



CITY OF TOLLESON

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**TOLLESON CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACTION MINUTES
TOLLESON CIVIC CENTER
9055 WEST VAN BUREN STREET, TOLLESON, AZ 85353
ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 840 6967 9194
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026
6:00 PM**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodriguez called the Tolleson City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was delivered by City Attorney Pierce, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Erives.

C. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Juan Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, Council Member Christine Chavira, Council Member Clorinda Erives, Council Member Adolfo Gámez, and Council Member Cruzita Mendoza (departed at 6:24 PM).

Council Member Linda Laborin was absent.

Department Directors: City Manager Reyes Medrano Jr., Deputy City Manager/Chief Government Affairs Officer Pilar Sinawi, Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director Wendy Jackson, Chief of Social Impact George Good, Deputy City Clerk Citlaly Salas, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director Randy Babchuk, Fire Chief Michael Young, and Utilities Director Jamie McCracken.

City Representative: City Attorney Justin Pierce

D. FINAL CALL TO SUBMIT SPEAKER REQUESTS



All citizens and interested parties wishing to speak before the Council regarding non-agenda items or during a public hearing shall fully complete a Speaker Request Form and submit the form(s) to the City Clerk prior to the meeting being convened. Citizens must complete one form for each item they want to address. Speaker Request Forms are located at the entrance of the Council Chambers. For Zoom participants, click the chat button, and enter your name and the item you would like to address. Submissions should be made no later than the Mayor announcing the “Final Call to Submit Speaker Requests”. All speakers will be limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise noted by the Mayor. Speakers are not required to disclose their identities or personal information. You may also submit an online speaker request form at <https://www.tolleson.az.gov/speakerrequest> at least one hour prior to the meeting.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

This is the time for the public to comment on non-agenda items. Members of the Council may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01.H, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to (1) responding to criticism; (2) directing staff to review the matter; or (3) asking that a matter be put on a future agenda.

F. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND PROCLAMATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. Proclamation declaring May 2026 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing and celebrating the history, culture, achievements, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and encouraging all residents to honor the diversity and cultural heritage that strengthen our community. – Wendy Jackson, Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed May 2026 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Tolleson.

2. Proclamation declaring May 2026 as Older Americans Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the valuable contributions older adults make to our community through their wisdom, experience, volunteerism, and civic engagement, and encouraging residents to support efforts that promote inclusion, independence, dignity, and quality of life for older Americans. – Wendy Jackson, Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed May 2026 as Older Americans Month in the City of Tolleson.

3. Introduction of New Employees:
Employee Resources Department – Rosa Villasenor, Employee Resources Administrator

Information Technology Department – Dreanna Willars, IT Technician
Police Department – Adam Armstrong, Public Safety Dispatcher and McKena Ortiz,
Public Safety Dispatcher
Utilities Department – Paul Vega Soto, Wastewater Operator

Employee Recognition:

Utilities Department Recognized at the 99th Annual Arizona Water Conference with
Three Awards of Honor for Safety, the 2026 Inspector of the Year Award Presented to
Pretreatment Inspector Jim Lunsford, and the Outstanding Industry Partner Award
from West-MEC. – Jamie McCracken, Utilities Director

G. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

H. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Items on the Consent Agenda are of a routine nature and are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council Members may pull items from Consent if they would like them considered separately.

1. Approve Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026. (City Clerk Department)
2. Approve Claims and Bills Report for the period of May 6, 2026 to May 19, 2026. (Finance Department)
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2644 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, approving the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Maricopa County, administered by its Human Services Department, for the Hand-in-Hand Program to extend the Agreement term through June 30, 2027, provide funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2027, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment. (Human Services Department)
4. Approve the Purchase Agreement between the City of Tolleson and PVS DX, Inc. for the purchase of 99% chlorine for wastewater treatment operations, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Vendor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 for products and services. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to three additional one-year terms. (Utilities Department)
5. Approve the Third Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Border States Industries, Inc. for Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) equipment, supplies, materials and services, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Amendment. This Amendment increases the annual aggregate amount from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and extends the term of the Agreement through April 30, 2027. (Utilities Department)

Consent Agenda item 3. was pulled for discussion and considered separately.

Council Member Gámez moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1., 2., 4., and 5.; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Davis. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis moved to approve Consent Agenda item 3.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Gámez. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve/Deny the Public Involvement Plan for the City of Tolleson General Plan Update in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes requirements, and authorize staff to implement the public outreach and community engagement strategies identified therein. (Development Services Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve the Public Involvement Plan; the motion was seconded by Council Member Erives. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

2. Approve/Deny the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Dearborn Life Insurance Company for employee life and disability insurance benefits, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Amendment. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement through July 1, 2027, and increases the compensation amount from \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the term of the Agreement. (Employee Resources Department)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to approve the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; the motion was seconded by Council Member Gámez. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. Fire Department Update – Michael Young, Fire Chief
2. Human Services Department Update – George Good, Chief of Social Impact

K. MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER’S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. The Tolleson Civic Center will be temporarily closed on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM to allow City staff to participate in an internal employee event.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 and A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Tolleson City Council and to the general public that the Council of the City of Tolleson will hold a meeting open to the public. Council Members of the City of Tolleson will attend by telephone/video conference call.

Note: The City Council of the City of Tolleson, by a duly passed motion, may vote in public session to adjourn to executive session on any agenda item in conformation with A.R.S. § 38.431.03 for legal advice from the City Attorney.

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City of Tolleson
Checks Recorded
Check Dates: May 6, 2026 to May 19, 2026
PAYMENTS OVER \$10,000

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE
CHASSE BUILDING TEAM INC	\$1,896,812.21	102462	5/8/2026
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$316,124.88	187669	5/19/2026
FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$154,947.37	187624	5/14/2026
ADVANCED SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$145,395.58	187581	5/7/2026
SAN TAN FORD AUTO PARTNERS LLC	\$82,752.36	187644	5/14/2026
SAN TAN FORD AUTO PARTNERS LLC	\$82,752.36	187645	5/14/2026
ASR CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC	\$68,697.53	187614	5/14/2026
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$59,122.00	102528	5/18/2026
LYFT, INC.	\$46,588.52	102514	5/15/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$37,839.65	187611	5/14/2026
MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$35,015.16	187637	5/14/2026
SOLENIS LLC	\$33,470.64	102502	5/12/2026
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	\$31,956.98	102484	5/12/2026
WEST YOST & ASSOCIATES INC	\$30,252.25	102538	5/18/2026
FSL HOME IMPROVEMENTS	\$23,450.00	187675	5/19/2026
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$21,072.50	187677	5/19/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$20,400.00	187666	5/19/2026
ADAPTIVE ARCHITECTS INC	\$18,952.00	187665	5/19/2026
SUNRISE ENGINEERING LLC	\$18,711.00	102535	5/18/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$14,647.20	187611	5/14/2026
TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17	\$14,600.00	187583	5/7/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$14,497.90	187611	5/14/2026
GHD INC	\$14,193.75	102469	5/8/2026
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$13,409.77	187677	5/19/2026
ASR CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC	\$13,208.31	187614	5/14/2026
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$13,000.00	102528	5/18/2026
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$12,480.00	102461	5/8/2026
FLYERS ENERGY LLC	\$11,207.41	102512	5/15/2026
ARIZONA STATE TREASURERS OFFICE	\$10,124.99	187686	5/19/2026
ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY	\$10,000.00	187582	5/7/2026

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City Council Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026

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MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: -- Erives. Yeah. She's here. Councilwoman Erives do the pledge, and we'll go from there.

PIERCE: Our heavenly Father, we come before thee again in prayer to give thee thanks for the freedoms that we enjoy. We're grateful for the great land that we live in and this beautiful City of Tolleson. We pray that those that have been elected to oversee it's functioning will be able to do so in a way that is pleasing to thee, and in a way that would be in the best interest of all who reside here. We're grateful for those in attendance. Please keep us all safe from harm or accident. Please also bless those that protect us, that they will be able to return home to their families this evening as well. We pray for wisdom and for peace in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL: We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Thank you both. City Clerk, please let the record reflect that everybody's present with the exception of Councilwoman Linda Laborin. And then we're going to want to final call to submit speaker request forms. It is. Do we have that the request form?

SALAS: Yes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We'll get it.

Okay. So I'm going to go on to it. We have one request that was submitted today. So Mr. Hinojosa -- I'm actually I'm going to turn it over to Chief Good or George Good, and he can do some presentations --

And you'll have three minutes, which is -- I timed it, so it's actually a little bit less than three minutes.

But go ahead, chief.

GOOD: Thank you, Mayor. Tonight we have with us a member of our senior center who is also a veteran. So thank you again, as we consider Memorial Day was yesterday. And he is his name is Luis Hinojosa. He sings regularly at the senior center and around the

valley. He has been a professional mariachi and he is requested to sing God Bless America Tonight in English and Spanish combined.

So with that, Mr. Hinojosa, you have the floor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Microphone if you can. It doesn't come off. You got to stand on that side of the podium. (Indiscernible). It is.

HINOJOSA: [Singing] God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairie, to the ocean white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home. God Bless America, my home sweet home. [Singing continues in Spanish language.]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Hinojosa -- before you take off, Mr. Hinojosa, a couple of item. First of all, great job. Muchas gracias. As they say, [Spanish language spoken], Very well done.

Also, you have the honor of being the first person -- I've been on council since 2005. I know council member Gamez has been a lot longer, but this is the first time that somebody actually came and sang for us and done a great performance, especially this time of the year, right after we celebrated Memorial Day. So thank you very much. And I thought you did an amazing job.

Other comments?

GAMEZ: Excellent job.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

HINOJOSA: Thanks to the City of Tolleson. I was a little nervous on the Spanish side, because I thought you guys were going to throw me out.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: No, no.

GAMEZ: Not here, brother.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I can just ask. Yeah. You could do it in any language you want. We'd be okay with it. Especially if you sang it the way you did. You did an amazing job.

HINOJOSA: Thank you. Thank you sir. Thank you for letting me sing to you guys. And I'll be around.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: If you want to hear him again, he sings at the birthday parties over at the senior center.

HINOJOSA: I'll be singing for the birthday people that are at the center. So I so the serenata there.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 82 years young.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: 82 years young.

HINOJOSA: Yeah, yeah, I'm 82.

[LAUGHTER]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, sir.

Thank you. Okay. We're going to move on to --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Don't forget your water.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We're going to move to a call to the public, nonagenda items. It is now called to the public.

City clerk, do we have any submissions?

SALAS: We don't, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. We're going to move on to scheduled public appearances and proclamations for discussion. I believe we have two. We do.

The first one is proclamation declaring May 2026 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing and celebrating the history, culture, achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders' communities, and encouraging all residents to honor the diversity and cultural heritage that strengthens our community. I'm going to turn this over to our deputy city manager, Wendy, to speak on this.

JACKSON: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Members of Council. We thank you again for this particular proclamation. We recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and celebrate the many cultures, traditions, and contributions that enrich our community and our nation. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have helped shape our country through leadership, innovation, service, and resilience. The City of Tolleson is proud to continue recognizing and celebrating the diversity within our community,

because embracing different cultures and perspectives strengthen connections, fosters understanding, and help build a more welcoming and united city for everyone. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Ms. Jackson. I will add, here in Tolleson, we have a very strong tradition of being founded by migrant farm workers amongst other backgrounds. But migrant farmworkers is core to who we are as a people, at least from my family. And one of my uncles is a Filipino. Back in the days, the Filipino crews would travel from state to state, working the fields. And then once the crops were done, they would go to the next state. And they would travel as a family. Latino-Mexicanos like us did that too, but we have (indiscernible) too where they came down and they picked local crops. And one of those folks was my tio, Fred. He's passed many probably, like, the better part of ten years now, but very strong tradition of family roots here, Islander roots also. So I'm glad that we're doing this, because we always recognize the obvious, right. But then we just scratch the surface a little bit and you realize, a lot of Filipinos passed through Tolleson, a lot of Asians, a lot of folks that worked here that may not have been Mexicanos, but were farm workers, and they were just as important as anybody else to the foundation of the City.

