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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL Study Session Minutes

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Approved by Mayor and Council  
on December 8, 2020.

Date of Meeting: October 6, 2020

**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 at on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Romero at 1:08 p.m.

### OFFICIAL MEMBERS

#### PRESENT:

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

### OFFICIAL MEMBERS

#### ABSENT:

Council Member Paul Durham (Ward 3)

#### STAFF:

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

1. **Executive Session – Conveyance of City-Owned Public Rights-of-Way and Transfer of Maintenance Responsibility to Pima County Regional Flood Control District (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-214**
3. **Executive Session – Potential Sale or Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 465 W. St. Mary's Road (Ward 1) SS/OCT06-20-217**
5. **Executive Session - Potential Purchase or Lease of Property Located at 475 N. Granada Avenue (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-219**

(Items #3 and #5 were taken out of order and considered after Item #1.)

(Note: Council Member Fimbres arrived at 1:09 p.m.)

It was moved by Council Member Lee, duly seconded and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Durham absent/excused), to enter into Executive Session as noticed in the agenda.

RECESS: 1:09 p.m. (Executive Session was held from 1:10 p.m. to 2:46 p.m.)

RECONVENE: 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Romero called the meeting back to order. All were present as they were at the start of the meeting (Council Member Durham absent/excused).

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Durham absent/excused), to return to open session.

**2. Mayor and Council Direction Following Executive Session – Conveyance of City-Owned Public Rights-of-Way and Transfer of Maintenance Responsibility to Pima County Regional Flood Control District (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-215**

It was moved by Council Member Santa Cruz, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Durham absent/excused), to direct the City Manager to proceed as discussed in Executive Session, with the Manager being specifically directed to address the concerns and conditions as discussed by the Mayor and Council in Executive Session.

**3. Executive Session – Potential Sale or Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 465 W. St. Mary's Road (Ward 1) SS/OCT06-20-217**

(This item was taken out of order and discussed after Item #1.)

**4. Mayor and Council Direction Following Executive Session – Potential Sale or Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 465 W. St. Mary's Road (Ward 1) SS/OCT06-20-218**

It was moved by Council Member Santa Cruz, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Durham absent/excused), to direct the City Manager to proceed as discussed in Executive Session, including to secure an appraisal of the property to determine the minimum sales price for any future sale of this property.

**5. Executive Session - Potential Purchase or Lease of Property Located at 475 N. Granada Avenue (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-219**

(This item was taken out of order and discussed after Item #3.)

**6. Mayor and Council Direction Following Executive Session – Potential Sale or Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 475 W. Granada Avenue (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-220**

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Durham absent/excused), to direct the City Manager to proceed as discussed in Executive Session; and to immediately examine and pursue acquisition of other properties and other approaches and strategies that might help the City secure additional bridge housing and/or Permanent Supportive Housing.

**7. 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 (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-222**

Introductory comments were provided by Mayor Romero on how the item would proceed. She said she wanted to talk about testing, update/report on CARES Act Fund programs, and update/report on the Mayor and Council CARES Strategic Plan.

Mayor Romero reported that in terms of testing, and in her conversations with the Pima County Administrator and Pima County Health Department, she wanted to thank all those involved in helping her push an event for downtown businesses, specifically for front-line workers and those that worked in the entertainment/restaurant industry. She said the event was called, “The Places We Love” and she was kicking off the effort of testing and giving out face masks and information to the community on how to take care of themselves and information on free flu shots offered by Pima County.

Mayor Romero stated the event began in partnership with the Rialto Theatre. She said the Downtown Tucson Partnership in Pima County, restaurants, and entertainment venues throughout Downtown, Fourth Avenue and Main Gate Square partnered to do a “grand re-opening.” She said they noticed that there was no pop-up testing scheduled for the weekend after the grand re-opening, so they decided to kick off the “Places We Love” concept.

