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Midtown took its first monsoon hit on Sunday. A big time thanks to Parks, Streets, and our landscape vendor's workers who were out all night on Sunday clearing debris. It's work you didn't see happening, but still enjoyed the benefits.

End of Live Racing

Last weekend was the end of live greyhound racing out at Tucson Greyhound Park. One local media outlet, KVOA elected to pitch it as an economic loss to the community. The source? A guy named Michael Racy. He has been lobbying for the track and the industry for years. As I was watching the segment, I initially thought it was intended to be like a Jon Oliver parody. As Racy was talking about the loss of good paying jobs, an image of these guys was floating across the screen:



Photo: Mike Cristy. Arizona Daily Star



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Tucson
791-5071

Planning and Development Services
791-5550

Pima Animal Care Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 243-7999

Continued: A Message From Steve

Seriously, Channel 4? I suspect those guys could make more flipping burgers – and the skill set required would be increased.



And based on attendance like this?

On a good night they'll have a couple of dozen people out there betting on the dogs. You've gotta do better than sourcing your story from a lobbyist for the industry.

The economic reality is that the track has been qualifying for a "Hardship Tax Credit" for years. You and I have been subsidizing the operation to the tune of millions of tax dollars because it's a money loser – not an economic plus to the region. I've written about that, and have provided tables and data multiple times. It's public record. And local rescues have been relying on private donations to take care of the injured animals for well documented hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of medical bills. The place has been an economic drain from multiple directions.

But if a station wants to paint a certain picture, it chooses its sources to end up with the desired story. Don't let the facts get in the way. They're tired of reporting on the injuries and conditions the dogs are kept in –



But that's what this is all about. Not some trumped up allegation that the track is an economic engine.

In the meantime, across town...



Another one bites the dust . . .

Many of us gathered on Saturday evening at The Shelter for a combined fundraiser for Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption, thanking the Beading Divas for their work in collecting funds to help SAGA's costs, and clinking glasses over the new found freedom for the pooches who had been housed at TGP.

And I'd add to the message on the rolling billboard, no more tax subsidies. The media needs to do better than to rely on some guy who has been lobbying on behalf of the track for nearly two decades as their "source."

Correction



... Well, we can't always be perfect... me included.

Last week several of you noted that in the F-35 section I had referred to "Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau" – who in fact is unable to serve today since he died about 15 years ago. He was succeeded by his son, Justin

(for Josephine) in 2015. He's the guy who has pledged not to purchase the F-35's due to expense, and that he doesn't believe Canada needs the aircraft.

I think his dad would have agreed.



Landfill Disposal Fees

I believe the most important item we voted on last week likely went totally under the radar screen. The Star gave it about 150 words, but we can chalk that up to deadlines and their preference for getting content printed and not waiting on a longer and more well-developed story. I'll try to fill in what they didn't cover here.



The city opened the Los Reales landfill back in 1967. It has about 65 years left on its lifespan. Approximately 1,500 tons of solid waste is brought to Los Reales every day. That's about 500,000 tons of private and commercial waste annually. As an aside, if you've got debris you'd like to take out there, they operate Monday through Saturday from 6:00 am until 5:00 pm. The landfill is located at 5300 E. Los Reales Road (south on Craycroft off from I-10).

If you haul trash out there, there's a fee to use the dump. It costs the city to operate and maintain the facility. That cost is one component of the trash fee you pay every month, but if you take material out directly, it'll cost you as a private hauler varying amounts depending on what you're hauling. For covered material over 2,000 pounds, it's \$32 per ton.

That rate is relevant to this item. Until about 2009, all commercial trash haulers paid the city the same disposal rate. That included the relatively small local haulers and the large multi-nationals such as Waste Management and Republic. When mega-corporation Waste Man-



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542

Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

agement took its business out of the landfill, the city adopted a tiered rate structure to entice Republic to stay as a customer.

The pricing tiers are based on what's called a "put or pay" system. You commit to "putting" a certain tonnage annually into the landfill, and the more you commit to, the less per ton you pay. Republic was the only company at the table when the tiered system was negotiated. They're paying \$17 per ton, while the city pays \$21, and the small local haulers are paying anywhere from \$23 per ton up to \$32 per ton. There's clearly a competitive advantage to the multi-national.