So Ms. Jackson, thanks again.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If I could. For those of us that grew up here, when I saw this, it reminded me of Don Dare (ph.). He was an incredible man. He was a Japanese man. He moved back home, but he owned a store that is now a Mexican restaurant next to Dave's Liquor. And he used to give credit to the community, literally, like, credit accounts, because he knew that people didn't get paid in time, but they needed to eat. He was an institution in this community. And every day I got to go, and he gave me a free football, chocolate football. And that was -- he brought in the first ever video game to Tolleson. It was a Pac-Man. And the line out the door around the block, because Johnny Tweedy-Reese (ph.) was the best one and he took forever to lose. So we used to

threaten him with violence, but it still didn't work. He was amazing. So we all stood there for hours. I gave up and we'd go home. But Don Dare was an institution and it's only appropriate that we remember him today.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. That's wonderful.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

CHAVIRA: Could the Council recognize our own Randy Babchuk from the Hawaiian Islands.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Had a baby, huh?

[Applause]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I believe somebody on this council has a daughter that lives in Hawaii.

CHAVIRA: I do.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. How hard is that? How long is the mija (ph.) in Hawaii. Don't ask me twice.

So with that, I, Mayor Juan Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed.

We're going to move on to item number 2, which is proclamation declaring May 2026 as Older American Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the valuable contributions older adults make to our community through their wisdom, experience, volunteerism, and civic engagement, and encouraging residents to support efforts that promote inclusion, independence, dignity, and quality of life for older Americans.

Again, I'm going to turn it over to our deputy city manager, Jackson to share a couple words on this.

JACKSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of council.

So apropos, after listening to the song from Mr. Hinojosa. That was so beautiful, and he's one of our seniors there. So we definitely want to make sure that we commemorate this month to them. We recognize Older Americans' Month and honor

of the generations of older adults who have helped shape our community through their service, experience, wisdom, and dedication. Their contributions continue to strengthen families, neighborhoods, and of course, our city as a whole.

This recognition is especially meaningful to me, because I recently had the opportunity to spend time with one of my aunts -- they live on the East Coast -- who shared stories about our family heritage and experiences passed down through generations. It reminded me of how important older adults are in preserving our history and traditions and values, and we are proud to continue recognizing and celebrating older Americans, because fostering an inclusive and supportive community for all ages encourages connections, respect, and stronger future for everyone. So thank you for acknowledging this month.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Absolutely. Yeah. And I'd be remiss if I didn't bring up the fact that we have a very robust senior program here in Tolleson, one of which my parents happen to be members of, and many other members of our community as well. And I got to say that I was very blessed from an early age. A lot of wisdom traveled through our households, my nana, my tata, my mom and dad, my tios and tias. And they're now entering that stage in their life where they're in their 80s and 70s. And good point, Mr. Hinojosa is also a member of that of that group. And so a lot of love and time goes into making a great senior program. It doesn't happen by accident. You don't program for seniors. You program with them. And if you try to tell them what to do, they're going to get you on the dance floor, and they're going to make you dance too, whether you want it or not.

But I want to, I think appropriately, they should get a round of applause, but also the people that make that program successful. And so one of those folks we have today is, of course our senior human resources -- or what is it now, chief -- chief of social impact coordinator, George Good, who actually runs the senior program with the amazing staff and does a wonderful job and has (indiscernible) coming back. We think sometimes when we retire and then we just stay home and watch CNN or something. No, we have to socialize. We have to be able to still have relationships and talks. And creating that

dynamic is increasingly important as you age. And so chief, good, thank you for doing that for all of our seniors, along with all your staff. And I would ask that you send our thanks on behalf of the council for all the work that they do day in and day out.

Anybody else on council?

All right. Well, with that I, Mayor Juan Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Older American Month in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed.

[Applause]

All right. We're going to go on to number 3, which I really enjoy, because I don't have to talk much. Introduction of new, new employees. I'm going to kick it over to our city manager, Reyes Medrano.

You got the helm, sir.

MEDRANO: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council. Welcome to the community and all my fellow public servants. This is one of my favorite duties or honors, I should say, that is bestowed upon me by our team. So I thank you to all of you who have foregone this opportunity and allowed me to do it.

So as always, we begin with announcing yet another free agent signing from the City of Avondale employee resource department, Rosa Villasenor, employee resources administrator. Rosa, she's done a wonderful job already. Her first day was our -- what was it -- the benefits insurance fair. So there was just about 1,000 people that she had to help run through City Hall, did a wonderful job.

Next we have in our information technology department, Dreanna Willars, IT technician. Is Dreanna here tonight? No.

Next is with the police department, Adam Armstrong and McKena Ortiz, both public safety dispatchers. You should be here because I'm here. No? All dispatchers should be here.

And then finally, in our utilities department, Paul Vega Soto, wastewater operator is online. Congratulations, Mr. Soto, and thank you for choosing Tolleson.

And then employee recognition. If you ever get a chance to attend this conference, it's fun to watch. When our wastewater -- our utilities division shows up, it's like the

Beatles walking into the room. Everybody takes notice and acknowledges the incredible work they've done, they continue to do. This year, the utilities department was recognized at the 99th Annual Arizona Water Conference with three awards of honor for safety, the 2026 Inspector of the Year Award, presented to Pre-treatment Inspector Jim Lunsford, Big Jim.

Congratulations, Jim.

The outstanding industry partner award --

Yes. Stand up please.

The outstanding industry partner award from West-MC. Jamie McCracken, Utility Director. Congratulations to you both.

[Applause]

MEDRANO: Oh, I'm sorry. Jamie was just listed on here as a director, but it's for the team. You guys know how I feel about you. It's an absolute honor to serve with you. And what you've done at that place is nothing short of a miracle. And we are eternally grateful. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Great job guys. Good job.

[Applause]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Jamie, why don't you bring your team up here to take a picture with everybody? Yeah. Put my orange shirt on. Just kidding.

Yeah. Come on up, guys. Get your Theo (ph.) up here, man. Look at that. Time to wake up. This way. Okay.

[Group photograph taken with Council and team]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Thanks, folks. All of you guys. Great job.

MCCRACKEN: Mayor, we have a lot of people online. We have a few folks that want to be able to (indiscernible) but from our team.

DAVIS: Jamie, use the mic.

MCCRACKEN: (Indiscernible) will yell at us later if I don't tell you that.

We have (indiscernible) Jim Lunsford, 49 years at City of Tolleson. The inspector of the year, the inaugural award goes to City of Tolleson, great job representing, Jim.

Got environmental manager Aaron Dougherty.

One of our rock star wastewater operators, in Angelique Vasquez. Got wastewater manager Kevin Larson. We've got lead mechanic and safety committee chair Raul Gomezllanos. Got our master welder and mechanic over here Vic Trevino. In the back here with family. We've got Bubba Chapel (ph.), Edward Chapel (ph.). I used the nickname. Sorry.

We've got -- in the back, we also have assistant director Jim Balen (ph.). Water manager in the back, Tim Brown. Master electrician Reinaldo Azua Hernandez. We've got Master Baker (ph.) and we've got the -- and preventive maintenance technician Mundo (ph.). We've got Gus Clark getting ready for his presentation at the City manager update tomorrow. He's going to do great.

On our collections team, we've got Mark Newberry (ph.) on our SCADA electrician side. And we've also got Mr. Don Keesler of our wastewater maintenance department. I'm trying to remember how many years, but I won't say it out loud just for your benefit. It's been a while. 35, so thank you.

We got a lot of folks online, including Mr. Paul Vega Soto and some others. So thank you all. Appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Oh, there's Rosie. Rosie snuck in, I apologize, Rosie. We got Rosie Hernandez. She holds it all together in the office for us.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome.

MCCRACKEN: All right.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: well, thank you all for your efforts day in and day out. You keep us doing what we do with water and both on the waste side and the drink side. So muchas gracias on behalf of all the residents. And the work that you guys do, I know it's a different location. It's not as public, but it's just as critical, if not more than most of our services. So thank you. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

MCCRACKEN: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Vice Mayor and council for all your support as well as city management.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Anybody else?

ERIVES: Just congratulations, that's all.

CHAVIRA: Congratulations.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Great job.

DAVIS: Keep it up. Keep up the good work.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes, yes. Thank you.

New employee, our community is -- we have two traditions here. Everybody leaves Avondale eventually, but the ones that land in Tolleson have a very difficult time going anywhere else. So welcome to the family. You're going to like it here. A lot of great people, a lot of great workers. And I got to say, credit to Reyes, just about every staff member that I talked to has one mission in their mind, and that is to provide the best public service to the people that we serve day in and day out. And so that's a shared vision as an organization. So I'm glad to see that you're going to be part of making that that mission fulfilled some day here in Tolleson. Welcome.

All right. We're going to move on to G, business from the floor.

We don't have any. So H, we have consent agenda action items.

Council, I see five items. I will entertain a motion if you've had a chance to read them.

I have a motion to approve by council member Gamez.

DAVIS: I would like to pull an item if we can.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So what we're going to do is, we're going to have an action item for item 1. Where's 2? Okay. Oh, I'm sorry, I'm on the wrong side. For item 1, 2, 4 and 5, I'll take action on that now. We have a first. And do you want to second?

DAVIS: I'll second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And we have a second by Vice Mayor. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed?

Okay. Those four items are approved. And then I'm going to circle back to Vice Mayor to talk about item number 3. And then we'll call city manager, see what it is.

Go ahead, Vice Mayor.

DAVIS: So item number 3 was the adopt resolution Number 2644. It has to do with the Hand in Hand program. So I would just like to know some outcomes, how the program is going, just a little -- a brief update on that program before I'm comfortable voting on it.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: That's Maricopa County. Right?

DAVIS: Yes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Okay.

DAVIS: It has to do with home --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: City manager, is it okay if we go with Good, or did you want to address it?

MEDRANO: Yeah. Chief Good can give a brief update, but I also know that there's going to be a combined presentation next month on this particular service.

So George, you want to offer something?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Chief, if you want to add some words about the project, and then we'll have more words and discussion as it's going to come and be presented to us in a future meeting.

GOOD: Okay. Thank you Mayor and Vice Mayor and council. The item that the Vice Mayor is referring to has to do with the renewal of the IGA with Hand in Hand. It is a part of the County. As part of the of the services, the data that we have seen, which is tracked through the police department, was that 13 members have been served in the current iteration of the IGA. It's up for renewal in July. The amount last year was at \$10,000. It was not going very well at all. I had asked for a meeting at the police department with their senior leadership and they attended. They took six people and we had a number of people, including Lt. Winks, Sgt. Jon Fisher, and Ofc. Medaglia, who's in the back and is welcome to speak at any time on this issue.

Following that meeting, we were amazed at the turnaround that they had done.

Originally, the issues that we were facing were that they just couldn't keep staff. They had two people for the entire region, so when there was a need, we were just kind of along with everybody else in the entire county. So that was not going well. They did

increase the staffing. They work with the Phoenix Rescue Mission and also with Community Bridges. And so whereas in the past we were told that a response would be given within 24 hours, several times -- that's just getting back to us -- we had a number of times where they were actually on site here in less than an hour.