Mayor Romero said that the Rialto Theatre had been closed due to COVID-19 and because of that they wanted to bring attention back to the Rialto. She stated they had a very successful testing weekend with their on-call testing company, Rescue Me Wellness, and they gave out hundreds of face coverings.

Mayor Romero reviewed information about hotspots in Pima County by zip codes. She said this information could be found on the County’s website. She commented on zip codes 85719 (University of Arizona area), 85706 (southside area), 85756 (Golf Links area), 85713 (south and southwest) and 85746 (southwest). She said testing was continuing to happen in four locations, besides the pop-up testing, at Kino Event Center (15% positivity), Ellie Towne Center (4% positivity), Udall Center (4% positivity) and El Pueblo Activity Center (9% positivity).

Mayor Romero stated that with the Kino Event Center and El Pueblo Activity Center testing sites, the week of September 18-24, there was an increase of positivity, which raised flags. She said testing was continuing in the UA area and the number of positive cases were falling. She said in her conversations with Pima County, it was discussed having the City of Tucson promote some more pop-up testing sites in October. She stated the next pop-up testing sites for Pima County were scheduled for October 10th, at the YWCA on Bonita Avenue, October 17th at Rising Star Church on east 36th Street, October 24th at Missionary Church on 11th Avenue and October 27th at St. John's Church on Ajo Way. She said the pop-up locations were in addition to the permanent locations throughout Pima County and the City of Tucson.

Mayor Romero informed the Ward offices that her hope was to get, "The Places We Love" program in each of the wards. The more access and availability for testing, the farther the City could get and not wait for "hot spots" to emerge, the better off everyone would be.

Information was provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager, on the number of tests performed; 356 employees (23 testing positive) and 199 family members requesting testing. He said he would send the Mayor and Council information on the breakdown of testing by department. He also reported that an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pima County for repayment of testing would be on the agenda for consideration on October 20th.

Mr. Ortega stated that regarding revisions to Financial Participation Agreements (FPAs) approved by the Mayor and Council, the plan was to have them by October 20th, for the expanded FPA agreements. He said as far as the \$382,000 for communications, \$100,000 had been expended for the mask-up events which left a balance of \$282,000. He said there were a variety of different areas where those funds could be expended, such as future marketing efforts for various programs (media buys, etc.).

Discussion ensued regarding pop-up testing sites, mask-up events, COVID testing at the UA campus.

Council Member Kozachik gave an update regarding testing at the UA and he said one of the comments made by Dr. Robbins, UA President, was that the one mistake they made was not testing all students when they returned to campus. Only the students that returned to campus dorms were tested; those in surrounding areas were not. He said there were eight weeks before students left for winter break and each week during their briefings, both President Robbins and Dr. Carmona spoke highly of their interactions with the Mayor and respected the fact that they had a good rapport with Pima County.

Council Member Kozachik stated he wanted to see the Mayor and Council adopt a resolution calling on the UA to test all students as a condition of taking classes that achieved three things: 1) it identified the positives and facilitates tracing, 2) it also controls community spread, and 3) it lets everyone know who is positive before allowing the student on a plan to fly back to wherever their home is for the holidays.

Council Member Kozachik commented that based on the UA's weekly rapport with Pima County and the Mayor, he felt that the Mayor and Council, as a governing body, should send a resolution requiring testing for all students as a condition of taking classes, that would send a huge message to not wait until January, but "take the bull by the horns" and kick up their game for off campus testing.

Mayor Romero asked the City Attorney to weigh in on this issue and stated she was not sure the City could require the UA to conduct mandatory testing for something out of their jurisdiction.

Council Member Kozachik stated he agreed, the City could not compel them to test, but the UA, before they allowed students to take part in classes, if they were living in an on-campus dorm, required a test. He said he was suggesting that the City send a resolution to them asking that they do that same for students living off campus, as well as, a condition of participating in classes at the UA, even virtually.