Republic is under contract to continue at that rate until 2020. Last month, they sent the city a letter saying in effect that if we didn't open their contract and renegotiate their rate down to \$16 per ton, they'd consider opening up their own landfill and taking their business from the city. In addition, they demanded that the new rate be extended until 2025 – locking us into that heavily subsidized rate for nine years. They felt they could leverage us because they're hauling over 150,000 tons of waste to Los Reales annually. Comparing the present arrangement with what they were demanding, and spread over nine years, the new deal was priced out to be worth about \$5M. Here's the language from the letter they sent to us on May 23rd:

If Republic Services is unable to re-negotiate an extension which is a mutual agreement between both parties by July 1, 2016, we as a Corporation will need to review and seek other opportunities for our disposal needs.

Republic Services current agreement ends in the year 2020 (very nice of them to at least acknowledge they're asking to reopen an existing contract) with a put or pay amount of 142,000 tons a year. The extension agreement which we are seeking would increase the annual tonnage amount to 152,000 tons per year and extend the terms of the contract to 2025.

If you're paying \$32 per ton to haul your home-grown trash out to the dump, and multi-national Republic is paying \$16 per ton, and the smaller commercial haulers are paying in the upper-\$20s per ton, clearly the market giant is the only one benefitting from that pricing structure. I pulled the item from consent for a little more discussion. Paul had indicated a similar concern with the deal a couple of weeks ago.

I don't want to get too into the weeds on this. It's pretty basic. If Republic is being subsidized, you and the small haulers pick up the difference. We have some fixed costs for operating the landfill. The smaller haulers asked and were told those are about \$21 per ton. When I asked the answer was this:

Hi Steve,

Flat operating budget is just under \$16 and that's due to a large volume for cost distribution.

When Richard asked the answer was this:

2. What is the City cost, per ton, for providing landfill proposal?

The direct operating cost is approximately \$13 per ton. The full cost-of-service rate, which includes all fixed City and department overhead, is \$21 per ton.

So, back to where we started when asking. We often go through a circular route in trying to pin down some rather basic information. It costs the city \$21 per ton, including overhead to operate the landfill. Republic is paying \$4 under our cost, and was demanding to get another \$150K annual discount with the new \$16 per ton rate. Who makes up that difference? You. Either through higher rates curbside, or through higher rates when you go out to Los Reales, or through higher rates if you use one of the local haulers.



A high percentage of Republic's customer base is in unincorporated Pima County. So city residents are also subsidizing county residents to the extent Republic gets a sweetheart deal.

But there's more to why I pulled this from consent. With the deal Republic has, is it realistic for us to expect them to really jump ship? Remember, we're paying about \$21 per ton to operate our landfill. They'd have to do the same, plus increase their costs to haul their material a greater distance than they are now.

Republic would have us believe that if we don't lock in a nine year deal by which they're paying \$5 under our costs, and \$16 per ton below your costs, they're going to increase their own bottom line costs and build their own landfill? And that's a deal we should sign onto?



Paul and I agreed on sending this message:

Right now, Republic is putting about one third of our tonnage into Los Reales. If we increase their subsidy, they then have a greater ability to undercut local haulers on some of their contracts, thereby increasing the tonnage they bring to us and increasing the leverage they have on us. As they grab more market share, their ability to come and demand we again reopen their contract and lower their rates only becomes greater.

Here's what we received as the City Manager's recommendation:

Landfill Fee for Guaranteed Tonnage

The City has offered contracts for tiered landfill rates for guaranteed amounts of waste since 2009. One of the five private companies currently using such a contract has proposed to increase their guaranteed tonnage from 140,000 tons per year to 152,000 tons until 2025. At a fee of \$16.00 per ton, a contract for this amount gives the City a \$5 million financial advantage over the contract term. It also helps keep the landfill fee low for all customers, supports stability for budgets and construction planning, but has little impact on the 60-plus years of permitted life remaining at the Los Reales Landfill. A new pricing category of \$16.00 per ton for 152,000 guaranteed annual tonnage is added in Section 15-34.8, Disposal Services Contract Fee Schedule.

I don't agree with their analysis and how they're coming up with a \$5M "advantage." It does not "keep landfill fees low for all customers," and let's not call it a "\$5M financial advantage" for the city when everyone else is picking up the cost of the subsidy. It backs us into a corner as Republic gains market share at a below-cost tipping fee.

We ended up agreeing to keep the current tiered rate structure – essentially honoring the existing contract we have with Republic – but directing staff to immediately begin negotiating with *all parties* to come up with a single flat rate that everyone pays, or some modification of what we have now. Will that end up costing you more at some point? Likely. But would we lose any ability to control the rates demanded by Republic if we caved to their threat? Certainly. And our local businesses would have suffered for it.

