

MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY FEBRUARY 20, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Robert E. Walkup called the Study Session to order at 3:30 P.M. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall Tower, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup
Vice Mayor Nina J. Trasoff, (Ward 6)
Council Member Regina Romero, (Ward 1)
Council Member Rodney Glassman, (Ward 2)
Council Member Karin Uhlich, (Ward 3)
Council Member Shirley C. Scott, (Ward 4)
Council Member Steve Leal, (Ward 5)

STAFF: Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager
Mike Rankin, City Attorney
Roger Randolph, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
<p>1. Discussion Regarding Water Rate Payers Subsidizing RTA for Water Line Relocations (City-Wide) – SS/FEB20-08-45</p> <p>This item was continued.</p>	
<p>2. Water Infrastructure, Supply and Planning Study Scope of Work (City-Wide) – SS/FEB20-08-54</p> <p>Council Member Uhlich moved, and it was duly seconded, to direct staff to initiate the water planning and infrastructure study as outlined in the City/County memo dated February 14.</p> <p>Furthermore, also moved that a joint committee with balanced representation from CWAC, the Wastewater Management Advisory Committee and the City and County Planning Commissions recommend to the Mayor and Council and Board of Supervisors within the next sixty days a broad-based and transparent public process for engaging our diverse community, specifically identifying in that outline:</p> <p>1) The procedure for receiving public comment on the documents produced as a result of Phases I and II, and</p>	<p><u>CITY MANAGER</u> Is Responsible</p>

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<p>2. Water Infrastructure, Supply and Planning Study Scope of Work (City-Wide) – SS/FEB20-08-54 (continued from previous page)</p> <p>2) An outline for engaging partner jurisdictions, water/wastewater utilities, stakeholders and the general public in Phases III and IV, which could occur concurrent with the City/County work on Phase I and II.</p> <p>Council Member Leal requested the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommend that other jurisdictions conduct their own Phase I and Phase II• Recommend that the committees/commissions involve the public while they create the recommended process <p>Council Member Scott requested the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearly defined what a “balanced” committee means so that voices from various communities are represented• Schedule updates at the Environment, Planning and Resource Management Subcommittee• Include Ward 4 in the discussions about wastewater and reclamation activities in the Southern Areas as listed on Page 3, Item 4• Include language on Land Use Planning header (Page 4, Item B) that says “Land Use planning must be integrated with water resources and infrastructure policies from each jurisdiction.”• Revise Phase V so that it will “Define and Develop” a sustainable water future <p>Council Member Glassman requested the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct the City Manager’s office to formally send a letter to other jurisdictions suggesting that they conduct their own Phase I and Phase II <p>Amendments accepted by the maker.</p> <p>Motion, as amended, PASSED 7/0.</p>	
<p>(This item was taken out of order)</p> <p>4. Domestic Partner Benefits (City-Wide) - SS/FEB20-08-52</p> <p>Council Member Romero moved, and it was duly seconded, to direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution that would extend the existing domestic partner benefits program to include opposite sex domestic partners with coverage provided under the same terms as for same sex partners and to return in 30 days for adoption.</p>	<p><u>CITY ATTORNEY</u> Is responsible</p>

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<p>4. Domestic Partner Benefits (City-Wide) - SS/FEB20-08-52 (continued from the previous page)</p> <p>Furthermore it is moved to direct Staff work with the City's health care provider so that the program will be available during the next open enrollment period, and to return to Mayor and Council in twelve months to revisit financial and administrative impact on the City.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote to 7 to 0.</p>	
<p>3. Business License Policy Presentation (City-Wide) – SS/FEB20-08-46</p> <p>Presentation made, no formal direction given.</p>	
<p>5. Intergovernmental Relations: Update of 2008 State and Federal Legislation Affecting the City (City-Wide) - SS/FEB20-08-47</p> <p>Presentation made, no formal direction given.</p>	
<p>6. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) - SS/FEB20-08-48</p> <p>Council Member Uhlich announced that the next Environment, Planning & Resource Management Subcommittee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in Mayor and Council Chambers. On the agenda are a review of the Governor's Smart Growth initiative scorecard and an initial discussion of the Water and Land use elements of the General Plan.</p> <p>Council Member Glassman announced that the next Neighborhoods and Public Safety Subcommittee meeting will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at Sahuaro High School where they will hear presentations on Emergency Preparedness.</p> <p>Council Member Scott reported on the Transportation Subcommittee held on February 14th, where they heard updates on Legislative Activity, an RTA update, an I10 widening project update, a report on the background; application criteria, process, and timeline; and implementation challenges involved with seeking funding through the Transportation Enhancement grant process, a report on impact fee receipts and also a report on the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Vice-Mayor Trasoff announced that the Rio Nuevo/Downtown, Arts, Culture and History Subcommittee will be meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in Mayor & Council Chambers.</p>	

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<p>6. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) - SS/FEB20-08-48 (continued from the last page)</p> <p>On the Agenda are updates on the Strategic Plan and the Warehouse District, a report on The Post, a presentation on the West Side acreage, and an update on Downtown Neighborhoods Tax Relief Program update and recommended enhancements.</p>	
<p>7. Mayor and Council Regional and National Committee Reports (City-Wide) - SS/FEB20-08-49</p> <p>Council Member Scott provided a brief update on legislative activity at the Federal level.</p>	
<p>8. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda - SS/FEB20-08-50</p> <p>There was no discussion regarding the Regular Agenda</p>	
<p>9. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas - SS/FEB20-08-51</p> <p>There were no requests for future agenda items.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT: 5:03 p.m.</p> <p><i>VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE</i></p>	