Mayor Romero reiterated it was basically to follow the same guidelines as students living on campus. She said to follow-up on that thought, the outbreaks surrounding the UA were a direct consequence of either the UA, the City or Pima County, not having a plan to test. She stated testing was very important and some of the outbreaks could have been avoided, but it seemed it was currently under control. She said there was concern about the Phase II re-opening of classes and asked the City Attorney to provide direction.

Mike Rankin, City Attorney, said he understood Council Member Kozachik's request in terms of the Resolution as essentially being a request that the Mayor and Council support through the form of a Resolution in asking the University to require, not just those students living on campus, but those living off campus as well to test as a condition of attending and receiving grades for classes.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Fimbres stated that since this was a public health emergency, he said he wanted to know if the Mayor and Council had any authority to protect the citizens of the City.

Mr. Rankin replied they did in terms of imposing regulations city-wide like they had with the face coverings. He said the UA was run by the State and basically had certain sovereign immunity powers with respect to the imposition of regulations the City might try and dictate to them. He said he was certainly comfortable with bringing back a Resolution to the Mayor and Council at the next meeting, October 20th, that poignantly expresses the Council's desire, as the Governing Board for the City, that the UA, as a key partner, had the responsibility to contribute to the health of the community to take the steps recommended.

Mayor Romero stated she wanted to point out a couple of issues. She said conversations with the three jurisdictions (City, County and County Health Department) needed to be in partnership with the UA. She said she did not want to do something that could potentially affect other testing within the City. She reminded everyone of the positivity rates within the zip codes in southside locations and not just single out one area.

Council Member Fimbres agreed on keeping the partnership on-going but felt there needed to be more done to get that message across to the students about putting people at risk. He said that code of conduct needed to be reflected on and off campus.

Mr. Ortega reported that there was an issue that had come up regarding the Census and the impact from the COVID pandemic. He said the Census deadline had been pushed back a bit and suggested that if the Mayor and Council wished, the amount for Census marketing efforts could be expanded since they had a bit more time. He said he was not recommending that be out of the CARES Act Funds, but it was COVID related and if he could figure out a way to do it through that fund, he would but wanted direction from the Mayor and Council.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, to spend \$100,000 on marketing and outreach efforts to increase public responses to the 2020 U.S. Census and if possible, the money should come from CARES Act funds; otherwise, it would come from the General Fund.

Discussion ensued.

The motion was carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Durham absent/excused).

Mayor Romero reported on the We Are One/Somos Unos Resiliency Fund programs with the Pima Council on Aging that had served 419 clients. As for the Women's Foundation grant for workers and families, the number of applications received was 11, 361 and of those 2,800 were funded. She also reported that with the YWCA for continuity grants, 236 applications had been accepted and \$1.3 million had been awarded. She said she would share the reports with the Council.

**8. FY 20/21 Financial Update: Approval of Budget Change for Public Safety Communication Retrofit Project and Evidence Walk-In Freezer Storage Units (City Wide) (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-223**

Introductory comments were provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager. He said it was a continuation of conversations previously held.

Information was provided by Joyce K. Garland, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant City Manager. She said there were two budget revisions for Mayor and Council



consideration: one was the retrofit for the 9-1-1 Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC). She said in the original project, it was slated as a "call center." She commented that that had changes and was more of a technology upgrade rather than space. She said they were wanting to retrofit the PSCC to allow for the health and welfare of employees, more social distancing, fitness center, changing the scope of work. She said that project was \$6 million.

Ms. Garland stated that originally, the budget for the project was within the Enterprise Funds; Tucson Water Utility and Environmental Services because they were going to be the call center piece. She said about \$78,000 of impact fee funds were going to be used, but the major would be coming from the Enterprise Fund. She said now that they were not part of the project, and since it was strictly for 9-1-1, staff was asking to use General Fund cash carry forward for that project.