One reporter picked up four inches of copy on this. If the editor was pressuring him for content, I understand. But you deserve to know that this M&C told staff to get this right, and protect your long-term interests in ways that, sans local media coverage you wouldn't otherwise know.

Now, some of you do.

Gutter Business

As long as I'm pointing to some "questionable" business marketing decisions, I'll share this one, too. It came in last week from 2nd Amendment Sports – a national firm that has a local outlet.


CELEBRATE

***JUNETEENTH, DADS & GRADS**
JUNE 16-18

**EMANCIPATE YOURSELVES FROM THE OPPRESSION OF THE MAN,
 FROM YOUR CHORES, FROM YOUR SCHOOL - BUY A GUN!
 TAKE THAT BOOT OFF YOUR NECK AND ENJOY SOME GREAT DEALS!**

Below that header they advertised several sales they have going on for various weapons. Somebody inside that company produced that slop, somebody approved it, and somebody in that company evidently thinks it's a cute way to attract customers to their store.

I disagree, and would hope the vast majority of you do, too. I won't be giving you their address.

Gun Safety Antidote

The Star ran a guest piece of mine last Thursday. In response to the 2nd Amendment Sports ad, I'll just post the op/ed here:

Steve Kozachik: We need voter action on gun safety, not more vigils

By Steve Kozachik Special to the Arizona Daily Star

Orlando. Let's just add it to the list. Tucson, twice. Aurora, Columbine, Santa Barbara, Fort Hood, Sandy Hook, San Bernardino, Charleston, Virginia Tech, Umpqua Community College, and on and on. And we hold vigils when another media event like those occurs. But the reality is that this week, nearly 100 people will die from gun deaths in this country and you won't see any headlines at all.

Let's be clear. The causes are many. There's mental illness, domestic violence and bigotry. There's something about how we're socializing our young men so firearms are viewed as an option in handling anger. There's suicide, which makes up a huge percentage of the gun deaths. I get all of that. And each is a valid topic for us to explore.

But so is easy access to guns. And that statement alone will generate an unhealthy paranoia among lobby groups such as the National Rifle Association. They will take the mention of gun safety legislation and activate their membership under the fiction that the government is coming after their guns. The reality is nobody's talking about confiscation. But there must be room to talk about rational gun safety laws without taking a defensive posture. Gun safety is a public health issue and deserves to be treated as such.

In the state of Arizona it is legal to sell a semi-automatic weapon, capable of causing the carnage we have witnessed in mass shootings over and over, for cash, out of the trunk of your car with no questions asked of the purchaser. Nobody looking objectively at that can say it makes any sense from a public policy standpoint. Or from any other perspective.

The predictable reaction of the NRA and similar groups to the mention of legislative action is a part of the problem. It is through their efforts that we cannot even study the causes and effects of gun violence through the Centers for Disease Control. It was the threat of an international boycott of Smith and Wesson that the production of "smart" guns — guns activated through biometrics — is not occurring in this country. And God forbid we even raise the issue of why citizens need access to weapons that can fire off dozens of rounds in less than a minute. But begin that discussion and the NRA activates members to lobby Congress and end any thought of a legislative response.

Ours has become a gun-crazed culture that's led by craven politicians who are bought and paid for by the gun lobby whose intent is getting as many guns into as many hands as possible, as easily as possible.

In the week following the Orlando shootings I'm aware of at least 10 vigils that were held around Tucson. I participated in several. I'm tired of vigils. I'm tired of memorializing the victims of mass shootings. Unless we couple those occasions with calls to action, the list of cities that fall prey to these incidents will only continue to grow.

The call to action is simple. Vote. Do a little homework so we don't have to continue remembering the dead at one candle-lighting ceremony after another. Learn which politicians are carrying the water for the NRA and similar groups. Learn which of them are bought and paid for – owned by the gun lobby. Do that homework and vote them out of office.

In engaging that call to action, we send the message to the NRA that we are taking back the fabric of who we are. We are no longer simply going to accept the policies they promote, policies that are costing people's lives.

Steve Kozachik is the Tucson city councilman for Ward 6.

And speaking of Jon Oliver parodies, this is worth another look:

<http://www.tucsonweekly.com/TheRange/archives/2013/04/02/az-on-the-daily-show-guns-in-tucson-edition>

124 E Broadway



Here's shifting gears to a more positive set of business decisions – first, the proposed sale of the former VFW building located at 124 E Broadway and the city-owned vacant lot immediately west of it. The second part of that sale caused me some concern.

