



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, AUGUST 26, 2025
6:00 PM**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was delivered by City Manager Reyes Medrano, Jr., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Gámez.

C. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Juan Rodriguez (participated remotely), Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, Council Members Christine Chavira, Clorinda Erives, Adolfo Gámez (departed at 6:35 PM), Linda Laborin and Cruzita Mendoza.

Department Directors: City Manager Reyes Medrano Jr., Deputy City Manager/Chief Government Affairs Officer Pilar Sinawi, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Artz, Chief of Social Impact George Good, Deputy City Clerk Citlaly Salas, Development Services Director Jason Earp, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director Randy Babchuk, Fire Chief Michael Young, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Rudy Mendoza and Utilities Director Jamie McCracken.

City Representative: City Attorney Robert Wingo

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 August 31, 2025 as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Tolleson to raise awareness of drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends by remembering those who have died or sustained permanent injury as a result of a drug overdose, and in support of those working toward recovery and prevention. – George Good, Chief of Social Impact

Vice Mayor Davis proclaimed August 31, 2025 as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Tolleson.

2. Proclamation declaring September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, joining all those who are battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives to the disease, their loved ones, and our state’s dedicated healthcare professionals in raising awareness, advancing public education, and embracing hope for earlier diagnoses, improved treatments, and ultimately a cure. – Rachel Sackett, National Ovarian Cancer Coalition

Vice Mayor Davis proclaimed September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson.

3. Proclamation honoring Alejandro Salazar, Teen Council Mayor, for his outstanding leadership and for receiving the College Board National Recognition Program’s First-Generation Recognition Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Vice Mayor Davis extended this proclamation honoring Alejandro Salazar.

4. Introduction of New Employee: Police Department – Fernando Figueroa, Public Safety Dispatcher
Employee Promotion: Employee Resources Department – Ernesto Figueroa, Employee Resources Technician
5. Arizona League of Cities and Towns 2025 Service Awards:
Council Member Adolfo Gámez – 40 years of service
Council Member Linda Laborin – 24 years of service
Council Member Clorinda Erives – 16 years of service

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 July 8, 2025 and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2025. (City Clerk Department)
2. Approve Claims and Bills Report for the period of July 2, 2025 to August 19, 2025. (Finance Department)
3. Approve an arbitrage rebate payment to the United States Treasury for City of Tolleson General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, in the amount of \$116,746.04. (Finance Department)
4. Approve Third Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Shamrock Foods Company for food, fresh product and related cafeteria supplies, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City desires to amend the existing Agreement to increase the annual aggregate amount from \$133,000 to \$177,500 for additional products and to extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026. (Human Services Department)
5. Adopt Resolution No. 2615 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Tohono O’odham Nation relating to police dispatch services and administration; and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The Initial Term of this Agreement shall be from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 and shall automatically renew itself annually for a period of two years upon the first day of October of each year. In consideration of the services provided by Tolleson, the Nation shall pay Tolleson \$299,463.52 per year for the services. (Police Department)

6. Approve Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Adaptive Architects, Inc. for professional services related to architectural design services for the Tolleson Aquatic Center, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City desires to amend the existing Agreement to establish a new annual aggregate amount of \$182,300 for additional services and to extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026. (Development Services Department)
7. Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Empire Southwest, LLC, dba Empire Machinery, for statewide heavy equipment including accessories, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Contractor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 for equipment and accessories. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until December 3, 2025. (Development Services Department)
8. Approve First Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and WACO, LLC, for emergency pipeline repair services, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City desires to amend the existing Agreement to increase the annual aggregate amount from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for additional equipment and services. (Utilities Department)
9. Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Empire Southwest, LLC dba Empire Machinery (an authorized dealer of Caterpillar, Inc.) for electrical energy power generation equipment with related parts, supplies and services, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Contractor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$150,000 for equipment and services. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until November 22, 2026. (Utilities Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1. through 9.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve/Deny Special Event Class 3 Permit Application as submitted by Leticia Peralta on behalf of Blessed Sacrament Church, 512 North 93rd Avenue, Tolleson, AZ 85353, to request a temporary street closure on Van Buren Street and on 93rd Avenue during the annual Fiesta de Amistad parade on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10 AM to 11