Ms. Garland stated that the other project was the evidence freezer. She said what the freezers were used for was to store evidence from major crimes throughout the City. She said they were currently at full capacity and the one they had was continually breaking down. Because of that, she said the Tucson Police Department (TPD) was asking for two freezers.

Ms. Garland said, however, since the memo of information went out to the Mayor and Council, Environmental and General Services Department (EGSD) conducted a review, made some repairs on the one freezer and believed they could still get a couple more years out of it. She said now the ask was for one freezer and shelving and retrofit for the new freezer bringing the cost down from \$660,000 to \$430,000.

Mayor Romero stated regarding the 9-1-1 retrofit, specifically because of the COVID-19 era, one of her thoughts was to use CARES Funds (CRF) to create the additional space. She asked why there was a change of heart.

Ms. Garland explained that staff had talked about it in length and the issue was two-fold: 1) not all of the project could be linked to COVID, the space could definitely be, but the timing of the project and completing it by the end of December would not happen. She said she thought that maybe CRF could pay for the design work, but it would be difficult for the full project to be paid for through CRF.

Mayor Romero stated that \$6 million was a lot when talking about General Fund and cash carry forward. She asked if staff had a much more detailed expenditure of how the funds would be expended.

Carlos DeLaTorre, Environmental and General Services Department Director, replied that essentially it was a review of the configuration previously designed. He said that project was around \$5.3 million and with the additional modifications and expansion, it raised the amount up to the \$6 million. He said it was related to the overall project cost and did not think the project would require the full amount but wanted to have the

authority if needed. He said EGSD still needed to perform some work internally, to help with the cost.

Mr. DeLaTorre replied that he did not have the detailed expenditure report but could forward that information to the Mayor and Council. He said it was a combination of various guaranteed maximum prices obtained for various equipment and as the Project Manager, that was where he had arrived at the \$6 million for the project. He said his responsibility and goal was to not reach that level but needed to be able to have the capacity to move the project along. He said he was confident that the project could be done with that amount if not lower.

Council Member Santa Cruz asked if the 3-1-1 call center was not going to be part of the configuration, what was the vision for moving forward and what those projected costs would be.

Mayor Romero suggested that Mr. DeLaTorre share with the Mayor and Council his detailed expenditure sheets in order to assist them in making an informed decision.

Mr. Ortega replied to Council Member Santa Cruz' concern, stating that this had been an on-going conversation for at least a couple of years. He said initially, the idea was to combine the fire side of dispatching with the police dispatching. He said fire was moved into the police area to free up the fire side space to prepare for a larger space where both could be housed. He said the intent of combining those efforts was to take advantage of efficiencies and effectiveness in the call system.

Mr. Ortega said traditionally it was two separate systems and the idea was to combine them into one. He said they knew it would not work, for a lot of reasons, to have staff moved from the fire side to the police side and leave them long term. But the idea was to establish a larger space where the old fire side was to take advantage of those efficiencies.

Mr. Ortega stated the idea was to utilize the police space vacated once 9-1-1 was removed for a call center for 3-1-1 and the concept there was to utilize the Enterprise Funds to make those improvements which would then translate and soften the blow on the 9-1-1 side. He said during the pandemic and when it first hit, it was realized that the 3-1-1 model could be done virtually and there was no need for a physical space for that. He said the 2-1-1, which he referred to as the "gray area" between 9-1-1 and 3-1-1, fell in this space as well. He stated it was unlikely that the 2-1-1 piece would be done entirely remotely, but there would be more space necessary for that piece moving forward. He said the magnitude of this project, started off as an efficiency to both save dollars in terms of not having two managers, two directors, etc., but also to ensure the effectiveness of the call so that the entire system became one as opposed to two separate systems.

Mr. Ortega commented that the estimate of savings at the time was about \$800,000. He said once he observed the system and staffing levels, he used all of those dollars to adjust salaries and stop some of the attrition that was occurring at that time. He said he was



able to address some of the salary and compression issues in that area simply by using those savings. He informed that at this point, the entirety of the idea was to have a 9-1-1 center that was combined.

