and Council Member Lee absent/excused,) to authorize and direct staff to approach the county in reevaluating the IGA between the county and the city allotting the opioid settlement dollars.

(Note: Council Member Barajas departed at 3:29 p.m. and returned at 3:32 p.m.)

6. 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/MAY19-26-119

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

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

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

It was moved by Council Member Schubert, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Vice Mayor Santa Cruz and Council Member Lee absent/excused) that the City adopt a resolution formally opposing the annual rate adjustment mechanism, and support the Arizona Attorney General's recommendation that any rate increases be limited to 4%.

7. 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/MAY19-26-118

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

Comments and questions were made by Council Member Cunningham. Staff fielded and answered questions.

No formal action was taken.

8. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY19-26-117

Council Member Cunningham requested the following items to be considered separately:

Item 71 - Naming The Basketball Courts at Palo Verde Park The Judith Blair Courts (Ward 2) Communication: MAY19-26-147

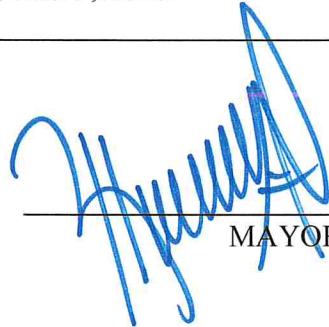
There was no objection.

9. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas (City Wide) Memorandum: SS/MAY19-26-116

No items were identified for future agendas.

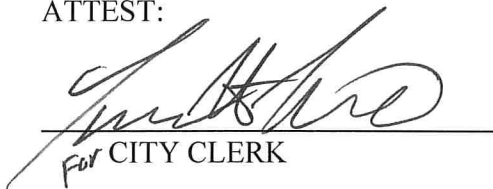
ADJOURNMENT: 3:44 p.m.

The next Study Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



For 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 19th 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.



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