



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Study Session Minutes

Approved by Mayor and Council
on November 23, 2021

Date of Meeting: May 18, 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, May 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Romero at 2:03 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. **Executive Session – 100 S. Church, LLP v. City of Tucson, Claim No. 27984 (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-116**

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to enter into Executive Session as noticed on the agenda.

RECESS: 2:05 p.m.

RECONVENE 2:21 p.m.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: All present

STAFF: All present

Executive Session was held from 2:06 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, 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 – 100 S. Church, LLP v. City of Tucson, Claim No. 27984 (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-117

It was moved by Council Member Kozachik, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session and direct the City Manager and City Attorney to settle this notice of claim in the amount of \$83,193.00.

3. 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) SS/MAY18-21-118

Introductory comments were made by Mayor Romero outlining the flow of the conversation. She said she wanted to follow Pima County's footsteps in repealing the mask mandate for the City to avoid confusion. She also asked for an update on vaccinations, as well as the partnership with Tucson Medical Center being held at Morris K. Udall Recreation Center. She also encouraged the community, ages 12 and up, to get the free vaccine being offered, which was very effective and one of reasons they were repealing the mask mandate.

Information and presentation were provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager, on vaccinations to date, vaccination sites, KIDCO and update on the American Rescue Plan.

Information and presentation were provided by Mike Rankin, City Attorney, on repealing the mask mandate ordinance scheduled for the regular meeting. He explained that the CDC updated their guidance regarding the mask mandate in public places, Pima County followed suite and therefore the City would also follow. He said the mandate was still required on public transit as a product of federal rules through September 2021.

Mr. Rankin stated the Ordinance authorized the City Manager to enforce rules with respect to City facilities, expressly acknowledges that private businesses/establishments could still enforce their own rules with respect to wearing masks, and also urged all Tucson residents to continue to comply with CDC guidance. He also noted that there were not any regulations on the requirement restrictions (incentives, proof of vaccination, etc.).

Discussion ensued; no formal action taken.

4. Continuing Discussion of the Recommended FY 2021/22 Operating Budget and Financial Update for FY 2020/21 (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-120

Introductory comments were made by Mayor Romero on the process for approving the 2021/22 Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Information and presentation were provided by Jeffrey Yates, Business Services Department Director who fielded and answered questions on the Recommended FY 2021/22 Operating Budget and Financial Update on the FY 2020/21 budget.

Discussion ensued.

5. Compensation Disputes FY2021/2022 Compensation Plan (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-121

Information and presentation were made by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager, who fielded and answered questions. He updated the Mayor and Council on the Mayor's Compensation Hearing and stated staff would be in contact with everyone who had filed a salary dispute. He said no additional direction was needed on the market posture. He again recapped the results of the market study and the effect on employees. He mentioned that a "story board" had been created and was on-line to address questions employees might have.

Discussion ensued.

6. Follow-up RE: Impact Fee Funding & Reporting (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-122

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

Information and presentation were provided by Jeff Whiting, Business Services Department, Administrator, who fielded and answered questions. His presentation was based on talking points using the following webpage:
https://stories.opengov.com/tucsonaz/published/Z1QHmT_z1

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, that the City Manager

1. direct staff to compile draft criteria for review, and a funding formula for impact fees, to include how funds would be used from the respective service area utilizing the Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP) and following current statutes,
2. direct staff to compile the IIP project list, a minimum of twice a year, for Mayor and Council review, discussion, addition of projects and further consideration, action and consistent with current statutes, and

3. staff to compile a report in 30 days for the Mayor and Council's review, discussion, and consideration of a proposed process for all impact fee expenditure items as part of future Mayor and Council agendas.

Discussion ensued.

The motion was CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0.

RECESS: 4:38 p.m.

RECONVENE: 4:45 p.m.

All members present (Council Member Santa Cruz arrived at 4:46 p.m.)

7. Pima Association of Governments (PAG) Management Committee Recommendations to the PAG Executive Director / RTA Next Framework for COT Participation (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-123

Introductory comments were made by Mayor Romero. She updated the Mayor and Council regarding the PAG/RTA Board Retreat.

Information was provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager, and Diana Alarcon, Department of Transportation and Mobility Director, who fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Lee, duly seconded that the Mayor and Council accept the framework as presented by Director Alarcon and the letter sent by Mayor Romero on behalf of the Mayor and Council as conditions for participation in RTA next.

Discussion continued.

The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0.

8. Sunshine Mile Urban Overlay District (Wards 5 and 6) SS/MAY18-21-119

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

Information was provided by Scott Clark, Planning and Development Services Department Director.

Presentation was provided by Keri Silvyn, Lazarus & Silvyn, P.C., Michael Becherer, Swaim Associated LTD Architects AIA, Architect, and Fletcher McClusky, Rio Nuevo District Chair of the Board of Directors, who fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded that the City Manager direct the Planning and Development Services Department to work with the Ward 6 and Ward 5 Council offices, Rio Nuevo and the neighborhoods to hold further meetings and discussions and come back to the Mayor and Council within 60 days or sooner to discuss the Sunshine Mile Overlay proposal.

Discussion continued.

The motion was CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0.

9. Updates on State and National Legislation and Regional Committees (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-113

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

It was moved by Council Member Kozachik, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to oppose SB1106, SB1456 and SB1457 as recommended in the report.

10. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-114

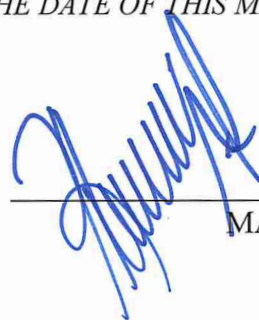
No items were identified.

11. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas (City Wide) SS/MAY18-21-115

No items were identified.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 6:27 p.m.

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MAYOR

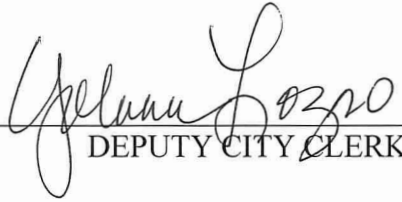
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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

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 18th day of May 2021, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.



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