Mayor Romero stated that she did not want to give the impression that the retrofit was not important and that she had been pushing it because it was such an important link from the community calling for emergency and/or information to service, protection and safety. She said it was an absolute important piece of public safety in terms of safety and service to the community. She said she preferred to have more information rather than less regarding the project.

Mayor Romero commented that the Mayor and Council had been asking for the possibility of this, and she wanted to see how these funds were being put together and being spent and was \$6 million the total cost of the entire project. She said she had some doubts of 3-1-1 not having some physical space at the center only because she was imagining 3-1-1 to be a piece of the Community Safety Pilot Program, where non-emergency calls are diverted to 3-1-1. She spoke about how TC3 and the Fire Department handled non-emergency calls with the partnership of TMC and only having one physical location for everyone.

Mr. DeLaTorre commented on the breakdown of the project. He outlined those details stating that funds would be used for improved work spacing and reallocation of space (\$4,255,000); a new generator (\$600,000); additional design fees (\$150,000); Project Contingency (\$495,000) and additional furniture/retrofits (\$500,000) for a total of the \$6 million. He said the timeline to receive all final documents for the project completed was the end of the month, then the contractor was being given two weeks to finalize their estimate and staff was looking at the middle of November to review the bids and hopefully issue a notice to proceed by the first of December with a construction schedule of about six months.

Discussion ensued regarding the total cost of the project, better breakdown of what the cost of the project would be and why the cost of the project was not budgeted for in the City's budget.

Ms. Garland stated the project was budgeted for through Enterprise Funds; not the General Fund. She said that was what the discussion was about to change the budget to the General Fund and that cash carry forward funds would be used for the project. She said this request was giving staff the authority to spend the funds, not the cap. She reiterated that there was already someone who had done the design work and was owed for that service.

Mayor Romero commented that she felt the steps being taken for the project were in the wrong order and wanted to ensure that informed conversations were being had. She said in terms of the process of how funds are assigned and allocated for this project and what the \$6 million meant.

Council Member Kozachik confirmed that all staff was asking was that the Mayor and Council understand this project would not be paid from Enterprise Funds, rather from cash carry forward from the General Fund, whatever the final amount winds up being. He said he was not sure what they were being asked to approve.

Mr. Ortega stated this was not an internal estimate that was done in a vacuum. He said what was important was that this had been an on-going dialogue with a contractor for many months and staff had gone to them several times asking for prices, not as a GMP, but as an estimate of what staff was looking at. He said they were not shooting totally in the dark, and they had more information than maybe they had let on.

Mr. Ortega said another piece to the project was that there was a shift in funding and Mayor and Council had previously approved the project in the Enterprise Funds and since it was moving to the General Fund, they needed to make the Mayor and Council aware. He said he was not opposed to bring back a more detailed analysis to give the Mayor and Council a better level of comfort. He stated he could bring the item back the at the next meeting with more detail so that the Mayor and Council could have a better understanding and staff could have a conversation/dialogue with the contractor.

Mayor Romero suggested that the Mayor and Council think about moving forward with the purchase of a new evidence storage freezer since that was an urgent item. She continued her comments and concerns regarding the 3-1-1 call center.

Additional comments were made by Vice Mayor Cunningham on why he could not support the item and expenditures as presented and stated more time was needed.

Ms. Garland advised that because design services had already been received, she needed to set up a budget in order to pay that vendor. She said she understood Mayor and Council's reasons for not approving the full \$6 million, but she needed to set up a budget to pay the vendor for services received.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of General Funds versus Enterprise funds.

It was moved by Council Member Fimbres, duly seconded, to approve allocating \$430,000 for the evidence storage freezer.

Discussion ensued regarding design fees already incurred for the call center.