First, though, this building was built back in 1948. In respect of that, the Tucson Pima County Historical Commission wrote a letter in support of some level of historic

preservation being placed on the building. Here's their letter:



Historical Commission

June 20, 2016

The Honorable Jonathan Rothschild
and Council Members
P.O. Box 27210
Tucson, AZ 85726-7210

RE: Sale of Real Property Located at 114 & 124 East Broadway Boulevard (Ward 6)

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Regarding the sale of real property located at 114 & 124 East Broadway Boulevard, and pertaining to the upcoming Study Session of June 21, the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) voted unanimously at its monthly meeting of June 15, 2016, to urge you to include a preservation and conservation restriction in any plan to sell the building. We are reinforcing the recommendation you have already received from the City Manager's Office: "It is recommended that Mayor and Council direct staff to initiate a competitive bid sales process for the subject property, including a recorded title restriction to protect the historic status of the building [on the 124 East Broadway parcel]."

The proposed preservation and conservation restriction, also referred to as a preservation easement, is a proven, effective tool to encourage development, while maintaining the authentic historic character of the building. Preserving this building also maintains the historic integrity and eclectic charm of the downtown business district as a whole. The restriction specifics would be determined by an assessment of the character-defining features of the building. Our recommendation is fully in accord with applicable sections of Plan Tucson and UDC Historic Landmark / HPZ guidelines. We also ask you to ensure that the easement language contain a provision for review by the Plans Review Subcommittee of the T-PCHC of any future changes to the property.

As you may know, this handsome, early Modernist building was designed by Place and Place architects in 1948 for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The building is individually eligible for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and is a contributor to the pending Downtown Historic District.

Short-term benefits to the community will be immediate, and will continue to grow in the long term, allowing future generations to adapt the interior of this versatile building to their needs, while maintaining a tangible link with Tucson's past.

Even though placing a historic preservation easement on the site will lower the appraised value of the building, nobody on the M&C was inclined to remove that restriction. That part was easy.

I asked for something other than a straight bid for the sale method. In a bid, the person who writes the biggest check gets the building. In this case, in this location, there are other players who deserve consideration. Some of those include our new community media partners Wave Lab Studio. They're located on the back side of the vacant lot. What is built on that lot can effectively bury Wave Lab. We need to at least allow them to be a party to the design plan – not necessarily a controlling voice, but a voice that deserves to be heard.

Anytime we do downtown development, we do so with the understanding that it's a tight site. There's a lot going on east of the freeway where building adjacencies need to be considered when we build out new projects. For this one, we'll hear back from staff during our August study session what delivery method they propose so we're being inclusive, while also being sensitive to fair market valuations.

More Downtown Business Activity

The list of merchants who are participating in this year's Summer in the City discount card program has grown to over 140. Now in its third year, this discount program is intended to boost sales for participating merchants during the hot summer months. It'll be good through the end of August.

This year the participants are from downtown, Main Gate, 4th Avenue, the Sunshine Mile, Nob Hill, and the Mercado. The cost of the card is still just \$5. If you'd like to see a full listing of the merchants, click on this link: bit.ly/UIPYEq.

You can either buy your card online or at some of the merchant locations. Either way, this is a great way to support local businesses and save yourself some cash at the same time.