So the turnaround was amazing, and we had some very respectful but direct conversation with them in terms of our expectations and your expectations, because we had committed to you that we would look into this following a study session that we had last year. So we did contract with them. The amount currently that is before you is for \$5,000. I'm overjoyed at the turnaround that they've done, and they had asked for us to give more money to them, and I declined to do that. And I said, you guys keep it up, but we need to see it over time. And so we were amenable to and actually suggested that we would consider a mid-year contract amendment and -- January 1st, on January 1st. And if the service continued to be what it is now, then we would increase that contract, but we -- again, we need to see it over time, and we just hadn't seen it.

So we're seeing it now. Tolleson PD with Lt. Winks being part of the -- the person that oversees that through Tolleson PD, and then Chris Medaglia officer in the back is often the first point of contact when someone walks into City Hall and needs assistance. And so services are offered to a lot of people. Not a lot of people will accept them. And so one of the key elements to that is that they need to be familiar with our police officers, because they're often the first point of contact with people that are out on the streets. And so the more familiar our officers are with this population, then the more likely we are in order to be able to provide wraparound services, which is what we do either through the CAP center or through Hand in Hand with the assistance of Tolleson police.

DAVIS: Is there a -- because that relationship building is very important with dealing with the homeless population. I am aware of that. And so, having a relationship with them is great. These social workers or whoever they're sending out, is it lots of different people? Is it -- are we getting like the same kind of worker that's coming out and servicing our area, when we do call?

GOOD: One of those two staff members that I referred to earlier, when they only had two, his name is Andre (ph.), and he's been there since we started dealing with them, and he's still there. So he's been consistent. We do have people that are very close by in Community Bridges that come over, and they'll meet in our conference room, or they'll go down to the police department.

One thing I failed to mention is that the police department has allocated space for the program in the police department. So they have a workspace down there. And again, that helps them become more familiar with our officers. And in turn, the Community Bridges people and the officers can become more familiar with the people that are needing services.

DAVIS: How often are they in our community?

GOOD: They're two or three times a week, a lieutenant. Okay. So they're present there, and the rest of the time, not all the time, but they are actually out on the streets, because that's where they're most likely to encounter people that need assistance. So and then I don't know whether Ofc. Medaglia would like to add anything or not, but he is -- he's been instrumental, at least in this building, in terms of helping people when they need it most.

DAVIS: This is particularly important to me, because I know a while back we passed some ordinances that I didn't necessarily like that circled around homelessness. So I just want to make sure that we do have a comprehensive plan for addressing homelessness in our community. And so if you guys say that this has turned around -- because I know in the beginning it wasn't going well. So if it's turned around, I'm willing to kind of let it slide. And we'll look at it again in January, you're saying, yeah?

GOOD: Yes, yes. With the consideration that they are continuing to do a great job. If not, we will remain.

DAVIS: Okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. The other side of that too is, we have a lot of partners. It's a great thing. But accountability needs to be on the forefront. It's got to be a dual relationship. I mean, we're talking \$5,000 in the grand scheme of our budget. It's not a

big dollar amount, but every penny counts when you're providing public services. So whether it's 5, 10,000, or whatever the dollar amount is, accountability and services rendered are important. So I'm glad to hear that you all are holding them accountable to their job and to their side of the contract. And I think it's a great idea that we give half of the amount now and then when they become active, then we become active in writing them, potentially another check. And we'll just keep visiting it until we get the service level that we're comfortable with and that contractually they're obligated to deliver.

So with that, thank you for pulling that out.

Any other questions from council?

Okay. Then I'm going to circle back and I'm going to reintroduce consent agenda action item number 3 for consideration. Council, how say you?

DAVIS: I'll motion to approve.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We have a motion by Vice Mayor. We have a second by council member Gamez. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed?

Not hearing any, motion passes.

And we will move on to regular agenda action items. Regular agenda action items, we have two. We're going to start with number 1, approve or deny the Public Involvement Plan for the City of Tolleson General Plan. Update in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes requirements, and authorize staff to implement the public outreach and community engagement strategies identified therein.

I'm going to kick it over to Development Services Department or City Engineer Hamilton. You have the floor, sir.

HAMILTON: Good evening, Mayor and council. This item tonight is to kick off our general plan update. We are going to go through that update. And at the end of Ms. Hogan's presentation or before we're done, we will need a motion from or an action from council to either adopt or deny our Public Information Plan that she will go over.

We do want to make it known to council that, while you are adopting that plan, it will be fluid, and we can make adjustments as we see fit on the fly. And with that, I'll hand it over to Ms. Hogan.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Welcome.

HOGAN: Well, thank you, Chris, and good evening, Mayor. Vice Mayor, members of the council. My name is Terri Hogan. I'm with the firm Logan Simpson. I'm excited to be here tonight to present to you a General Plan update. This is going to be an exciting process, and we're kicking it off with you tonight.

So I'm going to see if I can get this to work. Okay. The first test is not -- oh, there we go. Okay. So I'd like to introduce our project team. This is a collaboration between city and consultant. Of course, you know all your City team members. They're awesome. And we are acting as an extension of your City team.

Again, I said I was with Logan Simpson. Where the prime consultant firm. So we have 180 employees. We have four different service lines of community planning, which is what I do, environmental planning, cultural resources and landscape architecture. So we have a lot of skills in that area. I myself worked in public service for about 35 years. Retired out of the City of Buckeye about 5 years ago and have been doing city general plan updates and county comprehensive plan updates for the last five years all over Arizona.

We also brought in Kimley-Horn, who's our engineering firm. They're going to be working on components of transportation, water resources, and public facilities. And we brought in Elliott D. Pollack and Company, and they're the premier economist in Arizona. They're working on economic growth as well as our housing components of the plan.

Okay. There we go. So tonight I want to address a few things to talk about just generally what is a general plan, so everybody can kind of be on the same page of what that is -- and I know many of you are very familiar with general plan -- why we're updating it; the process and schedule over the course of the next year; and then more importantly, the public involvement plan, which you have in your packet. We are going

to ask you for a motion to approve or adopt that plan as a structure. Again, as Chris said, that's a flexible document, but it's a statutory requirement that we get an adoption by the legislative body to move forward in a fashion. We're still taking input, if you'd like to give input into that as well, but we'd like an adoption tonight. We'll go over the next steps and then ask for a motion.

Okay. So I'd like to start with what is a general plan. And you can see on the screen that your general plan is general. So we like to call the general plan a 30,000-foot policy document, the blueprint for growth for a community. So very general in nature, high-level policies, high-level goals. It's comprehensive in nature in that there are a lot of topic areas that are involved, and I'll go over that in just a minute. And then it's long range in the fact that it looks to the future, it looks out 10 years, 20 years, the future of Tolleson.

So some of the things that it's not. People get confused with the general plan, because there's a map with pretty colors in there. Sometimes they think it's your zoning map. It's not your zoning map, but it works in collaboration with that, and I'll talk a little bit more about that. It's certainly not unchangeable. There are amendment criteria that folks can go through throughout the year if they need to change that document and come to council and ask for changes. And it's not a capital improvement plan, but it often drives that capital improvement plan.

The purpose, as you can see, is the community's vision. So this is the vision for the community within your General Plan, and often that will have a future land use map, as well as goals and policies and an action plan or implementation plan. This says it a different way. Your general plan is the foundation of all your planning documents. So you can see it's the bottom of the pyramid, and then everything is implemented after that. So your zoning regulations, your building regulations, your subdivision regulations, all up until the built world, so everything is intended to implement your community's vision.

All right. So why do we update the general plan? A lot of times people say, well, Terri, we have a general plan. It's right there on the right. It's a good plan. And yes, in fact, it

is. And it was adopted, as you can see, and ratified by the voters in 2014.

I often say that the simple answer to the why are we updating this is because the statute tells us we have to. The State tells us we have to. So every ten years a municipality and the counties as well have to re-adopt or update their general plan. So that's the reason. But the better reason is because we want to make sure that it actually aligns with your community vision and values. So we go through this process, and your team wanted to go through and update process, so that we will go out and ensure that the general plan meets the vision of the community.

All right. So what topics are covered? Remember I said that it was a very comprehensive document. All cities, towns, and counties in Arizona must have a comprehensive plan or general plan in place. All communities have to have land use and circulation as a baseline. As population moves up, there are other criteria. There are other topics or elements, as we call them, that are required.

So Tolleson at just over -- or just under 9,400 as of the 2024 estimate is required to have land use, circulation, but we're also including all the other elements or topic areas that are included in your existing general plan, because those are also very important. And we want to touch on those in terms of goals and policies in the future of Tolleson within those areas as well. And so you can see those run the gamut of housing, growth areas, economics, energy, water resources, public buildings and services, lots of different -- so very comprehensive, lots of different topic areas.

The little note on the end there, the little footnotes indicate that there's an average annual growth rate between 2010 and 2020 of 1.1 percent. And why is that important? The statute -- and again, I'm going to go back to the statute -- says that populations under 10,000, if they have an annual growth rate of over two percent, they must -- the general plan must be ratified or approved by voters, meaning it has to go on the ballot. You're under that threshold, so this general plan will just need to be approved -- recommended by your planning and zoning commission and then approved and adopted by this council per resolution.

All right. So all general plans have visions. And sometimes those are in different

formats and fashion. This is your current vision and your general plan right now. And so we're going to look at that through the process. A big part of the public engagement process that we're going to talk about, the very first component in the community questionnaires, are all going to be reconfirming that vision.

This is a very long vision. Sometimes we see them much more succinct. Sometimes they get pulled apart into guiding principles or aspirational principles, in terms of themes of the document. But you can see the gist of these. These are all looking into the future. Maybe some of it is what you are already, but it's what the community is wanting in the future as well: Quality housing, economic prosperity, healthy lifestyles, conservation of natural resources. So these are things that were teased out of the process back in 2014/2013 as what the community wants. And maybe that, some of that is going to be very similar, and we'll carry those forward. So we want to build on your existing general plan.

All general plans also have a map just like this. This is your map. This is the future land use map. And this is what a lot of people will get confused with a zoning map, because zoning maps also have a lot of colors. And so what I want to say is, this is not a zoning map, but when rezones come through the process, it has to be in conformance with this map. And what does that mean? So you can see on the right-hand side, there's a legend and there's different categories. And we call those future land use categories or designations. And say you have a business district. So if somebody comes in and they're residentially zoned, and they want to go to some sort of business sort of zone, we can say, yes, it's in conformance with that. It's in conformance with your community vision. If not, then they may have to go through a general plan process and explain why that is of the best value to the City of Tolleson. So this is the visual version of your general plan. This is the most visual part of your general plan.

And then, there's more. Wait, there's more. We have goals and policies. So again, I said that this is a 30,000-foot policy document. Sorry. It moves on me. Okay. So this is -- so we have goals and policies for each one of those topic areas. So land use, circulation, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. This is exactly what's in your plan right now

for land use. There are more. But you can see kind of how they're worded. There's goals and then there's respective policies that fall under that.

We will go through a process in this effort to do what we call a plan audit. So we will be going through this -- and these guys don't know this right now, but your department heads are going to be part of a technical advisory committee. And sometimes, when I was at Buckeye, I had a -- may he rest in peace, Chief Costello. I literally had to sit down with him, kind of hold a gun to his head and say -- and read the plan to him and say, Chief, are you good with this? But it's very important that we make sure that these policies are all valid still. So we go through an audit process where we say, are they valid? Do they need to be revised? Do they need to be thrown away? Is there something missing? So we go through that process, and by the end of that we have very solid goals and policies, and we can say those are great.

That's not it. We still take that through the community to make sure that the input in the community aligns with what our subject-matter experts in the City are saying are important policies as well. Make sense? All right. There we go.