AM. The parade will begin on 96th Avenue and Van Buren Street; continue east on Van Buren Street to 93rd Avenue; and then north on 93rd Avenue to Blessed Sacrament Church Festival Grounds. Barricades will be placed beginning at 8 AM and will be picked up by noon. (Parks & Recreation Department)

Council Member Erives moved to approve the Special Event Class 3 Permit; the motion was seconded by Council Member Chavira. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

2. Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2616 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, authorizing the acquisition of real property near the northwest corner of 83rd Avenue and Buckeye Road in the City, APN 101-11-989, for development purposes; authorizing and directing the Mayor, City Manager, City Engineer, and City Attorney to acquire title to that certain parcel of real property on behalf of the City by donation, eminent domain, or purchase in the amount of \$3,403,539, plus acquisition and closing costs; and authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$3.4M from the Federal Grants fund (31310106) to Capital – Development Services (10515906). (Development Services Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to adopt Resolution No. 2616; the motion was seconded by Mayor Rodriguez. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

3. Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 626 N.S. of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Code of Tolleson, Arizona, Chapter 12 Land Usage, Article 12-4 Zoning – General Procedures by amending Section 12-4-169 Procedures – Site Plan Review and Building Permits; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances and providing for severability. (Development Services Department)

Council Member Chavira moved to adopt Ordinance No. 626 N.S.; 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 Laborin – Aye
Council Member Mendoza – Aye

4. Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 627 N.S. of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Code of Tolleson, Arizona, Chapter 12 Land Usage, Article 12-2 Subdivisions by amending General Provisions Section 12-2-2 Preliminary Plan; Procedures Sections 12-2-21 Procedure for Conditional Approval of Preliminary Plat, 12-2-22 Procedure for Approval of Final Plat, and 12-2-23 Procedure for Approval of Lot Split; Final Plan Sections 12-2-40 Final Plan of Subdivision, and 12-2-43 Items Required to Be Shown on Final Plat; Required Improvements Section 12-2-60 General Provisions; and General Requirements Sections 12-2-75 General Principles of Acceptability, and 12-2-77 Blocks; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances and providing for severability. (Development Services Department)

Council Member Chavira moved to adopt Ordinance No. 627 N.S.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye
Vice Mayor Davis – Aye
Council Member Chavira – Aye
Council Member Erives – Aye
Council Member Laborin – Aye
Council Member Mendoza – Aye

5. Approve/Deny the Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Chasse Building Team, Inc. for Phase III of the Tolleson Aquatics Center Project, with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) not to exceed \$36,900,000, for the construction of the Tolleson Aquatics Center (TAC); authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement; and authorize a transfer of contingency funds (10107080) in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Aquatic Center Capital Project fund (51115199). (Development Services Department)

Mayor Rodriguez moved to approve the Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) Agreement; 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 Laborin – Aye
Council Member Mendoza – Aye

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. Pedestrian Bridge Design – Jason Earp, Development Services Director

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

1. Community Events Update – Randy Babchuk, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director
2. Sister City Meeting in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico – City Council

L. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion to go into executive session.

Council Member Erives moved to convene into executive session at 6:58 PM; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

2. Convene into an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4) to receive legal advice and discuss and consult with the City Attorney regarding a contract that is the subject of negotiations relating to joint use of school facilities and funding.

M. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

N. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Laborin moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:39 PM; the motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

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: July 2, 2025 to August 19, 2025****PAYMENTS OVER \$10,000**

VENDOR NAME	GROSS AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK/PAYMENT DATE
ACHEN-GARDNER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$588,663.78	185327	07/28/2025
ACHEN-GARDNER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$494,449.27	185327	07/28/2025
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$415,763.64	185411	08/05/2025
ACHEN-GARDNER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$335,684.83	101056	08/12/2025
FREIGHTLINER OF ARIZONA LLC	\$269,951.34	100879	07/07/2025
PIERCE COLEMAN PLLC	\$148,500.00	185103	07/02/2025
AZ MUNICIPAL RISK RETENTION POOL P & C	\$145,061.19	185180	07/15/2025
AZ MUNI RISK RETENTION POOL-WC FUND	\$135,869.28	100896	07/14/2025
ALEX AREVALO	\$113,661.00	185236	07/16/2025
ANDRUS PROPERTIES INC	\$99,998.98	185114	07/03/2025
KRONOS INCORPORATED	\$89,219.59	101051	08/08/2025
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	\$77,835.66	100908	07/17/2025
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$73,350.55	100876	07/07/2025
RINGCENTRAL, INC.	\$70,900.52	100898	07/14/2025
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	\$68,374.46	100957	07/25/2025
TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17	\$54,398.84	185243	07/21/2025
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$48,944.57	185447	08/07/2025
TOM JONES FORD LLLP	\$46,797.43	185281	07/21/2025
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$46,574.00	100910	07/17/2025
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	\$44,840.10	101006	07/31/2025
FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$40,257.45	185161	07/15/2025
TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17	\$39,077.52	185243	07/21/2025
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	\$38,495.68	101007	07/31/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$37,772.13	100995	07/31/2025
SUNLAND ASPHALT & CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$36,604.49	101088	08/14/2025
ASU FOUNDATION FOR A NEW AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	\$36,000.00	185464	08/13/2025
CLEARGOV INC	\$35,215.83	100919	07/17/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$34,834.40	101075	08/14/2025
CITY OF AVONDALE	\$34,056.30	185121	07/03/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$33,552.95	100958	07/25/2025
SOLENIIS LLC	\$33,470.64	100970	07/25/2025
JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC	\$32,360.00	100928	07/22/2025
BODEV INC	\$31,382.00	185461	08/13/2025
TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17	\$30,767.98	185243	07/21/2025
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$30,340.75	185140	07/08/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT, POLICE	\$29,827.02	100959	07/25/2025
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$28,987.28	100876	07/07/2025

FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$28,699.19	185419	08/05/2025
AZ MUNICIPAL RISK RETENTION POOL P & C	\$28,073.30	185180	07/15/2025
AZ MUNICIPAL RISK RETENTION POOL P & C	\$27,883.80	185180	07/15/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT, POLICE	\$27,868.28	100997	07/31/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT, POLICE	\$27,009.93	101076	08/14/2025
STERLING COMPUTERS CORPORATION	\$26,241.13	101087	08/14/2025
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	\$25,925.59	100978	07/29/2025
ADAPTIVE ARCHITECTS INC	\$22,265.00	185145	07/15/2025
AED EVERYWHERE, INC.	\$22,095.25	185330	07/28/2025
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$21,840.00	100876	07/07/2025
MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$21,807.93	185126	07/03/2025
FSL HOME IMPROVEMENTS	\$21,214.98	185163	07/15/2025
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF ARIZONA	\$20,047.18	185349	07/28/2025
CARESCAPE INC	\$19,470.00	185153	07/15/2025
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$19,307.75	185140	07/08/2025
LYFT, INC.	\$18,681.26	101084	08/14/2025
AZ MUNI RISK RETENTION POOL-WC FUND	\$18,672.82	100896	07/14/2025
REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANS AUTHORITY	\$18,308.34	101089	08/14/2025
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	\$17,697.81	100929	07/22/2025
LYFT, INC.	\$17,501.61	100949	07/25/2025
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$17,160.00	100876	07/07/2025
VERTOSOFT LLC	\$16,808.97	100900	07/14/2025
OCLC, INC	\$16,219.34	100905	07/14/2025
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$15,488.34	101080	08/14/2025
FERGUSON US HOLDINGS INC	\$14,898.04	185316	07/24/2025
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	\$13,444.31	100908	07/17/2025
FERGUSON US HOLDINGS INC	\$13,073.19	185316	07/24/2025
FERGUSON US HOLDINGS INC	\$13,073.19	185316	07/24/2025
WEST YOST & ASSOCIATES INC	\$12,616.00	101041	08/06/2025
ENDRESS + HAUSER INC	\$11,948.58	185159	07/15/2025
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	\$11,227.04	100908	07/17/2025
CLEARGOV INC	\$11,179.90	100919	07/17/2025
LN CURTIS & SONS	\$11,047.07	101030	08/06/2025
ARIZONA STATE TREASURER	\$10,885.02	185181	07/15/2025
JTB SUPPLY COMPANY INC	\$10,788.85	185242	07/16/2025
BRADY INDUSTRIES ARIZONA LLC A BRADYPLUS COMPANY	\$10,600.62	100979	07/29/2025
FERGUSON US HOLDINGS INC	\$10,454.46	185316	07/24/2025
CITY OF TOLLESON-MEDICAL	\$10,448.12	100965	07/25/2025
CITY OF TOLLESON-MEDICAL	\$10,364.16	100965	07/25/2025
AZ MUNI RISK RETENTION POOL-WC FUND	\$10,056.13	100896	07/14/2025
VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC	\$10,025.45	185310	07/24/2025