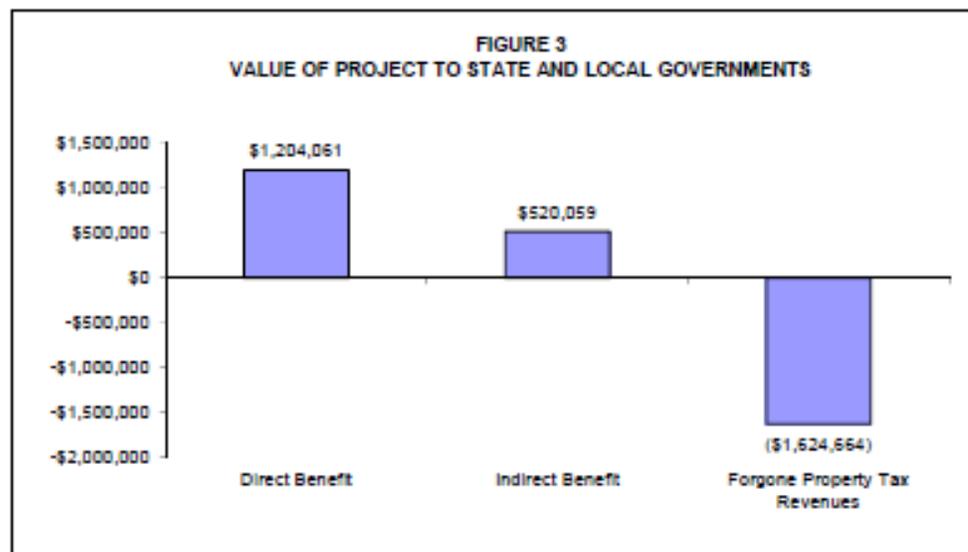
Riverpark Inn Incentive

One final downtown business topic is the incentive we just approved for upgrades to the Riverpark Inn, west of the freeway. We've awarded Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET) incentives before, but this one was a bit unique.



The GPLET incentive is one we use to allow qualifying businesses to avoid property tax payments for a period of time (generally eight years) to help them fund construction. Each of the previous GPLETs we've awarded were for new construction. The Riverpark Inn was the first time we awarded an incentive for an income-generating property to do tenant improvements. It offered some new considerations.

In order for us to comply with the State Constitutional Gift Clause, we must demonstrate that the value of the incentive we're giving is less than the value of the benefits that come back to the taxpayers. To show that, we send out for an independent, outside financial analysis. For Riverpark, the analysis showed we were right at the edge of compliance. This graph makes the point:



It shows that we're forgoing \$1.6M in tax revenues, but are realizing from the developer \$1.7M in benefits. That margin is a close call. What's more important than this particular project is making sure we're protecting the GPLET program for future applicants. If we violate the Gift Clause, we place that opportunity in jeopardy.

To make sure the Riverpark application complies with our statutory requirements, we had them place \$200K in an escrow account. Every two years during the eight year tax exemption period, we'll conduct an audit. If the results show the property is keeping up with its financial projections, we're fine and the incentive continues. If however it misses its financial goals at one of the check points, we have the ability to pull in the \$200K and end the incentive. If it has met all of the two-year financial check point goals at the end of the eight year deal, Riverpark gets its money back and the property goes back on the tax rolls.

I approved of the incentive with the conditions we drew into the agreement. This isn't a slam dunk. The Riverpark is projecting significant room rate and occupancy increases as a result of the improvements being made to the property. The addition of our AHL hockey

team and the ability to more fully take advantage of the gem show as they improve the Riverpark property gives them hope that this'll all end well. Me, too. But they're gaining new competition with the AC Marriott, the Clifton Hotel, and another new one that's about to begin construction across from the University Marriott. As they say, time will tell. Each of us on the M&C wish the ownership group for Riverpark the best of outcomes to this deal.

Arizona Water Initiative Annual Report



That's Lake Mead. When its water level gets a few feet below where it is currently, our allocations from the Colorado River may be impacted.

In May, the state released the annual report generated out of the governor's water initiative. It's in draft form, but I suspect nothing substantive will change between this version and the final form.

A couple of months ago, I advocated along with Madeline Kiser from the Community Water Coalition to expand the representation on the Governor's Water Advisory Council (GWAC). The concern was the industries represented on that council had certain vested interests, and nothing like a large scale, substantive, conservation-minded set of recommendations would result. In the draft report, this comment confirms that suspicion:

There will be no further discussion at the GWAC regarding implementation of large-scale programmatic or systematic statewide conservation measures. The GWAC does advocate for continued implementation of water conservation measures in all water use sectors throughout the state.

We're going to have water supply issues. The experts in managing the Central Arizona Project are clear – we have a “water deficit” in Lake Mead, on the order of 1.2M acre feet of water per year in the lower basin alone. That's due to evaporation, over-allocation, and to what they call “delivery inefficiencies,” largely related to the timing of water releases from Mead. We need “large-scale programmatic or systematic statewide conservation measures,” and the GWAC isn't going to work on them.

What is their focus then? Here's the answer, direct from the draft report:

4. The GWAC recommends that Council discussions in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 focus on the following topics:

- The potential for augmentation through re-use, reclaimed, and poor quality water to significantly impact the future demand and supply imbalance
- The potential for augmenting groundwater supplies through natural recharge and conservation to include possible incentives and infrastructure needs
- Consideration of a communication plan for the State to accurately convey the status of its water supply resiliency and its efforts to maintain that status moving forward
- Funding for augmentation infrastructure
- Begin to identify large-scale augmentation opportunities

That's "augmentation," not conservation. You don't see "conservation" as a major initiative anywhere in their FY'17 focus.