Process and schedule. So this process has kicked off. It's a 13-month process, four phases. This is kind of the cartoon version of the process and schedule. And you can see in our kickoff, we're going through and doing kickoff meetings with City Council, Planning Commission.

The next two phases of Envision and Create, they work in tandem together so that we're going out and doing public engagement. And I'm going to get into that a little bit more depth, but we're doing all of these different things to get people involved in the plan and giving us input. And we're at the same time drafting the plan. And so we go back and forth to make sure that that plan is really meeting the community's vision and values. Because as a planner, I could write you a beautiful plan, and if we don't get community input into that, it would be absolutely meaningless. So my goal is to get every person that is in Tolleson to give input into that. That's my goal. So we're doing that process. It's iterative.

And then at the end we have a celebration phase, where we come through the public

process. It's a legislative process, so the Planning Commission will have to make a recommendation to you. And then you will adopt the plan, hopefully, via resolution. Within that phase, there's also a long, again, statutory 60-day public review period. So once the plan is drafted, then we still go back out to the public, advertise that, and say, okay, what -- in this period, pencils are down. Did we hit the mark? And if we didn't, how didn't we do that? Let's tweak it a little bit more, and then we bring it back to bring it through the legislative process.

All right. There we go. So this is the crux of what we're asking you today is to adopt the public involvement plan. The overview of public engagement is that it's required. So again, you'll see a State statute. I didn't put it in there, but I could probably say it. It's at 9-461.06. And I might be able to recite it by memory. But it is required public engagement. And you can see the criteria that is, is required. We must have a written procedure. And the whole gist of this, again, is this is a public community vision. And so the statute says we have to be broad. We have to allow people to be able to give written comment and have public hearings and open discussion and that sort of thing. So we need to write that down, give you a structure for that, get your input on that, and then implement it.

So we did. Okay. So this is what it looks like, and it's also in the packet. We call this a public involvement plan or a pip, PIP. Sometimes we call it public participation plans, a bunch of different names. But this is the written procedure, and it's an outline of what we intend to do in these 13 months to get the public involved. And you can see the key participants that are involved in this process. And I'm going to go over those with you. And then you can see the key components that are also involved in this. And this is a structure. We don't have everything outlined in terms of what we're going to do at exactly every workshop. but we know that we're going to do certain workshops. We know that we're going to go to events. And we know we're going to do listening sessions, et cetera. But this outlines that for you.

So we want to talk about overall, again, we want to make sure that this process is inclusive. So right off the bat, we're going to make sure that everything that we do --

and you're going to see a website and you're going to see informational sheets that are both in English and Spanish. We translate, we bring it through public affairs, make sure that it's correctly, in all the tones and everything, all that. And everything is going to be bilingual. So we want to make sure that folks have a ability to participate. Also at the public meetings, we're going to have a translator involved, and everything that we have is going to be in English and Spanish.

We're going to have virtual, in-person opportunities. You can kind of see down the list, and I'll go over these a little bit. Project website as the hub of everything. Promotional materials that are going to go out on your news website, on your social media, an e-list (ph.). We'll ask if you guys have specific e-list if you can help us get the word out for different events and that sort of thing. Community questionnaire right off the bat to just kind of get a gauge of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, different things. What do people think about Tolleson? What's working; what's not working? So that goes out first and gives us a baseline.

We do a multitude of listening sessions or interviews, and I'll talk about those a little bit more. People like to participate in that way. They may like to participate in a public meeting, but maybe they just want to do a one-on-one. We'll do the community meetings. Those are in person. They'll be virtual. And we do these drop-in events, which I'll show you pictures of those as well.

Okay. So these are our groups that that are involved in the public involvement plan. You can see you're involved, and you know what you are as elected community members. You provide that -- you create policy, right? You provide that policy direction. We would love to be able to do listening sessions with you and to speak to you guys all individually and get your input as residents and your direction as well. Certainly through this process, we have multiple updates that we will be giving you as the consultant or staff will give you written updates or public updates so that you will be apprised of what's happening throughout the whole process. And then, of course, at the end, we'll have that approval by a resolution.

Planning and Zoning Commission is a big component. And planning, obviously, they are

appointed community members. They also are involved in the policy implementation. They will also be given regular updates. We would ask that they, as well as you, be our community ambassadors in your circles of influence and try to get the word out as well. And then they are part of that legislative process as well.

And Mayor, if I -- I talk fast, so if at any point anyone wants me to talk or to pause or to repeat something, please -- I'm happy to go over things as we go to.

Okay. So our functional, or our community groups. I mentioned our technical advisory committee. That's made up of your subject matter experts in your city. So those are going to be your department heads. We will meet with them regularly through the process at three major components. We're doing an existing conditions baseline report. We're going to be talking to them about that. We're certainly going to be talking to them about the plan audit that I talked about, and the drafting of the plan. So they'll be involved in that. We'll also ask that they help us get the word out in their circles and their e-lists and that sort of thing. So they're very important -- group in this process. And then our community advisory committee. Lots of cities do these different ways. Some cities have their planning commissions act as the steering committee or the advisory committee. Some communities, they are council appointments. And so we're kind of working through that process with the project team at this point. But what we'd like to see is about a dozen residents that are going to be steering this, that we will present to and they'll be a little bit more involved in the process. We can meet with them in person or virtually or whatever work, but we'll be giving them presentations and giving them updates, asking them to be involved and steer the process. How do you feel about these policies? How do you feel about these goals? And what is this -- how does this feel for you, that sort of thing. So a steering committee. So we would like to get a CAC established and do a kick-off meeting with them in about July.

All right, so we do have a project website. It is live. So you can get to it at the URL right there. We'll also link it to the City's web page, so you can go directly to that. This is the project website. We've been working with the City staff with our project team, to make sure that it looks right. It's within a branding scheme. So we've worked with the colors

and the fonts and that sort of thing. So all the documents, including the website or anything that we place -- we put out there will have this kind of uniform look.

We are wanting to have a project tagline, and you can see some of the options there that are on the screen. We have about six that we're toying with, and what we'd like to do or what we're thinking about doing, is putting that out in the first community questionnaire, and just asking the community, what do you think? And to vote on it. And then there'll be some write-in options as well. So again, the tagline is just kind of a fun. This is the Tolleson general plan 2040, 2050, and our tagline is Tolleson Tomorrow. So it gives that kind of uniform look throughout the process and something that people can kind of remember a little bit easier.

Here's our first informational brochure. This is a lot about what I've just said to you today. So you can see it's English and Spanish. This is embedded into our web page. And what I didn't say is that there are different tabs. This is the -- there's tabs on your website that have resources. So your existing general plan will be there, informational resources. There'll be advertising about the community events, contact points, a lot of different things. This is already on there, on the web page. And we'll print these when we go to different events. They'll be at City Hall. And so people kind of can get an idea of what a general plan is.

Okay. So this is our community -- general community group listing that we utilize to create a list. So we're in the process, working with a project team, of creating a real long list. So I know that you guys will have folks that you want to include in this, that you want us to reach out to. And I would say, please let Jason or Chris know of those folks that we need to reach out to, but we're pulling them from all these different categories.

So you can see the elected, the appointed, the Chamber of Commerce, the businesses, state, federal, sometimes ADOT is important in communities. Sometimes Arizona State Land Department is important. Maybe not so here. Maricopa County, schools, youth groups, health organizations. We want to interview the fabric of Tolleson, or at least give the opportunity for people to get involved. So we want to reach out to those folks.

This list will be for our community listening sessions, our advisory committee, our ambassadors. If they give us their information, we're going to get the word out to them in any way, shape, or fashion that they want to be involved.

Okay. Drop-in events are fun little events that we get to go out into the community. We find that it's most appropriate if we actually go into the community and go to where folks really are. So these are different things that we've done in different plans, Navajo County and Mesa. And we're looking at a couple of different events, and that may evolve. So we've placed the Independence Day, July 3rd on the calendar. There may be other events that you guys know of that we absolutely need to have a booth. And this is what we do. We put a booth out there, we give informational sheets. We may have laptops available for people to do the questionnaire right on the spot, or they can do it on their phone. And so we're just getting the word out, but we're also having them engage in that process.

And then our community workshops. So this is kind of a look of a bunch of different ones that we've done recently with City of Chandler, Lake Havasu and Eloy. There's the Mayor there, of Eloy, all happy. But this is doing workshops with the community. And again, Spanish, English, all the materials, we did that through the Eloy talks as well. But we will go out. The first workshop is visioning, where we spend a lot of time on that vision statement. We spend a lot of time on visual assessments or visual surveys of what folks want to see in different places. And then the second one gets into mapping. What is the colors on the map? Where should those be? And we're truth testing those with what is stable in Tolleson and what may need to redevelop or what's vacant. But what would people really like to see? What do they need? And so that second one then becomes kind of that mapping. We get into goals and policies in that second workshop as to -- and really getting that input from the community.

Okay. So we're almost done, folks. So our next steps is, as I mentioned, we're going to be going to our Planning and Zoning Commission and our Technical Advisory Committee for kickoffs in June. We are doing that existing conditions report, where we're looking at all the different topic areas. We're looking at area of change to make sure we know

what's stable and that sort of thing. We're going to be putting out and launching that community questionnaire in June as well. And then, looking at some of the drop in events in July. Hopefully if we can get that CAC together, we'll do a kickoff meeting in July and get them involved as quickly as we can, start those listening sessions. And then we're looking at possibly mid to end of August, maybe after people get back from their vacations and start back into real life again, having that first workshop.

So with that, I know I gave you a lot, and I'm happy to answer any questions that you all have, but I would also very much like if you could give us an adoption or approval of the public involvement plan.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. So council presentation has come to an end. Questions or comments at this time? Okay. Yeah, I think it's a good -- I mean, I know we don't have to take it to the voters, but it's a really good exercise to go back and ask, what do you want included in the general plan for your city moving forward? And so I'm glad that we're doing this. We did it a while back, and it's about that time that we revisit the people that we serve and try to get their information back in and then update the plan and making a new plan that is more reflective of the reality that we have today. I know we have a lot of events that we host here in Tolleson, and we have really good turnouts. And so I look forward to the input during those events, and then, in the course of events that you guys organize as well.

So yes, Councilwoman Chavira.

CHAVIRA: As we speak to each other about the future of Tolleson, we all believe that it's amazingly important to have the community feedback and to ask them what they would like to see for the town that they live in, and not just direct ourselves. I love that there'll be a lot of opportunity for folks to give us their input. So important. Thank you.

GAMEZ: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there any other comments?

Go ahead, Vice Mayor. You got a comment.

DAVIS: Great presentation. I think it's a great plan. Just one of the things that I just want to mention. I want to make sure that your CAC, your steering committee, is

incredibly, as diverse as we can make it. Young, old, everything. Let's get everybody in there. Single people, married people, we need to get all of those different perspectives. And I would think that our 3rd Friday events would be great for -- 3rd Fridays, because they're way more community, whereas, like, 4th of July events is going to be more regional, Whoopee Daze is going to be more regional. Our 3rd Fridays tend to be the people of Tolleson, so I just think that'd be a good strategic place to look at. Yeah. That's it.

CHAVIRA: Perhaps even a member of our Teen Council.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, our Teen Council, senior centers members should also be included. Any comments on this side?

ERIVES: So when you gather all this data -- I know you said in August -- then, what's the plan after that? For example, bring it to us and then we adopt it? Or do we get to -- how would the public hear what the results are? Like, just what's the after August, or April 2027? What are the action steps?