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DAVIS: I think that means it's 6 o'clock. Good evening, everyone. I'm Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis. Today is August 26th, and I would like to call the City Council meeting to order. As we begin tonight's Council meeting, I want to first acknowledge a heartbreaking loss within our own community. We extend our deepest condolences to the Salazar (ph.) family on the passing of Jasmine. Jasmine was a former Tolleson High School student, a gifted artist and musician, and a cherished member of our Tolleson family. Her creativity, her spirit and -- and the love she shared touched many lives here in our city, and her family has been a part of our community for many years. We share deeply in their grief.

I also want to take a moment to recognize another tragedy that has shaken our neighboring community. The recent stabbing death of a 16-year-old student at Maryvale High School. Our thoughts are with the student's family, and we also extend our compassion to the students, faculty, and staff of Maryvale High School who are mourning and processing this loss together. Let us hold these families, classmates, and communities in our hearts tonight as we come together in unity and care.

At this time, I'd like to invite City Manager Medrano to lead us in our invocation. Please stand.

MEDRANO: Lord Jesus, you are taught -- you taught us to have the heart of a child. Grant us the grace to turn to you, trusting that you will guide our steps and strengthen our resolve when we face uncertainty about the future. Grant us faith and a spirit of openness that we may embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. When we feel burdened by the weight of responsibility. Reach out to us with your peace, that we may lean on your wisdom and seek solace in your presence. When we experience moments of success, remind us that true joy comes from you. And may we serve with humility and gratitude, knowing all good things come from your hand. Amen.

ALL: I 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.

DAVIS: Please let the record reflect that all Council members are present. Mayor Rodriguez is present via Zoom.

Item D, Final Call To Submit Speaker Requests. Now is the final call to submit speaker requests to the City Clerk. All speakers will be limited to three minutes for comments only. Actions taken as a result of public comment will be limited to: One, responding to criticism; two, directing staff to review the matter, or three asking that a matter be put on a future agenda.

City Clerk, are there any speaker requests?

SALAS: No, Vice Mayor, we don't.

DAVIS: Item E, Call To The Public (Non-Agenda Items). It is now the call to the public.

City Clerk, do we have any submissions?

SALAS: No, Vice Mayor, we don't.

DAVIS: Item F is Proclamations and Scheduled Appearances. Number one, a proclamation declaring August 31st, 2025 as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Tolleson to raise awareness of drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends by remembering those who have died or sustained permanent injury as a -- as a result of drug overdose, and in support of those working towards recovery and prevention.

I'm going to turn it over to George Good, Chief of Social Impact. He's online.

GOOD: Good evening, Vice Mayor and members of the Council. As you stated, August is Overdose Awareness Month. Last year, we saw a decrease in opioid-related deaths of about 30,000, which was really good. Moving in the right direction on that. Tolleson is involved in many ways, such as a Leave Behind program that PD and Fire are doing, Narcan education. Our city library and other ways.