By way of reminder, here are the Governors Water Augmentation Council members and the agencies they represent:

Member	Representing
Aja, Basilio F	Arizona Cattle Feeders' Association
Atkins, Lisa A.	Arizona Land Department
Brown, David	Brown & Brown Law Offices, P.C.
Buschatzke, Thomas (Chair)	Arizona Department of Water Resources
Cabrera, Misael	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Camacho, Chris	Greater Phoenix Economic Council
Cooke, Ted	Central Arizona Project
Doba, Ronald V.	Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
Fabritz-Whitney, Sandra	Freeport-McMoRan
Gammage, Grady	Gammage and Burnham
George, Maureen R.	Mohave County Water Authority
Graham, Patrick James	The Nature Conservancy in Arizona
Hamer, Glenn	Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Kamps, Spencer A.	Home Builders Association of Central Arizona
Keeling, Rod	Arizona Wine Growers Association
Kmiec, John	Southern Arizona Water Users Association
Lavis, Rick C.	Arizona Cotton Growers Association
Lombard, Cheryl	Valley Partnership
Lotts, Robert A.	Arizona Public Service Company
Moore, Hunter (Vice Chair)	Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
Noble, Wade	Noble Law Office
O'Connell, Virginia	Arizona Water Banking Authority
Porter, Sarah	Kyl Center for Policy at Morrison Institute
Roberts, Dave	Salt River Project
Smith, Mark	Yuma Irrigation District
Sullivan, Craig	County Supervisors Association of Arizona
Tenney, Warren	Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
Townsend, Phillip Dale	Sunland Chemical Co.
Udall, Christopher L.	Agribusiness & Water Council

Included are cattle, cotton, copper, and commerce. Missing is climate concern, which means conservation. Remember our "5 c's?" This is a bit of a twist on the notion, and one we should keep front and center.

As a part of the water initiative, the planners are going to make the rounds to what are

called “Planning Areas” around the state. There are 22 of them. They hope to give their presentations and gather public input over the next five years. Multiply the Lake Mead water deficit by five and we’re saying that before this governor’s group is ready to make what we hope to be meaningful recommendations, we’ll have lost another six million acre feet of water from Mead. That’s enough to cover six million football fields with one foot of water.

The Annual Report does lay out what they call the “Strategic Vision” for the group. Here it is in table-form.

Strategic Vision Priority	Strategic Vision Action Item ¹
Resolution of Indian and Non-Indian Water Rights Claims	Establish Adjudication Study Committee
Continued Commitment to Conservation and Expand Reuse of Reclaimed Water	Review Legal and Institutional Barrier to Direct Potable Reuse of Reclaimed water – Develop and implement plan for resolutions
Supply Importation – Desalination	Begin Discussion on Ocean Desalination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange options: California, Mexico • Direct Options: Mexico
Develop Financing Mechanism to Support Water Supply Resiliency	Begin Discussion on Water Development Financing

So the strategic vision is resolving litigation, talking about desal, potable use of reclaimed water, and funding mechanisms. Not much out of the box there.

The litigation piece is important, but what it will primarily do is identify who has rights to various amounts and sources of water. The lawsuits are a bottleneck in front of making long-term policy decisions, but they don’t address conservation at all.

Desalination is a costly solution. It is capital and energy intensive. It’ll also take decades to implement on any large scale. It’s nowhere near being a solution. And using reclaimed water for potable purposes is something the City of Tucson is already working toward, but it will involve a significant public sales pitch that will need to be based firmly on water cleanliness and safety to the public. What we just saw in Flint, Michigan won’t make that sales pitch any easier.

Funding has its own issues. Rural areas, where the infrastructure needs may be greatest, are often the least able to fund major water projects. The state created what’s called the Water Resources Development Revolving Fund to provide financial help for those communities. But as we’ve grown accustomed to from the state, they never funded it.

The CAP accounts for about 40% of our water supply. Groundwater is another 40%, while surface water is the remaining 20%. Each of those sources is challenged, and the GWAC isn’t close to identifying long-term, statewide solutions. And, as is made clear in the Water Initiative Annual Report, the needs of the various areas of the state are fundamentally different.

There’s a continuing dialogue about how to get some creative and constructive public discussion on this very important issue moving. Waiting five years for the planners to make their rounds isn’t the answer. More to come as that dialogue develops.