HOGAN: So Mayor and Councilwoman Erives -- did I get that right? So the first step is really to do our existing conditions report, which is the baseline report. So that's looking at all the different topic areas. And what is there -- what is it today? And so that'll be a report that we filter through our technical advisory committee. We make sure that, we got the information correct. That will definitely go out on -- I would like that to go out on the public website so people can be able to look at that. That's a jumping-off point to the general plan. That's not the general plan. And a mayor in Buckeye used to think it was the general plan, not this mayor.

But that's a jumping-off point. And then we look to the future. We look to the future of water resources. And we're talking to your utilities department, and what are the projections for that, and how can we embed that into this plan? So we're going back and we're writing and drafting that plan, bringing those goals and policies to the community through the workshops.

And then -- again, and I kind of glazed over it really quick, but once we have the plan in draft form, our pencils go down and we go out on a statutory 60-day public review

period. So the plan goes -- it gets distributed to a statutory list, but also gets distributed to everyone that's been involved in the process. We're doing social media blasts. We're maybe having an open house, trying to get people to look at that document at that point, and taking input. And then we bring that input back to you.

So we do a spreadsheet. And the engineers will love this, but we have a spreadsheet where every single comment goes on that, and we address those comments. And we bring it through the process and say, we have these comments, and this is how we address this, and how this is how it impacted the plan. So that just helps refine the plan. It's a great process, I love it.

So did that answer your question, Councilwoman?

ERIVES: It did.

HOGAN: Okay.

ERIVES: (Indiscernible).

HOGAN: Yes, yes. There'll be lots of opportunity for that. We hope and people -- we hope people participate in different ways, but some like to just do individual interviews, and that's fine. Some people might like to come out to the workshops. That's fine too. Maybe somebody -- we have people that do everything and that's great too.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Any other questions?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Very briefly, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of council. Ms. Hogan, wonderful presentation. It's the best general plan presentation I've ever seen. I've been through several. And even though we may not be putting this on the ballot, there is no doubt we are taking it to the residents of Tolleson. This will be their living document.

I'm incredibly excited to participate. This is not the first time I've worked with Logan Simpson. They were the original conceptual designers of our Paseo de Lucas, where we had the speed tables and the roundabouts. That was so awesome. So I'm very excited to have you back. Incredible presentation. I appreciate all the intensity you bring to it I love it. Can't wait, can't wait.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. You were saying something about a motion?

GAMEZ: Yes. Adoption of a public enrollment plan.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. City clerk, we have a motion on behalf of Councilman Gomez. We have a second from Council Member Erives. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? Not hearing any, motion passes unanimously. Thank you very much for the presentation. That was awesome. We look forward to working with you for the next year.

We're going to move on to item number 2, which is to approve or deny the First Amendment to the professional service agreement, the professional service agreement between the City of Tolleson and Dearborn Life Insurance Company for employee life and disability insurance benefits, and authorize the city manager to execute and deliver the senate amendment.

This amendment extends the term of the agreement through July 1st, 2027, and increases the compensation amount from 150,000 to an amount not to exceed 225,000 for the term of the agreement. Employee Resources Department, Deputy City Manager Jackson, you have the floor, ma'am.

JACKSON: Good evening again, Mr. Mayor, members of council, I just have one slide, so it won't take long. While we're waiting for the slide I first want to, on behalf of all the employees, want to thank you all for ensuring that the vision of maintaining quality benefits is still intact today. We have not had a broker for maybe about ten years. I'm losing count now. This is my 21st year, but I'm losing count.

But for ten years, and what that does is it helps us save money to the plan. So we're not paying an additional brokerage fee or bonus structure fee commissions to anyone else. So we're saving that. And that's going back into our plan.

So each year we may have a few of our benefit programs contracts need to be renewed, and we do go and we post an RFQ process for each plan. We did not post this year for our life insurances. Our life insurance policy actually was renewed and given to a new vendor. It was awarded to Dearborn Life Insurance back in 2024 July. That was our first

time we were with MetLife for probably well over 20 years. And they won the bid. In the process of doing that they presented a lot of options to the plans. So where our plan only at that time for basic life insurance and ADD, it had a \$50,000 volume policy limit for full-time employees. They presented another option where, because of the economy, the way it was going, inflation that we could probably offer one-time a person's salary for that particular life insurance plan. So what we did is we designed the plan to be \$50,000 at minimum volume. So if someone made less than \$50,000, the policy would be \$50,000, and then it would go up to one-time the employee's salary at stop gap at \$100,000. So that's the highest that the policy would be. And that would help with like inflation and things of that nature. So with doing that it did increase the cost for our product because we're buying more volume of life insurance. That is the reason why we're here today. We did not want to put out for a quote again because we've only been with Dearborn for two years. It's been very successful. Us in in employee resources, we love the partnership that we have with them. We had haven't had many billing issues. Customer service is a hundred percent better than what we are getting right now. And it was decided to just extend the contract another year so that we could maintain some type of continuity instead of putting out for quotes. And then we don't know if we're able to stay with them. Maybe another company will come in and win that award. So yes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Just a simplistic question. So really what you're saying is at a minimum, regardless of what an employee makes, if it's under 50,000, if something tragic happened, they would at least get -- their families would at least get 50,000. If somebody's making 125, they would they would at least get a hundred. Okay. Sounds good to me.

JACKSON: With Dearborn, just to let you know what policies they cover for us. They have short-term disability, long-term disability for public safety only because, under public safety retirement system, they do not have long-term disability. So we as a city cover that for them. Any employee that's under ASRS that's covered underneath the ASRS pension umbrella.

And also then we have our optional life plans, which would be our employee optional life, spouse life, child life products. And those are all optional plans that are paid by the employee. So with this agenda item just -- and also I want to preface, there's no increased rates. They said that they would extend for another year and not give us any type of increase. And I believe the contract is written where we can auto renew for at least up to three terms with three additional years. But we wouldn't know if the rate would increase next year. But our goal was to just give the employees some continuity because, as of right now, if you're on with a plan, a vendor for two years and then to move, that, that might be a little bit much for them.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. And just to clarify, if an employee wants to buy more health insurance, this plan will give them that option. It would come out of their income. But they can instead of 100,000 I want half a mil or whatever. You just pay whatever the difference is.

JACKSON: Right. So the highest policy a person can take is up to five times their salary. So it just depends on how much they make.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: That's good to know. It's really good to know. Yeah, I know a lot of folks depend on the life insurance that's offered through their employer to increase their life insurance policy. And again, and this is worst case scenario. So we hope nobody ever has to cash that out. But in the case that it does, you know, the folks that survived them would be in a much better position. I mean, they're already dealing with the grief of losing somebody, at least financially. They'll be in a very good place. So I like the plan. I think it's something that for what the price difference brings peace of mind to a lot of folks that work for us. Peace of mind goes a long way.

JACKSON: This gives our city manager authority to sign off on paying that vendor up to \$250,000. It doesn't necessarily mean we'll --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 225.

JACKSON: 225, excuse me, I don't have my glasses on. 225, so that's what this is for.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Council do you have any questions or concerns at this time? Okay. I think everybody likes it. So with that, I will entertain a motion. We have

a Vice Mayor motion to approve. We have a second by council member Gamez over here. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? All right. Great job, Deputy City Manager Jackson. And thank you for looking out for our employees.

So with that, I am going to ask because I don't want to get started on this. I know Chief Young has a 50-slide presentation he's about to present us. But would council like to take a five-minute recess to go wash up, use the restroom, whatever you need to do and staff, and then we can come back?

GAMEZ: Okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. We're going to take a five minute recess, city clerk, just to do a quick break and then we'll come back.

[Recess]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So that was the presentation of Chief Young. Anybody have questions?

GAMEZ: Nice. Very nice. That's great.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Just kidding. We're studying presentations. We're going to start off with number one, fire department update. And just to clarify this is not for Trevor Brown, right? Is there a specific reason? I like -- I like Phoenix Suns.

GAMEZ: Happiness.

JACKSON: Yes. Mr. mayor and members of council. We do have an employee program that we do offer to all employees where we teach them about happiness. And it's based on Shawn Achor. He is a Harvard professor. He did extensive studies on how to live a more positive and happy life. And it does translate into the workplace because they found in studies, Gallup has done extensive studies that employees who are engaged and happy, they tend to be a high performance organization.

And that's what we want to have here. And so we offer this workshop once or twice a year. I'm so blessed and fortunate to have my colleague here, Pilar Sinawi. She's one of the facilitators also. Our police chief is a facilitator police, Chief Mendoza. And then we

do have another facilitator coming down the pike, which is one of the newest members of our HR department, Tatiana Maya. So she just went and got part of her certification. We have to have a class in the fall so that she can get her full certification to be able to teach the class. And when we offer it, we will then send you an invitation so you can see what it's about. But it's a great program, and we just love offering it. There's nowhere you can go. Well, not many organizations that go and teach you about happiness and how to maintain a happy life.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Awesome. Well, again, thank you for sharing that with us. And number two, again, it's not for Trevor Brown. Never was intended to be Trevor Brown. And we took a vote. And we all agree that Trevor Brown has the worst colors in all of Phoenix Union. I don't know anybody that went there, but I will say this much. Last meeting we had a presentation on Paseo de Lucas and specifically the new wall that we want to build. And when I saw the renderings of the papel picado or papel picado and the primary colors that jumped out at me, the thought did cross my mind. I got to do whatever I can to get some primary colored shirts on me so that I'm bright, vibrant. All the great adjectives you want to use to describe what awesome really is, and it's people. And here I show up and here we go. Nice bright orange. It's like it just came together. It's beautiful.

GAMEZ: (indiscernible).

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And I try my hardest. Yes I try my hardest. Got a little bit of the blimpie's. All right. So with that, Fire Chief Young, you have the floor, sir.

GAMEZ: One slide. Okay. Great. All right.

YOUNG: Try to get through this as fast as possible.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: By sun up. I think the longest we've gone is like 9:30.

YOUNG: Our current goals for this fiscal year, as well as our future goals for fiscal year, that's coming up.

GAMEZ: It is too much.

YOUNG: I know if I could paint the trucks green, I would.

GAMEZ: I'm all in.

YOUNG: So these are our department focus areas. These are the things that we take into consideration when we're planning and doing our decision making. This is not in any particular order. It's based off of the PowerPoint template, what would fit in there. If I had to rank this in order, obviously, firefighter safety and compliance would be at the top and then operational sustainability and modernization.

One thing that we are really focused on is in our training which has been easy to do in this department, not saying anything about previous departments. When I came here, the one thing that I was most impressed with was the amount of time that our members train. It is, for lack of a better term, abnormal. They love to train, which is, as the fire chief is an amazing thing.

New NFPA standards recommends that every firefighter complete 16 hours of training per month for a total 192 hours per year. And that is sectioned. That is broken into different sections. That's not just, hey, whatever training you do fits into there.

We have probationary firefighters right now on our trucks. And if they go out, they train ladders today. Today's the first day that they do that. They get a credit of an hour for that. Tomorrow they go out and they train ladders again. They don't get credit for that. So they're training, the actual total hours they put in is way above the 192 per year when it comes to meeting that NFP standards. But like I said, it has to meet a certain guideline to fit, and you can't keep using the same train over and over again.

Our EMTs and paramedics was maintained community education 40 hours a year, roughly, for the State cert, if they're nationally registered, it's 60 hours of continuing education per year. And each EMTs and paramedics they recert every two years.

Our wildland firefighters also have to go through yearly recertification, classroom time. Then there's a two-day field day where they're out in the field for two days training, and then they also have to take a pack test where they have to carry a 45-pound pack for three miles and under 45 minutes, and there's no running. You have to be able to walk that to get under that.

