



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Study Session Minutes

Approved by Mayor and Council
on October 5, 2021.

Date of Meeting: April 20, 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 study session remotely through Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Romero at 1:05 p.m.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Regina Romero
Council Member Lane Santa Cruz (Ward 1)
Council Member Cunningham (Ward 2)
Council Member Karin Uhlich (Ward 3)
Vice Mayor Nikki Lee (Ward 4)
Council Member Richard G. Fimbres (Ward 5)
Council Member Steve Kozachik (Ward 6)

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Michael J. Ortega, City Manager
Michael Rankin, City Attorney
Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk

- 1. Report and Update on the Continuing COVID-19, Emergency: City Response and Emergency Management; Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Mayor and Council Strategic Plan and Expenditures; American Rescue Plan (City Wide and Outside City) (City Wide and Outside City) SS/APR20-21-94**

Introductory comments were made by Mayor Romero.

Information was provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager, who fielded and answered questions on testing, points of distribution, hours of operation, assistance for the homeless, and employee testing.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

2. Current FY 2021 Financial Update and Continuation of FY 2021-2022 Budget Discussion (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-96

Introductory comments were made by Mayor Romero.

Information was provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager, who fielded and answered questions. He gave an update on the status of the market study for employees. He said he would come back at the next meeting with recommendations on how to implement some of the changes.

Information and presentation were provided by Jeffrey Yates, Business Services Department Director, who fielded and answered questions on the FY2020/21 Year-to-Date Budget to Actuals and Five-Year Projections for FY 2021/22 – FY 2025/26 and FY 2020/21 HURF Five-Year Financial Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding potential action by the State Legislature that would result in cuts to state shared revenues.

No formal action was taken.

3. Discussion on Local Restriction on Home-Based Hair Salons (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-92

Introductory comments were made by Mayor Romero.

Information was provided by Vice Mayor Lee and Council Member Kozachik, regarding the removal of certain local restrictions on home-based hair salons.

Presentation was provided by Jen Proctor, Shani Gerald and Linda Parades on their experiences during these COVID times trying to make a living and running a home-based hair salon.

Motion by Council Member Kozachik, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0 to remove hair salons from the City's current list of restricted home-based businesses and increase the maximum number of customers to ten (10) per day.

4. Discussion on changes to the City's Massage Parlor Licensing Process (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-93

(This item was continued at the request of staff.)

8. Central Business District Stakeholder Working Group Update (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-99

(This item was taken out of order.)

Introductory comments and information were provided by Barbra Coffee, Economic Initiatives Department Director, who reported on the work done by the stakeholder group who was charged with developing an action plan and auditing strategy for the City's GPLET program and review of the community feedback received.

Information and presentation were provided by Francesca Villegas-Braker, Corky Poster, and Sharayah Jimenez from Bridge Builders.

Discussion ensued; no action was taken.

9. Discussion on Development Corporation for HCD (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-95

(This item was taken out of order.)

Introductory comments were made by Mayor Romero for discussion on how the City of Tucson can become its own developer of affordable housing.

Information and presentation were provided by Liz Morales, Housing and Community Development Department Director, who fielded and answered questions. She gave some background information, what the vision can/should be, examples of models from other cities, and next steps (short term and long range).

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to direct City Staff to work with the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development to explore and provide recommendations on the different legal entities available to the City of Tucson for the expansion of affordable housing through development, as well as examine what appropriate financial vehicles can be used in order to advance the City of Tucson's affordable housing goals.

Discussion continued; no further action was taken.

10. Discussion on the Electric Vehicle Readiness Roadmap (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-100

(This item was taken out of order.)

Introductory comments were made by Council Member Uhlich.

Information and presentation were provided by Sarah Launius, Chief of Staff, Ward 3 and Fatima Luna, Climate and Sustainability Advisor, Mayor's Office, who fielded and answered questions on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness map, guiding principles, strategies, and actions within the next six months.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adopt the Electric Vehicle (EV) Roadmap, direct staff to begin the stakeholder process on the EV readiness ordinance changes, begin efforts to conduct a demand analysis, and ask that staff coordinate these efforts with the Mayor's and the Ward 3 office.

5. Update on PFAS and the City of Tucson Water Supply (City Wide and Outside City) SS/APR20-21-97

Information and presentation were made by John Kmiec, Tucson Water Interim Director, who fielded and answered questions on PFAS and PFOS.

Discussion ensued; no formal action taken.

6. Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund Capital Projects (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-98

Introductory comments were made by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager.

Information and presentation were presented by James MacAdams, Water Program Superintendent, who fielded and answered questions on the Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Fund Capital Programs, Prioritization, and proposal for Gunny Barreras Park Renovations.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to direct staff to continue their work on the GSI project at Gunny Barreras Park in Ward 5 and to report back to the Mayor and Council within ninety (90) days.

7. CIS Global Primary Jobs Economic Analysis Review (Ward 1) SS/APR20-21-102

Information and presentation were provided by Barbra Coffee, Economic Initiatives Department Director, who fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Santa Cruz, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to move forward with the analysis, and any remaining due diligence for the primary job incentives for CIS Global.

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(This item was taken out of order and discussed after item #4.)

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11. Rincon Heights and Pie Allen Neighborhood Preservation Zone (NPZ) (Ward 6) SS/APR20-21-101

Information was provided by Council Member Kozachik on initiating a request to begin the process of establishing a Neighborhood Preservation Zone (NPZ) in the Rincon Heights and Pie Allen Neighborhoods.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Kozachik, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to direct staff to work with the neighborhoods, finalize the design manual and begin the formal rezoning process which will include additional public outreach.

Discussion continued; no further action was taken.

12. Updates on State and National Legislation and Regional Committees (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-89

Information and presentation were provided by Andrew Greenhill, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, who fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to oppose SB1106.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to oppose SB1456 and SB1269.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to oppose SB1457.

13. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-90

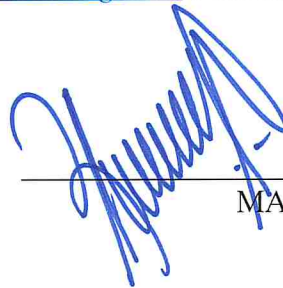
No items were identified.

14. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas (City Wide) SS/APR20-21-91

No items were identified.

13. ADJOURNMENT – 4:08 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the study session meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 20th day of April 2021, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.



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