Three Public Safety Items

Thursday, June 30th at 6:30 pm – First, a reminder to join us this week for the presentation by the County Attorney’s office, City Attorney’s office, and TPD on the general topic of quality of life crime management.

On Thursday, each of those offices will be in the Ward 6 community room to talk about their respective roles in investigating and prosecuting the crimes we see in midtown. It’s often the case that I hear frustration from residents related to either the amount of time it takes to process crimes after arrest, or the appearance that the court system is a revolving door for criminals. The police make an arrest, and not long afterwards the person is right back in the neighborhood causing problems. On Thursday, we’ll have the relevant players in the room to talk about the process.

In preparation for the meeting, I’ve sent out a case history related to one particular series of incidents experienced in a couple of midtown neighborhoods. We’ll review that case, and let that serve as the stepping off point for Q&A from the people in attendance. I hope you’ll be able to join us. The intent is for everyone who comes – panelists and residents – to leave having learned something they didn’t realize coming into the room.

Civilian Oversight of Police

Recently, our internal independent police auditor left to work for Raytheon. She served as an important link between civilian concerns over police actions and how we investigate those concerns. We’re currently looking into how we might revise our oversight process. We want to provide the proper due process protections to our officers and still remain responsive to issues raised by citizens. The goal is to put into place a process that’s fair to everyone involved.

We have what’s called the Citizen Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB). It’s one of our Boards, Committees, and Commissions made up of civilian appointees from each Ward office, and others. They’re looking at cases that have already been investigated by our internal affairs department. The role and authority of CPARB is poorly-defined, so bringing some new focused clarity to that Commission is another goal of this review.

On Thursday at the crime meeting we’re hosting, I’ll be gathering names of people who come and who would like to be involved in a follow-up meeting intended to address this citizen input review. At that follow-up meeting, staff will describe the processes we currently follow, some models other jurisdictions follow (the good, and the not-so-effective), and then will open things up for a community dialogue to hear what sorts of access points you’d like to see in our public safety oversight.

I realize that not everyone who will want to take part in that oversight meeting will be able to make it on Thursday. I’m mentioning it here to give you a heads-up that I’m working on booking this meeting – and will make sure it’s advertised well in advance in this newsletter.

Both this review and the discussion we’ll have on quality-of-life crime on Thursday are examples of how our new Chief is taking the concept of community policing and walking

it out in practice. We made a very good hire when we signed Chief Magnus. Please plan on taking the opportunity to engage with us on as many of these sorts of meetings as you can.

Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

The final police item is a \$375K grant we're applying for along with the County. It's called a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). We've done them in the past. Their intent is to help local jurisdictions fund things like training, personnel, and equipment related to police work. Our split of the funding will be \$177K.

Chief Magnus is committed to outfitting our police officers with body worn cameras. I've shared in the past that I'm not entirely on board with their use at this point for a few reasons. First, there must be protocols in place that guarantee the civil rights of both the people being filmed, and the officers involved in incidents being captured on the recorders. Given the newness of these systems, that's still a work in progress. Second, the issue of public records access to the material being recorded has some moving parts. What sorts of incidents are going to be made available? What's redacted? Who decides? What levels of independent review are in place to ensure proper public access is being provided? As with the civil rights protocols, those policy decisions are still being sorted out around the country. And finally, the costs associated with storage, retrieval, and managing the records is both not presently known and guaranteed to grow over time as more records are captured. I have fiscal concerns about that.

But, we're moving forward with the purchases. This JAG grant money will go directly toward the purchase of cameras, as well as training on their use. While I'd prefer we stay on the sidelines of this technology while some of the challenges I've noted are worked out, I also understand their upside and will be watching as our command staff and attorneys work through some of the issues associated with the use of the cameras.

Bike Share



Last week, we had to fish or cut bait on whether we were going forward with a bike share program. We have funding through PAG to pay for the bikes and other gear associated with the program, but the money had a time-sensitive string on it. What we did was to approve our part of a Memorandum of Understanding with PAG to authorize \$1.3M to purchase 300 bikes and about 30 stations. The operations and maintenance obligation falls to us to work out.

In 2014, TDOT allocated \$75K to hire Toole Design Group to do a feasibility study for bike share in our area. They did an extensive community outreach, identified locations for the stations, and will now team up with Kimley Horn to help us put together a Request for Proposals to hire on a management group for the system. We expect the operations and maintenance (O&M) to be in the neighborhood of \$600K annually.

