



Minutes of MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting

Approved by Mayor and Council
on July 7, 2021.

Date of Meeting: February 23, 2021

MEETING NOTE: Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted declarations of a public health emergency at the local, state and federal levels, this meeting was conducted using measures to protect public health. This meeting was held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in regular session remotely through Microsoft Teams at 6:31 p.m., on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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:

Lane Santa Cruz
Paul Cunningham
Paul Durham
Nikki Lee
Richard G. Fimbres
Steve Kozachik
Regina Romero

Council Member Ward 1
Council Member Ward 2
Council Member Ward 3
Vice Mayor, Council Member Ward 4
Council Member Ward 5
Council Member Ward 6
Mayor

Absent/Excused:

None

Staff Members Present:

Michael J. Ortega
Michael Rankin
Roger W. Randolph

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

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

a. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Ana Marrufo, Management Assistant, City Clerk Staff.

b. PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations or proclamations given.

c. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 45, dated February 23, 2021, was received into and made part of the record.

This item was continued at the request of staff.

3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 46, dated February 23, 2021, 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 Romero, Vice Mayor Lee, Council Members Santa Cruz, Cunningham, Durham, Fimbres, and Kozachik.

A recording of this item is available from the City Clerk's Office for ten years from the date of this meeting.

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

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 47, dated February 23, 2021, 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 Michael J. Ortega, City Manager and comments were made by Mike Rankin, City Attorney.

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5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 48, dated February 23, 2021, 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)

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)

1. Citizen Hotel
City 1-21, Series 6
82 S. Stone Ave.
Agent: Kevin Arnold Kramber
Action must be taken by: February 25, 2021
2. Bob Dobbs Bar & Grill
City 2-21, Series 6
2501 E. 6th St.
Agent: Scott James Cummings
Action must be taken by: February 28, 2021

c. Special Event(s)

NOTE: There are no application(s) for agent changes scheduled for this meeting.

d. Agent Change/Acquisition of Control/Restructure

NOTE: There are no application(s) for agent changes scheduled for this meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Kozachik, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to forward liquor license applications 5b1 through 5b2 to the Arizona State Liquor Board with a recommendation for approval.

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."

(Due to technical difficulties, this item was taken out of order and discussed after Item #9.)

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS A THROUGH J

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) FEB23-21-49
- b. CITY VEHICLES: EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN CITY VEHICLES FROM BEARING IDENTIFYING MARKINGS (CITY WIDE) FEB23-21-59

Resolution No. 23302 relating to City Vehicles; pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-538.03(B), exempting certain City motor vehicles from requirement that they bear markings identifying them as City vehicles; making this exemption effective from February 28, 2021 through and including February 27, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

- c. AMENDMENT TO THE FY2021 COMPENSATION PLAN ADJUSTMENT TO RELEVANT PAY SCHEDULES; B-2 (NON-EXEMPT) (CITY WIDE) FEB23-21-60

Ordinance No. 11817 relating to Compensation Plan; Tucson Code Chapter 10, Civil Service - Human Resources, Article II, Compensation Plan, Section 10-31; amending Ordinance No. 11761 to approve the revised compensation schedules to provide for an increase in minimum wage for City of Tucson permanent employees to fifteen dollars an hour; otherwise reaffirming the provisions of Ordinance No. 11761; setting an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

(This item was considered separately at the request of Mayor Romero.)

- d. AMENDMENT TO THE FY2021 COMPENSATION PLAN ADJUSTMENT TO RELEVANT PAY SCHEDULES: H-1 (SKILLED BASE PAY) (CITY WIDE) FEB23-21-61

Ordinance No. 11818 relating to Compensation Plan; Tucson Code Chapter 10, Civil Service - Human Resources, Article II, Compensation Plan, Section 10-31; amending Ordinance No. 11761 to approve the revised compensation schedules to modify the Utilities Technicians Schedule for apprentice skill based pay increases and increasing minimum wage to fifteen dollars and thirty eight cents; otherwise reaffirming the provisions of Ordinance No. 11761; setting an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

- e. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014A (WARD 4) FEB23-21-53

Resolution No. 23299 a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City Of Tucson, Arizona, approving the modification of the outstanding portion of the \$8,229,466 the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Tucson, Arizona Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Catalunya Apartments Project), Series 2014A (the "Bond"); and declaring an emergency.

- f. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014A (WARD 3) FEB23-21-54

Resolution No. 23300 a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, approving the modification of the outstanding portion of the \$7,015,487 the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Tucson, Arizona Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (Miraflores Apartments Project), Series 2014A (the "Bond"); and declaring an emergency.

- g. GRANT APPLICATIONS: TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR URBANIZED AREA FORMULA FUNDS, CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CITY WIDE) FEB23-21-55

Resolution No. 23301 relating to Transportation and Mass Transit; authorizing and approving the submission of a Grant Application #1667-2021-1 for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Funds (Section 5307) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA); and declaring an emergency.

