



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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
6:00 PM**

Doors open to Council Chambers at 5:45 PM for public seating. The public may be asked to temporarily relocate if an executive session occurs. The public will be invited back into Council Chambers when the Council returns from executive session.

Members of the public may also participate in the meeting via Zoom Webinar (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84069679194>) with a computer or cell phone.

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 Adolfo Gámez.

C. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Juan Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, Council Member Adolfo Gámez, and Council Member Linda Laborin.

Not Present: Council Member Christine Chavira, Council Member Clorinda Erives, and Council Member Cruzita Mendoza.

Department Directors: City Manager Reyes Medrano Jr., Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director Wendy Jackson, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Artz, Chief of Social Impact George Good, City Clerk Crystal Zamora, Development Services Director Jason Earp, Parks & Recreation Director Randy Babchuk, Fire Chief Michael Young, Library Director Mandy Carrico, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Rudy Mendoza, 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 recognizing September 11, 2026, as a Day of Remembrance, Unity, and Service in the City of Tolleson, honoring the lives lost and those who served in response to the events of September 11, 2001, and encouraging acts of kindness, volunteerism, community service, and civic engagement. – Julian Rodriguez, Tolleson Union High School Jobs For Arizona Graduates Junior President

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed September 11, 2026, as a Day of Remembrance, Unity, and Service in the City of Tolleson.

2. Proclamation declaring September 2026 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing those affected by prostate cancer and encouraging residents to learn about risk factors, support patients and survivors, and consult qualified healthcare professionals regarding individual health and screening decisions. – George Good, Chief of Social Impact

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed September 2026 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson.

3. Proclamation declaring September 15 through October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the essential role of the Hispanic and Latino community in Tolleson’s history, growth, and identity and honoring generations of

leadership, public service, entrepreneurship, education, arts, and civic participation that continue to enrich our community. – Pilar Sinawi, Deputy City Manager

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed September 15 through October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Tolleson.

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

1. Public Hearing – Soliciting comments from interested parties regarding Rezone Application PNZ-26-0021, submitted by the applicant and property owner, Costco Wholesale Corporation, to rezone approximately 10.55 acres located along the east side of 91st Avenue and north of Buckeye Road from Planned Area Development (PAD) to Light Industrial (I-1). The rezone would allow the subject property, identified as APN 101-12-739, to be combined with Costco's existing lot. (Ordinance No. 633 N.S.)

The public hearing opened at 6:31 PM and closed at 6:32 PM.

Council Action: Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 633 N.S. of the City Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Zoning Map of the City of Tolleson to rezone Maricopa County Assessor's Parcel Number 101-12-739 from Planned Area Development (PAD) to Light Industrial (I-1), which consists of approximately 10.55 acres, and is generally located along the east side of 91st Avenue and north of Buckeye Road. (Development Services Department)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 633 N.S.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Gámez. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

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 August 25, 2026. (City Clerk Department)
2. Approve Claims and Bills Report for the period of August 19, 2026 to September 1, 2026. (Finance Department)
3. Approve the First Amendment to the Purchase Contract between the City of Tolleson and Schulte Real Estate Management Corp. for the sale of City-owned property located at the northeast corner of 91st Avenue and Van Buren Street, identified as

Maricopa County Assessor Parcel No. 102-48-263, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Amendment. The Amendment extends the Buyer's Due Diligence Period for an additional nine (9) months (270 days), beginning September 8, 2026 and ending June 5, 2027. All other terms of the Purchase Contract shall remain in full force and effect. (Development Services Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 3; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Davis. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider the reappointments of Jimmy Davis, Wendi Sears, Marlena Pina, and Kino Flores as the Board of Directors of the Tolleson Alliance Against Substance Abuse (TAASA) to serve a term from October 1, 2026 through October 1, 2028. (City Council)

Council Member Gámez moved to reappoint Jimmy Davis, Wendi Sears, Marlena Pina, and Kino Flores as the Board of Directors of the Tolleson Alliance Against Substance Abuse (TAASA) to serve a term from October 1, 2026 through October 1, 2028; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. Emergency Preparedness Department Update – George Good, Chief of Social Impact
2. Utilities Department Update – Jamie McCracken, Utilities Director

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

1. Community Events Update – Randy Babchuk, Parks & Recreation Director

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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 accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03 for legal advice from the City Attorney.

Arizona law prohibits any City resource, including staff time, equipment, and anything of value to influence an election. This prohibition applies to Call to the Public at the Council Meeting. You may discuss a City issue but do not “advocate” for a specific candidate or ballot measure. Additionally, soliciting petition signatures or campaign contributions or distributing campaign materials is prohibited on City property. The City appreciates your efforts to help the City comply with state law and avoid using taxpayer monies to influence an election.

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