This year, I'm especially excited as we now have TAASA, the Tolleson Alliance Against Substance Abuse on board with you, Vice Mayor and Council member Gamez leading that effort.

September 3rd, we'll be at the Arizona Drug Summit, learning about new methods to help us continue to fight this epidemic.

And with that, Council Member Gamez or Vice Mayor Davis, is there anything you would like to add?

DAVIS: Council Member Gamez, you'd like to add anything?

GAMEZ: Looking forward to it. And I'm glad that the numbers are down. I hope they can get -- I'm sorry. I hope they can continue to keep going down, and I think we'll do whatever we can to deal with the issue here in town and help the community and the families that they need it. Very simple. But it's -- we're just starting it. But we're starting strong. Thank you.

DAVIS: Yeah, I'm really happy to hear about a 30,000 reduction in opioid deaths. That's -- that's amazing progress. But there's so much more work to do. So I'm looking forward to hitting the ground running with our -- with our thoughts and initiative and really, you know, trying to turn the tide on this -- this horrible thing that's happening in all of our communities.

Anybody else? No? Okay.

Now, therefore, I, Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2025, as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed.

GOOD: Thank you, Vice Mayor. And thank you, Council, for all your support.

DAVIS: Thank you, George.

Item 2. Proclamation declaring September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, joining all those who are battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives to -- to the disease, their loved ones, and our state's dedicated healthcare professionals and raising awareness, advancing public education, and embracing hope for earlier diagnosis, improved treatments, and ultimately, a cure.

We have Rachel Sackett of the National -- National Ovarian Cancer Coalition who will say a few words regarding this proclamation. Rachel?

SACKETT: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Ovarian cancer is one of the deadliest cancers impacting women, yet it remains one of the most underfunded and least understood. Each year in the United States, nearly 20,000 women are diagnosed, and over 12,700 will lose their lives to this disease. That is a staggering 64 percent mortality rate. Here in Arizona, hundreds of women face this devastating diagnosis each year. Sadly, more than 75 percent are diagnosed at advanced stages due to vague symptoms and

the lack of a reliable early detection test. The five-year survival rate remains below 50 percent, and shockingly, that number has not significantly improved in decades.

At age 38, I was diagnosed with stage 3A low-grade serous ovarian cancer, or LGSOC, a rare form of ovarian cancer that disproportionately impacts young premenopausal women. This insidious disease has no standard of care, is chronic, and experiences an 85 percent recurrence rate. The impact on my life and my family as a result has been profound. Like many women that face LGSOC, I lost my ability to have biological children with no time or guidance to preserve fertility. Cancer robbed my husband and I of the dreams we had not yet fulfilled, and these losses still echo through every day of my survivorship.

As a five-year survivor, it's heart-wrenching to think that I've beaten the odds. But even worse, there are the devastating stories of those who did not. One of them is my dear friend and first mentee, Jordan (ph.), who died last September during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, just one day after her 33rd birthday. Jordan was vibrant, brilliant, and full of hope. I had the privilege of running the Disney Princess 10K with her last February, only seven short months prior to her passing. Jordan's last words to me were, I'm glad you're fighting for awareness of this disease, I just don't have it in me right now. Thank you, and I love you. Jordan's death crushed me, but I made her a promise to continue fighting for her and every woman still waiting for earlier detection, better treatment, and a real chance of survival.

Women like Jordan deserve more. They deserve better. They deserve a future that begins with awareness, which leads to earlier diagnoses, research resources, and ultimately, survival. And that is why this September, I have asked for your leadership by proclaiming September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Thank you for standing with survivors, honoring those we have lost, and helping to protect women across Tolleson, Arizona. Together, we can shine a light on this gravely overlooked disease and give hope to the women and families in our community who need it the most.

DAVIS: Thank you, Rachel. I'll now open it up for discussion. Council?