Council Member Fimbres amended his motion to also approve allocating \$200,000 from the General Fund for design fees for the call center. The seconder was in agreement with the amendment.

The motion, as amended, was carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Council Member Durham absent/excused).

**9. Funding Strategy for Long-Term Pension Obligation (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-224**

Introductory comments were provided by Mayor Romero.

Information was provided by Joyce K. Garland, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant City Manager on the Public Safety Pension fund. She said the City was looking at paying out, cash wise, over the next coming years could be over \$200 million annually into the plan. She said given the market conditions, she felt it was right to consider different funding strategies. She said it was going to take a team to work on this issue and a lot of education and discussion. She stated it was a significant decision for the City and staff wanted to make sure the Mayor and Council were well informed to make this decision. She said more information and terms will be forthcoming and asked that the Mayor and Council ask questions for clarity.

Ms. Garland stated the Arizona League of Cities and Towns had sent out information on two different webinars. She said one was on strategies on how to deal with the Public Safety Pension Retirement System Unfunded Liability Financial Options to Consider. She said the Board conducting that webinar was the City of Flagstaff. She said Flagstaff just issued Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) for their PSPRS system. She said she felt it was worthwhile for the Mayor and Council and their staff to sit in on the webinar.

Ms. Garland said that the POBs being discussed were just a funding mechanism. She said how it worked was that you take a lot of money, borrow it at a low interest rate, invest those dollars in a higher interest rate and gain from that big pot of money. She said it did come with some risks, but because the market was so favorable and the potential outcome, that was why staff was bringing it to the Mayor and Council at this time.

Additional information and presentation were provided by Bill Davis and Michael Vasquez, from Piper Sandler Companies, who fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued; comments were made by Council Members Lee and Kozachik and Vice Mayor Cunningham.

No formal action was taken.

**10. Discussion of the City's Composting Program and the Glass Recycling Program (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-221**

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

Information was provided by Carlos DeLaTorre, Environmental and General Services Department Director, who fielded and answered questions. He said he was directed by the Mayor and Council to look into an alternative waste diversion program. He said they submitted and were approved for a permit for a composting facility at the Los Reales Landfill, and had built an operating pad and berms at the landfill as well. He said EGSD

has the qualified personnel to begin the process and had recently acquired some of the necessary equipment for the program as well as renting equipment for some of the components of the program that would not be done on a daily basis.

Mr. DeLaTorre said the Landfill would accept all the green waste from various departments and compost that. He said they were also in the final stages of completing an IGA with the University of Arizona, Compost Cats, where in the past, they ran an operation at the San Xavier Mission. He said the City would not take the lead on running the composting operation and the UA would be assisting the City with the science, running quality control, quality assurance and public outreach. He explained further how the program would work and what they were doing before going live, which their goal was the beginning of the calendar year. He said they anticipated beginning the program the first of the year.

Mr. DeLaTorre reported on the glass recycling program. He said he was hearing that there would be a lot more escalation costs relating to the recycling program, so they were asking Mayor and Council to consider removing glass from the curbside recycling program. He said their proposal was to replicate Ward 6's glass crushing program. He said that model demonstrated a lot of interest from the community to drop off recyclable glass. He said this program would reduce the City's cost exposure on the processing of glass and the product can be used internally.

Mr. DeLaTorre said he was asking the Mayor and Council to allow staff to remove glass from the curbside recycling program and move forward with the deployment of glass only containers at the neighborhood recycling centers and replicate what the Ward 6 pilot program indicated that there was interest for constituents to take materials to a specific location and that the City can process and find an alternate use for that. He said if that is done, it would allow the City to get away from paying \$100/ton to process glass and by setting up their own facility, cut operating costs in half and find a local benefit for the use of the glass.

Comments were made by Mayor Romero, Vice Mayor Cunningham and Council Members Santa Cruz, Kozachik, and Fimbres on a plan, educating the public, etc.