Plenty of other jurisdictions are starting their bike share programs. All of them rely on a combination of funding sources. Those include about half of the O&M coming from the rental fees, and the rest coming from sponsorships and public funds. We're out soliciting for

private sector sponsorships. There are several companies who have already expressed interest. Now that we've made the commitment to move forward with the system, those expressions need to turn into contracts.

It will be interesting to see how this sorts itself out. How much private funding will come in? Will the bikes take riders away from our other public transit modes, or will they complement each other? The docking software is still in its developmental form. How will it, along with the payment media, work with our current transit software? Lots of moving parts, but the total potential downside was worth taking the risk of adding this amenity to our multi-modal system.

Is it trendy? Ya, some, but it also represents a transportation option that's demographically in demand, and that enhances tourism. The bulk of the stations are along the streetcar route, so proximity to campus will make it student-friendly, too.

There are multiple sponsorship options. Any business that wants to get involved and receive exposure as a bike share sponsor should contact any of the Ward offices, the Mayor, or our bike share coordinator, Ann Chanecka at Ann.Chanecka@tucsonaz.gov.



Tucson Roadrunners

It's appropriate to recognize our new AHL hockey team for this week's local Tucson selection. They held the team naming contest and revealed the winner last weekend.

The team name recalls the Phoenix Roadrunners. They played in the East Coast Hockey League from 2005 until 2009. That team was an affiliate of the San Jose Sharks. San Jose's close, but being tied to the Phoenix (Arizona) Coyotes is better for both franchises.

They sold about 1,000 tickets last weekend. They'll need to do better than that in order to make a go of it in the TCC. You can get tickets through this link: <http://bit.ly/28KTOXZ>. You can also call 866.415.4695 for ticket information.

There will be a free exhibition game held on October 9th at 1:00 pm at the TCC. All of the NHL players will take part. If you go, consider a \$5 donation at the door to help support the UA club hockey team.

Thanks to TDOT Workers

If you're driving north on Campbell, just past Elm you'll see a new opening cut into the block wall on the east side of the street. It's the much appreciated handiwork of our streets employees. It's a ped and bike cut-through from an access road that lays to the east of the wall that will make for a much more convenient way to get to the crosswalk at Elm. Pre-



viously people were diverted to the north quite a ways, having to double back on the sidewalk – against traffic for bikes. Thanks for the work, especially noting the extreme heat in which it was done.

Sincerely,



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Events and Entertainment

Senior Scam Forum

Friday, July 1, 2016 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Green Valley Desert Hills Social Center, 2980 S Camino Del Sol, Green Valley

Hosted by Congresswoman Martha McSally, this forum will feature: The "Scam Squad" of the Pima County, Sherriff's Auxiliary Volunteers, Pima Council on Aging, AARP, Better Business Bureau, and the Arizona Attorney General. For more information, visit: mcsally.house.gov.

'A' Mountain Fireworks Celebration

Monday, July 4, 2016 | Food vendors 7 – 9 pm, fireworks at 9:15 pm

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church Ave

The City of Tucson/Pima County host the 20th annual 'A' Mountain fireworks celebration, presented by Desert Diamond Casinos and Entertainment. You can enjoy the show from TCC Parking Lot B (off Cushing Street between Granada and Church Avenue) or Parking Lot C (off Granada between Broadway Boulevard and Cushing Street). Parking is free. Other suggested viewing locations in the downtown area with free parking are:

- The 22nd Street Lot at the Interstate 10 frontage road (northeast corner)
- The Mercado San Agustin West End Dirt Lot, south of Congress Street and west of the Santa Cruz River. (Vendors will be selling food)
- The City/State Parking Garage at 498 W. Congress, at the northeast quadrant of I-10 and Congress Street

Presidio Museum seeking volunteers

The Presidio Museum is an important cultural and historic destination in the heart of downtown Tucson. The Museum teaches about the origins, heritage and history of Tucson and the surrounding area. Visitors to the Museum come from around the world. Join a dynamic team of volunteers who support this important downtown cultural attraction. Register to attend an upcoming volunteer training class by contacting Kate Avalos at KateA@TucsonPresidio.com.

- **Volunteer Training Part I: Introduction to the Presidio**, October 1st, 9 am – 2 pm
- **First Living History Day of the season**, October 8th, 10 am – 3 pm
- **Volunteer Training Part II: Colonial Skills and Tour Practice**, October 15th, 9 am – 2 pm