- h. REAL PROPERTY: SALE OF SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1145 S WARREN AVENUE (WARD 5) FEB23-21-56

Ordinance No. 11816 relating to Real Property and Transportation; declaring a Remnant Parcel located at 1145 South Warren Avenue, RP# 3120, to be surplus City-owned property; authorizing the sale thereof to Footy, LLC, ("Buyer"); and declaring an emergency.

- i. FINAL PLAT: (S19-064) THE BRIDGES SUB-AREA B-III, BLOCK 4, LOTS 1 THROUGH 10, AND COMMON AREA "A" (WARD 5) FEB23-21-62

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the plat as presented. The applicant is advised that building/occupancy permits are subject to the availability of water/sewer capacity at the time of actual application.

- j. RESOLUTION: DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT AGENT FOR FEDERAL AND STATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION FUNDING (CITY WIDE) FEB23-21-63

Resolution No. 23304 relating to Public Health and Safety; designating a new applicant agent to replace Joyce Garland for State and Federal Emergency Funding; and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Council Member Santa Cruz, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, that Consent Agenda Items a – j, with the exception of Item c, which was considered separately, be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS C

- c. AMENDMENT TO THE FY2021 COMPENSATION PLAN ADJUSTMENT TO RELEVANT PAY SCHEDULES; B-2 (NON-EXEMPT) (CITY WIDE) FEB23-21-60

Mayor Romero celebrated the City's action to raise the minimum wage to fifteen dollars per hour, referring to it as a living wage. The Mayor stated the change would affect over two thousand employees, or half of the City's workforce after accounting for decompression-related adjustments. Mayor Romero stated it was both the right and smart thing to do in terms of addressing concerns of retention and for the quality of life for workers, their families, the city and the economy. Mayor Romero expressed thanks for the Council Members, the City Manager's Office, the Finance and Human Resources Departments, including Ana Urquijo, Director of the Human Resources Department.

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

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: APPROVAL OF PRIMARY JOBS DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH TUSIMPLE, INC.

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 57, dated February 23, 2021 was received into and made part of the record. She asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 23303 by number and title only.

Resolution No. 23303 relating to Economic Development Incentives; authorizing and approving the Primary Jobs Incentive Development Agreement between the City of Tucson (the "City") and TuSimple Incorporated, a California Corporation (the "Company") for expansion of their current facilities in Tucson located at 9538 East Old Vail Road (the "Property").

Vice Mayor Lee introduced Robert Brown from TuSimple Incorporated, to address the Mayor and Council.

Robert Brown expressed thanks to the Mayor and Council and offered to answer any questions they might have.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lee, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to pass and adopt Resolution 23303.

9. ZONING: (C9-20-07) Dorsett – Ajo Way, R-1 to C-2, City Manager's Report, Direct Ordinance Adoption

Mayor Romero announced City Manager's communication number 58, dated February 23, 2021 was received into and made part of the record. She also announced this was a request to rezone two parcels comprising approximately 8.5 acres from R-1 to C-2 zoning. The rezoning site is located on the south side of Ajo Way, approximately 1,000 feet east of Kino Parkway, just west of Kino Sports Complex, and just north of Interstate 10. She said the Zoning Examiner and staff recommend approval subject to certain conditions.

Mayor Romero asked if the applicant or representative was present and agreeable to the proposed requirements.

Paul Oland, Paradigm Land Design, LLC, regarded the project as a great infill piece that would end up providing about forty thousand square feet of retail space, including restaurants and gas station, surrounded by arterial roads and ample access to Interstate 10 and distanced from residential developments. Paul Oland listed businesses that were interested in the location and expressed thanks for the ease of the process City Staff provided as well as agreement to the proposed requirements.

Mayor Romero asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 11819 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 11819 relating to Zoning: amending Zoning District Boundaries in the area located on the south side of Ajo Way approximately 1,000 feet east of Kino Parkway just west of Kino Sports Complex and just north of Interstate 10 in Case C9-20-07 – Dorsett–Ajo Way, R-1 to C-2; and setting an effective date.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and passed by a roll vote of 7 to 0, to approve the request as recommended by the Zoning Examiner and pass and adopt Ordinance 11819.

6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

(This item was taken out of order.)

Comments were made by:

Dale Warner
Bradford Trojan
Cheree Meeks

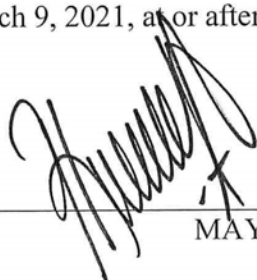
Joe Audino
Russ Witte
Robin Motzer

Paul Gee
Alice Flick

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10. ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Romero announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at or after 5:30 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



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 23rd day of February 2021, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.



DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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