You know, we continue to focus on our emergency response, community risk reduction, our public education, really trying to be involved in our community and in our city. It is

a friendly competition, I feel, between us and PD. And so it is awesome to feel like we're winning. I can say it, he's not here, but we try to do things. We try to be at our senior center once a month for the different celebrations that that Chief Good was serving lunch on their Mother's Day celebration. I believe it was like May 8th or May 9th, the Friday of that week.

And then the other things we're focused on is operational sustainability and modernization. When I say operational sustainability, it's making sure that we have all the staffing to be on our trucks. The thing that I feel that makes us a little different than most other departments is we have minimum staffing. So we have to have four people per truck per day, minimum of two paramedics per day, and then we can only drop down to three people on a truck for up to eight hours. And that is only on the engine. And where that comes from, that comes from our automatic aid agreement with Phoenix. Those are that they those are NFPA standards. But you also, when we sign our automatic aid agreement to have our dispatch from Phoenix Fire, those are some of the things that we agree to, that we will not drop below three people for longer than eight hours.

And so we did have some staffing challenges last year. You guys know and then because we have those minimum standards, then we have basically almost a requirement of overtime. So every opening that we have costs us roughly \$20,000 in overtime per month, that that opening stays open, that that that spot stays open. So we have Chief Good had some great agreements that are still in place today. We have a shared staffing agreement with AFMA Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, where we can, if we cannot find enough people to be on our trucks and overtime, we call them. And most of the time they'll send us one or two bodies.

Up until recently, we had one with the City of Avondale. They want to kind of renegotiate that. They want us right now -- we're not using that shared staffing agreement because they want us to -- the last time we talked, they want us to start covering the PSPRS contributions at that overtime is costing their city. But they have not brought back any formal IGA after they discontinued --stopped this year. So they

haven't brought back any formal.

So and then regarding support for vulnerable populations, we have our hydration station, which I'll talk about here, as well as our Narcan leave behind program. So community engagement and risk reduction, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week. We have what's called a Fire Day in October, during that week where we invite all city employees to come out with open house that's open to city employees. We cook lunch for them. We have some training there for them. A lot of camaraderie, some safety education for our employees.

We also have activities that are coordinated with employees in our community groups, station tours, CPR classes, car seat checks, extinguisher training. Like I mentioned, the senior center engagement Tolleson Talks. We try to be out there as long as we don't have calls. Our health fairs, and we've also started our fire cadet program up again, which has been super amazing. I think we have a total of eight cadets right now. Majority of them already have their EMTs. We've got an overwhelming response. Yes, sir.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I also believe that your firefighters did an amazing job at the Water Day event for the kindergartners at the elementary school, so that's always a wonderful touch.

YOUNG: Those are the things that we enjoy doing. The things that we see on this job some days are not very nice, and I'm not going to say it's an equal trade, but those are the benefits and the rewards of this job that make it, you know, take the edge off of things by being able to go out and be around those kids who get so excited for you. We did that for us.

You know country leadership, which is just outside of our borders, southern Tulsa address, they've leaned on us a lot. A lot of you guys have attended the Leadership Day there, and so we have a great relationship with them. So we still went out there this year and sprayed water on their field days as well.

This isn't this fiscal year. These numbers are for last year for 2025, 43 car seat inspections. We trained 89 people in CPR and first aid. We provided fire extinguisher

training for 54 employees of local businesses, as well as 17 city employees, the City employees. It's just it was an optional deal at our fire day if somebody wanted to come over and experience the fire extinguisher training. I think Deputy City Manager Wendy Jackson and Pilar just went through it at our EMS open house. And then we assisted -- our vaccine program with -- we helped with giving 592 total vaccines.

GAMEZ: You have a question?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. The People trained in CPR and first aid, is that training also given in Spanish?

YOUNG: Apparently, no. That's something that we have planned moving forward. The issue has been with, right now, we signed an agreement with the Red Cross, and so we are going to get employees actually certified. The classes that we've been given right now have been from our fire marshal, Renee Hamblin, on part of the community risk reduction and her going out to the businesses. It's not a actual certification. It's just a hands-only CPR that you can give to anybody. But with the contract that we signed with the Red Cross, that is something that will be open to the public, and we'll make sure that it is in Spanish.

So here's our hydration station. There's really not a whole lot to it, but it serves our public very well. As you can see, it's right outside our front door. That ice chest is always full, so that helps us maintain our hydration station. It's open 24/7.

Last year we had it open MAG so we keep it open May through September. Last year we had it open April through November. This year with the heat, we opened it -- we had it going in March of this year. So we're going to exceed what MAG asked of us just because we know how hot it is. We want to make sure that we are there for our community.

Let's see, so regarding smart city and development support, conducted 394 inspections. We've identified 309 high-pressure hydrants. I'll get to that in a second. And then we also replaced our aging vehicles with two EV trucks, Ford Lightnings that are similar to what PD purchased.

So we got our GRS pre-planned coordination with development services. So basically

going out mapping businesses where are the hydrants where are the connections, the standpipes for the fire sprinklers and then getting those uploaded into our CAD system so that, when we're responding to, let's say, a structure fire, one of our commercial complexes, our captains that are responding are able to pull up the map and know exactly where the hydrants are, where they should come in and start, you know, getting their game plan together.

Fire prevention inspections and hazard reviews supporting our business safety and continuity. Like I said, the two vehicles and then our ongoing fire inspection and development coordination supporting safe city growth. Now, the high pressure hydrants. There was an incident roughly two years ago in the City of Glendale with Glendale Fire, where the HUMAT valve, which is the part that connects the hydrant that allows us to bring water into the truck, to be able to pump the lines that HUMAT valve flew off of a hydrant. They had a failure, and it almost hit a firefighter. And so in the fire service, we actually report those to the national -- on a national level where we classify it as a near-miss. A near-miss is saying that this incident happened, and somebody could have been critically injured or killed because of that.

So what they found out was that hydrant pressure was above what our HUMAT valves can handle. So I instructed our fire marshal go out and start testing all of our private fire hydrants. And we identified 309 high- pressure hydrants on twenty eight businesses where that exceeded 200 psi. Go to the next slide here. So our valves on our truck, on our HUMAT valves they're only rated for a max of 150 psi. So obviously this created a safety risk for us.

The reason that the PSI is so high in those hydrants is because they're connected to the fire pumps that control the sprinklers in those businesses. It has to be able to maintain with the size of the building, has to be able to maintain a high pressure. If there was a fire anywhere in that it has to be able to pump the last hydrant and so some of our huge commercial complexes. So when you hear that number, the 309, it seems like a lot, which it is, but it doesn't impact us and, you know, provide fire suppression to our businesses, to our residents. So these are on private property.

But then also we have 529 public hydrants and 486 private hydrants, for a total of over 1,000 hydrants that we still have access to. So our system, our response system, along with our training and our SOPs that we follow, It's already put in there for us to be able to adapt and overcome the high pressure issue. We are still able to maintain fire suppression for our community. It shouldn't cause like, any, like, public concern because we're still able to do our job in a timely manner, the same way that as we were able to use those hydrants.

And so like I said, we have crews that are trained to use alternate nearby hydrants that provide safe operating pressures. And then those building and sprinkler systems and pumps still remain fully operational. So you know, right now there is no solution. Our Deputy Chief Jack Garrison, was actually tasked by the West Valley to try to find a solution. He's been working on it for a year and a half. There was no company that makes like an actual, like, pressure reducer.

We did have a company recently that he's been working with for a year that says, we got you. It'll take us a while to make this, but hey, we got the first prototype, we're coming out. Chief Garrison set up this big old deal, and it didn't fit our hydrant. So back to the drawing board. So right now, for the region, there is not a solution to this. But like I said, we're able to get over it.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Sounds like a business opportunity.

Council member.

GAMEZ: Explain me the difference. I can understand what the difference, but in more detail. We have public hydrants and we have private hydrants. Private business?

YOUNG: Businesses are on private property that the City does not maintain. But we still go out and able to test. But they're painted red if you see them around the City and the public hydrants are yellow. Not compensated -- for like if they were to call us? No, there's no compensation for calling us out.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, we require them to install it at the time that they build.

YOUNG: Correct, but right now we have found after the fact that the pressures are have exceeded what our --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When they figure out what type of product are we going to be able to mandate that everyone changes out theirs?

YOUNG: We would carry it on our trucks. So right now, like until recently, our HUMAT valves did not fit on a Phoenix hydrant. We had different sized hydrants. We carry adapters. So this would just be another piece of equipment or what we refer to as an appliance. It's something that we would always have on our trucks.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Can't lower the pressure, because it's still got to service the building.

YOUNG: And when there is I mean, just for knowledge, like when there's the sprinklers going off and they're controlling a fire, my saying is the sprinkler is the rock star and we're the backup singers like, if that sprinkler is controlling the fire in a 250,000 square foot building, our SOPs say that we can't go in further than 150 feet. We let the sprinklers do their job. So that's why.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Did you have anything else you want to ask?

GAMEZ: Good job, Gladys.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Please don't sing. Continue.

YOUNG: So this is the goal that we are working for towards this next fiscal year. Unfortunately, our battalion chief who runs this current program could not be here this evening. So I will attempt to do my best, but Battalion Chief Will Burner, who's been with us about five months, an amazing individual. Right now, we are currently going through a pilot program for the TLO program. This is going to help us. TLO stands for Threat Liaison Officer. And so it's on the fire side. There is a PD counterpart that they are starting to get going.

And so this helps us evaluate opportunities to strengthen preparedness, coordination, and community risk reduction. And so right now this is a pilot program. We brought this to Chief Mendoza. We gave him a presentation, and he says hey I'm not going to say yea or nay, but I'll give you the green light for the pilot program. Show me how this is going to benefit our city and our community and our residents. So we said, game on. It's already paying dividends. So the Threat Liaison Officer pilot program is an

integrated TLO program to enhance intelligence sharing, threat vulnerability assessments, and interagency coordination. And so in the first two months, we've already seen improved communication and coordination between our police department as well as our healthcare providers, our ambulance service, and our regional intelligence partners. So this program helps us move from a reactive model that we are normally used to, something close to 911, to a very proactive model to keep our community safer and identify risks before they become a problem. This effort supports a safer public events, stronger infrastructure protection. The long term vision is to sustain these partnerships and to have this program literally forever.

One thing that it does is regarding information sharing. So Chief Burner is currently the head of the regional TLO program. Even before he came to us, he was contracted with AFMA. And so he already brought that experience. And so he's already been embedded in everything that would make this program successful.

And so first thing we started doing, we started doing what we call cross-discipline drills. So we bring in all of the partners that play a part in what we do every day. So like we did for Drowning Prevention Month, we did a drowning awareness drill where it was realistic. We had an infant that had, you know, parents had called. PD was first on scene. We showed up with all of AMR supervisors were there, I was there, Banner and Straight (ph.) was there helping us put on the drill so that we can do our job better from that perspective. We also did a Safe Baby Haven drill at our station with all the same counterparts.

One of the things that he does is he's embedded in ACTIC. And ACTIC is a place where you got all different agencies down there, but they're basically scrubbing the internet for any threats that may come up, may affect our community.

Or find anything on like the dark web saying something about Tolleson and July 4th event. That is the type of information that he is able to get.

And one of the things that he just brought forward recently was he was able to get intelligence that included awareness regarding a new synthetic narcotic that they're saying is stronger than fentanyl. And so we have shared that with PD. It's a great --

what's that? I don't have the name here. No, I don't think it is. It's I think it's called like, it starts with a C. Yeah, but this has direct implications on people overdosing on our public safety.