No? Well, thank you for the work that you're doing. I know that, you know, cancer in

general affects so many lives. And this cancer in particular sounds incredibly difficult. And you know, we want to send our condolences for your losses and wish you all the best in -- in your work in this -- in this arena.

SACKETT: Thank you so much. I appreciate that.

DAVIS: Now therefore, I, Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed.

SACKETT: Thank you.

DAVIS: All right. Let's take a picture, guys.

GAMEZ: Thank you.

ERIVES: Thank you.

DAVIS: All right. Item 3. Proclamation honoring Alejandro Salazar, Teen Council Mayor, for his outstanding leadership and for receiving the College Board National Recognition Program's First-Generation Recognition Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Parks and Rec. -- Parks and Recreation director Babchuk will say a few words regarding this proclamation.

BABCHUK: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Good evening, Council members. This evening, it's my honor to recognize an outstanding young leader in our community, Alejandro Salazar, the mayor of the Tolleson Teen Council. Alejandro is a bright student attending University High at the Tolleson Union High School campus. As a senior, he'll graduate this year, already distinguished by his academic achievements. He has received the prestigious First-Generation Award for Academic Achievement and has been awarded \$16,000 a year to attend the Arizona State University.

Alejandro's perseverance and dedication extends far beyond the classroom. His unwavering commitment to the City of Tolleson has been evident through his service and leadership as a member of the Tolleson Teen Council. He has led with heart and given with purpose, setting the standard for what it means to serve as a youth ambassador for our community. Alongside his fellow elected officials, he has held a vital role in supporting community events, youth focused projects, and citywide campaigns, always working to make Tolleson a better place for all of us.

On behalf of the City of Tolleson, I want to thank Alejandro for his academic excellence, his passion for service to our community, and his leadership as a teen council mayor. He is a shining example for his peers and a reminder to all of us that -- of the bright future ahead when we invest in and support our youth. Congratulations, Alejandro. We are proud of you and excited to see the great things you accomplish at ASU and beyond.

DAVIS: Would you like to say a few words, Alejandro?

SALAZAR: First off, I want to thank Randy, City Council members and my family, and of course, my teachers. They have been a great support to me and my journey. After all the hardships I have been through and the challenges I have faced, I am very blessed to have received this award and continue to serve my community. As in the future, I would hope to become a firefighter and hopefully have a degree in public safety with an emphasis in emergency management.

But overall, what the Tolleson Teen Council is, for those that don't necessarily know, we are a youth council where we serve our community to -- to get our voices as teens towards problems that we see within our campus and within our city. And with our -- couple of our ideas this upcoming year, we would like to continue having suicide and drunk driving campaigns. More crosswalks around the City of Tolleson, as -- as now there is a lot more traffic with the new construction on campus. We would also like to get more community cleanups, as we do not -- I feel that we do not do as much cleanups as we should throughout the City of Tolleson. And -- sorry, I'm nervous.

DAVIS: Me too. So that makes two of us.

SALAZAR: But yes, overall, I am very blessed to have received this, and I thank everyone that has been continuing to support me and my journey. Thank you.

DAVIS: Well, we're going to take a picture in a second, but I want to say something first, and I'll open up to the rest of the Council to see if they want to say anything.

I'm incredibly proud of you. You have been an exceptional leader. I've gotten to know you a little bit over the last year or so, seeing you at various conferences and different things that we've done together with Teen council and City Council. You're doing an exceptional job, and I think the sky is the limit for you. So just keep pushing forward.

Don't ever let anything stand in your way because you're going to kill it. You're going to be a rockstar someday. So don't forget the -- the old people up here when --

SALAZAR: I am not. Don't worry about that. Thank you, Vice Mayor Davis.

DAVIS: Council, anybody else?

GAMEZ: Congratulations. Great job. And continue going forward. Absolutely.

SALAZAR: Thank you.

DAVIS: Linda?