Mr. DeLaTorre stated that as far as educating the public, that would be done for the next three months and as of February 1st, glass will not be accepted through the recycling program.

Mayor Romero asked that when the item is brought back to Mayor and Council, the entire plan, with dates, locations, etc., equitable access to drop off locations and engagement actions are included.

Mr. Ortega reinforced Mayor Romero's comments. He said he it was his intent to return to the Mayor and Council will more detailed information; this item was an update to the composting program which staff had already been working on developing. He said the intent was to return with more specificity on some of the things outlined, timing,

education, etc. He said this process was incremental and they would return with more information.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to move forward with the process and for staff to return with detailed information at the next meeting.

Mike Rankin, City Attorney, advised that no motion was needed. Mr. DeLaTorre had the Mayor and Council's input and was prepared to return with the entire plan for consideration and final direction on October 20, 2020, if possible.

**11. Phase 2 Housing Market Study Update (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-216**

(This item was continued to the meeting of October 20, 2020.)

**12. Arbinger Institute Upcoming Training (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-225**

Information and presentation were provided by Council Member Lee. She announced that there was an upcoming training on October 14th and 21st and there was no specific ask at this time, but she wanted to make the Mayor and Council aware of the training. She said the Mayor and Council had the full proposal in their packets for additional details.

Council Member Lee stated Arbinger Institute provided training, consulting, coaching and implementation tools that move people, teams and organizations from a self-focused way of seeing people, issues and solutions into a way of looking at results from what is called an outward mindset. She said that was the training that would be taking place in October. She said Arbinger has worked with all types of organizations from the private sector, non-profit, federal and local governments. She stated she had been through the training at her place of employment. She shared her personal experiences with the training and said she felt it would be good for City employees as an additional tool.

Additional information was provided by Michael J. Ortega, City Manager. He said he wanted to inform the Mayor and Council on how this training integrated with all the other initiatives (equity, culture change, Ignite Supervisory Leadership, etc.). He said one thing looking forward was that this training would also provide coaching opportunities for some of the City's leadership staff.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

**13. Updates on State and National Legislation and Regional Committees (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-211**

Information was provided by Andrew Greenhill, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, who reminded the Mayor and Council of the answers he already provided to questions received from Council Member Fimbres on updates on COVID funding and stimulus, postal service and the 2020 Census; no formal action was taken.

**14. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-212**

Mayor Romero requested Consent Agenda items f and g be considered separately.

Item 7f: Tucson Code: Amending (Chapter 7) Relating to Business Regulations for Third Party Restaurant Delivery Services, Prohibiting Delivery of Food from Non-Partnered Restaurants and Establishing Caps on Commissions (CITY WIDE) OCT06-20-329

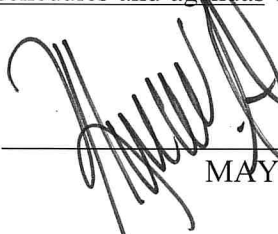
Item 7g: Intergovernmental Agreement: with Pima County Free Library District for Conveyance of Mission Library (WARD 1) OCT06-20-332

**15. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas (City Wide) SS/OCT06-20-213**

Council Member Fimbres requested future agenda items to be scheduled for November, regarding the Salvation Army's efforts to address issues related to COVID-19, and an update on the 2020 U.S. Census.

**16. ADJOURNMENT: 5:49 P.M.**

The next regularly scheduled study session meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on October 20, 2020. Audio recording for this meeting is available on line at <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/gov/meeting-schedules-and-agendas> for ten years from the date of this meeting.

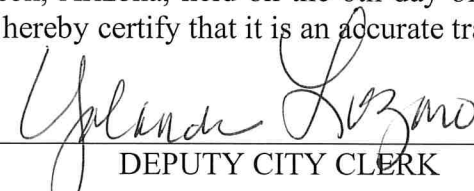
  
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I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the study session meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 6th day of October 2020, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.

  
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