There was just an incident in New Mexico where three first responders were first on scene of an overdose. They ended up passing away from being there, from the fentanyl powder that was in the air. And they ended up having I think a total of 20 patients. So this is something that having this position in place, getting that information from all levels, agencies, federal, state, county is going to pay dividends for us moving forward. Additional work he's also done. He's also done some international travel advisories for some of our employees. And you know, overall, the program is about improving the coordination and communication pathways between all agencies, not just within our city, but like I said, at a state and federal level.

And the way that this, you know, so obviously with your guys' goal, the first one was emergency preparedness. Second one is the sense of place and community safety. This TLO program, we can start embedding TLOs into our events while they're there. They're trained on recognizing different threats, but you know, to secure our public spaces, protect our events. And I just think that it also creates a united front, you know, with our -- regarding public safety at our events, and again, just to make our community safer.

Chief Mendoza was like, hey, like, tell me what success looked like for you. So we're measured through again that increased coordination or documented threat awareness activities, improve pre-incident planning, and then enhance our readiness to respond and prevent these events from happening. Any questions?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think we're doing great. I appreciate all your efforts and of course all the firefighters that provide the service. I like the idea of this new position. And more importantly, I like the idea of its mission and what it's designed to do. So I think it's a great, great idea.

But in general, you guys do great work. Responsive time is amazing. The service, when delivered, is even better. And I hear compliments all the time about fire and police and

their responsiveness and how well they actually treat people in what arguably could be some of the worst times in their life. So I just want to tell you, thank you and all the other firefighters that we have on staff as well.

YOUNG: During our response times, two things make up response time. It's travel time. And then what we call turnout time, how fast they get on the truck. And we can't control where the incidents are. We can't control the traffic. Our response times are still within normal limits. But the thing that I appreciate is their urgency to take care of our community, where our turnout time, and this includes fire time and getting fully turned out is 53 seconds last year.

So proud of that, and thank you to you guys. I've been in this position now for three budget cycles. Thank you to our city leadership. I don't know if there's one thing that I've asked for that you guys haven't provided for us, and it's very important for me to have the best for our people. And I thank you guys so much for seeing that need as well and for approving those things. So thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Thanks for the presentation as well.

Any questions or comments? Yes. Council Member Erives.

ERIVES: Said four people for the paramedics sometimes. Are we fully staffed for fire department?

YOUNG: We are at our minimum. We have enough people in every staff. Right now we have two openings, and those two employees are in pre-hire, and they should start the academy in September. We'll start them as a what we call a -- what's it called. Basically where they just start before the academy. We like to bring them on board four to eight weeks before they actually start the academy, because the other cities have what's called a pre-academy. These other cities are putting them through the pace before they even start. So even though the academy is day one, it's not day one for -- it's not a true day one. So we'd like to get him beforehand.

So they'll start in September. And then they usually graduate right at the end of December, beginning of January. I think they're all interested. So we give preference to Tolleson residents. And I believe seven out of the eight are from Tolleson. And it's

amazing just to see their pride. They were at the event on the EMS open house. Yeah. And they love being there. So no, it's a great group of individuals. Captain McCalla and firefighter Marcial Egurrola run the program, and they've done a phenomenal job.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Other questions or comments? Great. You're all good. Chief, thank you very much. Again great job.

We're going to move on to item number two is the Human Services Department update, Chief Social Impact Good. That's going to take some getting used to. Let me say Chief Good.

GOOD: Good evening once again.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Good evening.

GOOD: Great to see you. Wait to see if they're going to pull up our presentation. And it should be relatively brief, but we can talk as long as you guys would like about anything you'd like. Human services or -- very short. I've been instructed.

Okay. So we have three different areas in human services, and this seems to be the first one I'm just going to touch on very briefly, and that's housing rehabilitation. And the reason I'm going to speak briefly on that is that you had an extensive presentation by Noelle Shaus (ph.), who runs that area for us. A couple meetings ago, it was very comprehensive. She spoke for 40 minutes on different things, new housing developments and the need for affordable housing. And what does that look like throughout the community.

So this is just some bullet points regarding some of the things that she already discussed. And I know that she's talked about wanting to form some more partnerships and so forth for low-income housing, for affordable housing, for partnerships, looking at what's available in the community, undeveloped lots where we might be able to build or again, rehab houses. So I won't rehash all that. But she spoke about that extensively, as you recall.

She also then spoke-- our city management team was so impressed that they asked her to come speak and present that again to the leadership team, along with a few other people that were invited to that particular meeting. So she does a great job. She's a

wonderful asset to our city and to our team.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: She also shared the presentation for that night to council. So if you haven't seen it on your email, I'm sure it's out there. So good information.

GOOD: And then just a few things as far as Human Services and some of the goals that we've got going. But one of the things that we talked to City management about and they supported it, and you guys have too, and that is extending the hours here in the senior center. And that also applies to the library. There's also some new hours in the finance department in the front desk for some different reasons. But overall we want to provide better service to the community that we serve.

So currently we're open until 7:00 Monday through Wednesday and that changes until only 5:00 on Thursdays and Fridays. We're open on Saturday. As a reminder, until we got the ARPA grant, we were not open at all on Saturday in the senior center, so we opened up when we got that grant. You folks continued to support that following the termination of that grant. So that's been wonderful that you folks have shown that support to the seniors in our community. Starting July 6th of this year, we will extend those hours on Thursday and Friday until 7:00 at night.

And that does a couple things for us. Originally, and this was an idea that came from Deputy City Manager Pilar Sinawi, and that was, let's call it the social club, because what we saw during COVID was that there was this tremendous lack of socialization, and people were staying at home, and a lot of times they were living alone, and they were depressed and so forth. So we realized how important that socialization aspect was to the seniors. So we named it that. And you guys continue that on. And so as part of that then those hours will be extended on Friday or Thursday and Friday until 7:00.

But the other thing that we dealt with in 2024 was a massive amount of death from the heat. 646 deaths in Maricopa County alone. This program allows us to have cooler areas for seniors. And the library does the same thing. They're not limited to seniors over there, but that keeps people out of the heat. It also helps reduce their utility bills if they're here, and they're not home running their air conditioning, or sometimes they don't have air conditioning, so at least provide some respite for them.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So when, let's say, a senior stopped showing up for a couple days, and they're regulars or they, they show up, do our staff safety phone calls or safety checks?

GOOD: Yes, Mayor. We call them welfare checks or whatever, just to make sure that they're okay, that every now and then they've been sick or where are they? They go on vacation. Typically, we know. I got an email yesterday that said one of our seniors was going to be gone for a month. So we try to keep in touch, and we share that information with everybody else on our staff so that we're aware, hey, this person actually is gone, as opposed to are they M.I.A. Are they sick? Are they in the hospital, things like that. So we do that, so it does help.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would say to the seniors, do a pretty good job of checking on each other because if my grandparents don't go a day, they're all calling them to make sure they're okay. And so it really builds community. So it's incredible. There's no value we can put on it.

GOOD: And that does happen to all walk-in. We had an event last week and Fred and Loli weren't there, but everybody knew where they were, and I won't say where they were because it's a very fun story, but and I --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just do you know, they didn't come home.

GOOD: I think you told me. Yes. And so anyways, but we talk about this as -- I clicked ahead inadvertently there. But if we can -- maybe it'll go back. So we talk about living. We want this to be the best time of their lives, right. They've earned this. They've been through life. They've worked, they're retired. And now is a good time for them to enjoy their senior years.

And you can see some of the activities that we do. We have all kinds of different activities. And before you, you have a calendar which lists all the activities that we have for the social club, which is the afternoon programming, and that's for people that are 50 and above. The morning program is for people who are age 60 only, and that's an area Agency on Aging requirement. My boss over here, Mr. Medrano, at that time, we had it at 55 for the grant, and the grant ended, and you folks supported it. And I just informed

him that I had lowered that age to age 50. And he was like, great. That's what we want.

We want people to come in here and be involved.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: He qualifies, and he gets free coffee now.

GOOD: I'm going to steal a word here, but we want them to be vibrant.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Breakfast, too. You should get two breakfasts.

GOOD: So we're able to do that. And when I came, I thought my mom was a senior, and I thought I want this place to be a place that she would want to come. And she came one time, and she's since passed, but she never stopped talking about the Tolleson Senior Center. And I've told this story to you folks before, and how I was so touched by it. And that was when one of our seniors, Sadie, was informed by her son who she lives with, that he was moving to Tempe. And she says, I am not moving to Tempe. It's too far away from the Tolleson Senior Center.

And so when you hear those stories, you realize the impact that it has on people truly, and how it changes lives for these people. For many of them, it's the best part of their entire day, especially if they live alone or their family's out working and they come in and they get to see their friends. And that goes back to that socialization aspect that Pilar had enforced so much.

And then just a couple different things. Oh, I wanted to tell you some of the activities that we do, but last week I was talking to the mayor on the phone. He says, well, where are you? And I said, I'm at the baseball game. He said, well, what are you doing? I said, I'm working. I drove the bus down there that day. Well, you roll with it. Mayor. I embellished slightly, but I thought you would stay with me on that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Called him on the weekend. Where are you at?

GOOD: Oh, no, I could hear his fist pounding. You take them off? No, but he was very supportive of that because he also understands the importance of those things. We have a casino night coming up on the 6th, and I was talking earlier about how important it is and how our seniors have deserved this. There's a saying on our new mural in there which says, "The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes." So that's the saying by Frank Lloyd Wright, which is on there. And when we put it up, there were people that

literally, literally had -- and I'm not embellishing this time, Mayor, literally had tears in their eyes when they saw that.

And when we had an artist at the opening of the of the art gallery here a couple weeks, actually, two weeks ago tonight, then one of the artists said she had been in there, and she had seen that mural that was done by Maria Madrid Reid (ph.), and she was very moved by it. So when we talk about the importance of the arts and that that's the type of thing which Maria Madrid Reid has brought to our city.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, actually, the way it happened is Chief sent me a picture of our seniors at a D-Backs game, and he does that from time to time, which is great. I love to know what we're doing with our folks. And they were having a great time. I mean, I can't think of the last time that I went to a D-Backs game. And you know, it's to me, baseball is boring until the seventh inning, I got to go. But before that, I enjoy it. You know. I like to play it. I don't like to watch it.

Anyways, if you think about senior citizens and when was the last time they went to a ballgame? You know, sometimes they go years without going to a ballgame, you would think, you know, you just go there and you sit there. If you're in a wheelchair, you know, you can take them to the ADA area. But I don't think we do that enough with our senior citizens. And so, when I saw that, I thought to myself, what a great idea, simple field trip. And it just takes somebody who cares to do it. So thank you, Chief, for bringing it to my attention and for doing it.

GOOD: You're welcome. Thank you for clarifying that, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I didn't pound my fist, but I didn't pound my fist ever.

ERIVES: Did they win?

GOOD: D-Backs beat the Giants six to three. So the bottom of the ninth was not necessary in that game. And again, before you, you have a calendar. So these are just some of the pages. We have this is the morning programing. And you can see it's full every day. Well that was just -- that was what was planned for the month, council member. So it wouldn't be on there but I'm happy to report tonight. Yes., Dodgers won that same day.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Didn't we just have -- we just had a ninth inning home run, home run victory. I think it was we were down by three points. And is it Marte, is that his name? He hit a home run, and he knocked two the runners in, and we ended up winning five to three or something like that. And it was a -- what do you call that when you do it? It's a hit and the victory is done. It was a walk-off victory. Yeah. But great field trip. Great field trip.

GOOD: Just for our councilor. We're almost out of the woods on this, so that's something he's been wanting me to get to. And then we've got --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I have a question.

ERIVES: Yes. Okay. So I'm sorry, but the quality of this -- this has gotten better as far as the product of, like this, the paper is better. It's easier to read. I don't know, even this is (indiscernible), I appreciate it.

GOOD: Mayor, Council Member Erives, that's very kind of you to say. One of the things that I noticed when I came in was that the calendar -- we used to sell ads for the calendar, and it was several pages long and it was just kind of cruddy paper. And so what happens now is that our staff puts it together, but the team in public affairs actually prints it for us. So we do that in-house in the building, and they do a great job. And that's the new product. And it is a whole lot better than it used to be.

So thank you. I'm glad you noticed that. And then these are the activities for the social club and similar type of thing. But this is the afternoon programing. Our long-term goal, and we don't know what that might look like or how long it might take, but because of the quality of the service, and the appreciation that the community has for the programing, we hope to one day get to where we're open seven days a week. That may be just for a few hours on Sunday. When we're ready, we'll come back to you. And it requires some other work and planning to get to that point. Obviously, it costs more money too.

I do want to mention that one of the reasons we're able to extend the hours, like we talked about before, is that you all approved the request that was set forth by the City management for two positions. So we will have those coming on board also on July 6th.

And then we have the lunch menu, lunch and dinner menu. We have breakfast every day, b we publish the lunch and dinner menu. And the dinner comes from Chartwells. We contract with them for the dinner, but our cooks make the lunch and breakfast every day, and it's made to the standards that are from the area agency so that meets nutritional requirements.

So somebody asked me one time, well do we give them good-tasting food. And I can say definite maybe on that, but sometimes it's tastier than others, but it meets the nutritional requirements as people, you know, we want to make sure that that food is healthy for them.

And here's some numbers. As Chief Young, I'm going to slide over here. Just to give you an idea of some of the numbers that we have. So we have exercise classes weekly averaging 270 people, bingo for 460, lunch program 360. And this again is in a week. Social club in the afternoon programing drops off a little bit. But normally we have about 1,330 participants in a week. And again, times four gets you up to over 5,000 in a in a month, so that's good. We'd like to increase the participation. Again with the extended hours that we expect, we'll be able to.

DAVIS: Are those unduplicated participants or just --

GOOD: Some of those are duplicated because they'll play bingo in the morning, and then they'll go to an exercise class in the afternoon. So they're individual activities, so not total people. So there is a Venn diagram aspect to this data. Bingo is the big one. And then we have a number of food programs that we do, the brown bag program. I know sometimes we see some of you guys earlier on a Tuesday morning. So we start at 6 in the morning. We're here on Tuesdays, same day as a council. So second and fourth Tuesday of every month we pack 175 bags of food for seniors. And also actually it extends beyond the seniors. People from the wider community can come in and get that as well. And we typically run out after 175, so we're serving a lot of people.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry. Earlier you said that you have lowered the age down to 50.

GOOD: Yes, sir. That's for the social club, the afternoon programing.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I'm just thinking, because I know physically there may be a significant difference between your, let's say, 50-to-60-year-olds and folks that are maybe 70 and older. Do we have different programing opportunities for the younger crowd?

GOOD: Yes, yes we do. It's not limited. Let's say a 50-year-old comes in, the older folks are still able to participate in it. But some of that is geared specifically toward the younger of our population.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Understood. No, I think that's -- working for a department that has senior programs, that's an ongoing complaint that we hear a lot from our senior population. Where I work at, that everything is really catered to the older folks. A lot of them have ability issues, and so they kind of water it down. And so the younger ones want to do more active stuff, like maybe go and have a day where they play -- what's that new tennis, pickleball, or they want to go to the zoo and walk or something like that. And so those programing elements aren't included, but I'm glad to see that we have a diversity of different opportunities for everybody.

GOOD: And it wasn't on the calendar, but we do have -- I guess it is on the calendar. But we have karaoke a couple times a week, and I know that Council Member Chavira and I sang Brooks and Dunn one time and deputy city manager was down there and stretching her pipes. And I don't remember the -- I don't remember what the song was, but it's very enjoyable. People have a good time, and I'll tell you, you guys got to see it tonight. When Luis Hinojosa came in and sang, and he's a guy -- and it seemed like it was well received. He really would come every meeting and sing, and he'd sing anything you wanted him to sing. And he's 82 years old.

I look at him. He was one of the guys that we had on a Telemundo program when they were focused here on the senior center one day. So he's very well spoken. He is also a vet, as you saw, and he was in one of those group pictures as well. So he's a one of our interesting seniors. And every morning he goes, mi coro? Mi coro? He calls everybody around to sing for the people who have birthdays. And he sings, and it's Spanish and English.

So also we have the Sprouts, which we pick up food from every Thursday. So that's four times a month, sometimes five depending on the month. And we distribute that food also that it's whatever Sprouts has. And we're looking to expand that, which I'll talk about in a moment. We do the farmers market, which is the third Wednesday of every month. And so we have more food that's delivered then. And we have commodity boxes which come from Saint Mary's on the first Friday of every month, and that's another 175 boxes. And I'll just finish up in the record.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: For the record this would be the only way I can afford Sprouts, but go ahead.

GOOD: So we're looking to -- yeah, we're looking to -- we'll give you a discount, Mayor. We're looking to add a couple more days to that because we just didn't have the staff. Now, with the extra positions that we've received from you, we're able to pick up more food from QT and from Sprouts. So we anticipate that we will be able to serve more, and as much as we can get, considering our staffing, we're going to get it here. And we see it as food insecurity sometimes in the community. And there's people who come in and they really need it. And you look at them and they're so grateful when they are looking back at you and they're like -- they don't say it, but they're looking at you like you have no idea how much it means to me to receive this from you. And it really touches your heart when you see that. And I'm done.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Now, chief --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Questions or comments?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. I'll just add I'm very impressed with the level and quality and quantity of what we offer our seniors here in Tolleson. And we always talk about our initiative to a quality of life here in town. And you know, creating different elements that will help people live longer, longevity. And I think socialization and physical activity and nutrition are all are hand-in-hand. And it looks like we're touching on all three. And that's critical.

That's critical because whether we want to admit it, that's where we're all headed. And so you're right. These folks, you're not talking about somebody right out of high school.

You're talking about somebody who has spent the last two, three, maybe four decades of their life laboring to raise their families and provide for them. And now in their "golden years," we should provide them a retirement opportunity that is quality. You know, here in their backyard and beyond.

And it starts with relationships. And I think you're doing a really good job of cultivating those relationships, you and your staff. And I'm very proud of that because I think here as a council, we've all been very proactive in serving the spectrum of our community. You know, we've given to the schools for our youngest kids, I mean, some of us toward the Head Start programs, and then we do a great job with our senior population as well. So very proud of that. As a member of this governing board, I'm very proud that our city does that. But I'm very cognizant that it doesn't happen by accident. It takes great people to do that. So thank you and your staff for doing that.

GOOD: Thank you, Mayor. There are recommended contributions. However, if people are not able to make those, then there is no fee. And Mayor, I appreciate your comment, and I would be remiss if I didn't talk about our staff because we have some of the biggest hearted, kindest people I've ever met that work in this department. And they are the ones that that have really established it and make it work. I kind of came in at the tail end of it. It was already going. We've tweaked some things and made some things better, but it was going amazing long before I ever got there. And it's a tribute to the staff that we have.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Other comments or questions? Yes.

GAMEZ: What are the fees those of you who do pay? What are the fees?

GOOD: Vice Council Member Gamez, I'm sorry, I didn't hear your question.

GAMEZ: What are the fees?

GOOD: There are no fees. Well, that is a suggested contribution for the meals. And there are \$4 and \$2. \$2 Generally, if someone else comes in with them, and they're not a member, then they can have a meal for \$4. Again, that's a contribution, a suggestion. If they don't have it, we don't collect it.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Again thank you Chief. Any other comments or

questions? No. Yeah we do, Vice Mayor.

GAMEZ: Keep up the great work. Lots of diverse programing and you know, they love it. You go in there and just everyone's happy and having a great time. And don't talk to them during bingo and you're good. Yeah, yeah.

GOOD: And our Vice Mayor comes down. He sings pretty regularly down there too. And "Volver Volver," I think, was his latest foray into the senior center karaoke day.

GAMEZ: Qualify. Now, Juan, you can go to the --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I do.

DAVIS: You can go do salsa dancing now.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: October 16th, I'll be there. Thank you, Chief. Appreciate it. All right. Well, that was a really good piece of information for both Fire and Human Services Department.

I'm going to item K, I have been asked to read this. The Tolleson City Center will be temporarily closed on Wednesday, May 27th, 2026, which is today? Tomorrow from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow city staff to participate in an internal employee event.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is the annual event, Mayor and council, that we use to introduce your priorities for the year, your values, and then how we operationalize them so that we can bring it to fruition.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Thanks for the background. That's excellent news. And I'm glad we're doing that. It's a very important, going back to the earlier comment that I made, that we're on the same page and we're speaking the same language and marching in the same direction, which, of course, is to maximize benefit to our residents. So with that, we --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have a couple more.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Go ahead, go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Another 45 minutes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead. Let's do it, another restroom break.

SINAWI: Mayor, members of council, just a brief update. Congresswoman Adelita Grijalva has asked for some space to meet with the veterans group because she'll be

introducing a bill to support veterans in getting their residency. So that'll be this Friday, May 29th at 11:30. We'll send the information to council. She's just looking to do a small group to have a round table with veterans. And she wanted to come out to Tolleson, so we just accommodated her and her team.

And then also with Global Ties. About a year ago, we hosted a delegation from Ukraine. So Global Ties has reached out and asked if we would host a delegation of highway patrol officers from Mexico. So they'll be coming on Tuesday, June 9th. We're working out those details, and our Assistant Chief, Jeff Grow, will help to do some tours and presentations of our police department. And then we'll be hosting them for lunch and also inviting other West Valley chiefs and cities to participate in that as well.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I did have a quick comment. This year at-- I guess it's kind of hard when your wife is a kindergarten teacher, but this year I was not able to attend the annual kindergarten graduation at PH Gonzalez. And so she's still upset. But I did have somebody show up and a couple of folks showed up. I think Councilwoman Mendoza, Councilwoman Chavira, definitely Vice Mayor. Were you there by chance? Okay. You got to go as well.

And I understand that Vice Mayor went on stage, did his speech, said some really good things. The book that we gave out was All the Places You Will Go. Yes, by Doctor Seuss. And Jimmy tied that into it and had interchange with the kids and got them all rowdy and loud. And of course, the teachers had to calm them back down. But it was a wonderful event.

And again, another group of great graduates starting their route toward leadership here in Tolleson. And someday they will be sitting where we're sitting, and we will be very appreciative. And they will remember Vice Mayor, who will then be in his 60s, but they will remember him that he showed up and he did that. So thank you for doing that. And thank you all for showing up, supporting our kindergartners. But anything else for the (indiscernible)?

What'd you do? What did you do? Oh, no, a of eateries. Yeah. The park, so it's worked into the downtown. Yeah, yeah, we got the canal temples, they're temples. They're

not pyramids. They're temples. Yeah, that's an Egypt. That's a that's Egipto. But anyways, no, Mexico City is always a great destination. We should do a city trip. No, I'm just kidding. But that that would -- I'm glad to hear that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let's do a city.

ERIVES: Yeah.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We all got our fingers and toes crossed for sure on that one. I can't talk too much about it because I'm getting the look from the City attorney. That's not agendized.

All right, folks. So with that, I think we are at the point where we can adjourn and wish everybody a wonderful evening and thanks for all the information. Another successful meeting. Muchas gracias for those of you that only speak Spanish, like myself. Do we need a motion to adjourn? We don't. Everybody have a wonderful night. Thank you. So going to hit the gavel thought, just out of tradition.

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CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, HELD ON MAY 26, 2026. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD, AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

CITLALY SALAS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