ERIVES: I had the privilege -- we had the privilege of meeting you. So again, Alejandro, with your -- when you came to our Women's Club, when you helped volunteer. He didn't know our Women's Club. We didn't know of you. You came in, and we needed someone to grill pancakes, and it's a messy job, right? Like, the batter. And like, Alejandro just put on the apron. Got straight to that grill. I do this, I can do this. He was amazing. The pancakes were flipping; everyone was eating and enjoying. And I said, who -- who are you? And you're just like, oh, I made pancakes. This is -- I think you did it at your previous job or at your job where you make --

SALAZAR: Yes, ma'am, I do -- I do do that at my current job right now.

ERIVES: Current job, right? So he's like, I got this, I got this. And then I hear more about you and you're -- oh, you're in teen council. But the way your heart just was serving the community that day, it just -- I'm so impressed. And then to learn more about all the other things. And then now to hear this award that you're -- and -- and I have to say this, ASU?

[LAUGHTER]

ERIVES: My heart. Oh, I went to NAU myself. And so, that's why I'm like, oh, ASU. But you know what, Mijo? You've convinced me. You've changed my mind. I'm really celebrating. And like Mayor -- Vice Mayor said, continue, we -- we know you're going to have wonderful -- but we are here for you still, even as you continue. Continue to lean on us if you need us. We are always going to be here. Congratulations.

Congratulations.

SALAZAR: Thank you. I really appreciate it.

DAVIS: Councilman Chavira?

CHAVIRA: Congratulations to you and your family. This is an awesome opportunity, and I know that you will do well. I very much enjoyed the past year getting to know all the members of the teen council and you. And you've done an excellent job. And you know, when we attend conferences like we did last week, it's an amazing experience when other cities recognize what a great group of people that we have. And so, kudos to you. Congratulations. And you will do great.

SALAZAR: Thank you, Councilmember Chavira.

DAVIS: All right. Anybody else?

MENDOZA: I just want to say congratulations, and it was a pleasure talking to you when we were at the conference. And I expressed my -- that I'm so happy for you and the family. Congratulations, and keep going forward.

SALAZAR: I really appreciate it.

LABORIN: Congratulations, Mijo. You achieve everything you want to achieve, and you get the job you want to get. Keep going.

SALAZAR: Thank you. Thank you, I appreciate that.

DAVIS: You hear that? I'm just kidding. No pressure.

YOUNG: Yeah, (indiscernible) fire station (indiscernible). Represent himself, and (indiscernible). Sometimes people will come to the station, especially their first ride along, and they're nervous, they kind of sit back, and it takes a lot to get things out of them. He showed up. He wanted to be a part of the team. He wanted to learn. He wanted to know what we do, why we do it. And then had the pleasure of being around with the Backpack Drive, and everything that Randy said about him is absolutely true. And congratulations and good luck to you. And you know that your Tolleson family has your back as well.

SALAZAR: Thank you, Chief Young.

DAVIS: All right. Now, therefore, I, Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this proclamation to Alejandro Salazar. Be it proclaimed. Paparazzi. Family wants to come up.

MENDOZA: Yeah, absolutely.

[LAUGHTER]

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Alejandro.

SALAZAR: Thank you.

DAVIS: Congratulations.

LABORING: Congratulations.

ERIVES: Oh, sorry.

GAMEZ: Don't move my chair.

ERIVES: We're playing musical chairs here. Congratulations.

DAVIS: All right. Now we're going to move on to Item 4. Introduction of New Employees.

City Manager Medrano?

MEDRANO: Mr. Vice Mayor, members of Council. This is one of my greatest joys to welcome new teammates and acknowledge existing teammates -- good job, buddy. Mr. Mayor, I'm sorry -- for their accomplishments. Well, first, in introduction of new employees, we have one of my compatriots, Fernando Figueroa, a fellow public safety dispatcher. I don't know if he's on, Chief, or not, but we want to acknowledge his decision to choose to serve Tolleson, and we take that more seriously than anybody can understand.

Next, I am overjoyed to announce that Ernesto Figueroa is now an employee resources technician. He moved from the front desk upstairs, and he'll be working with Deputy City Manager Jackson. He already is. So right now, he's splitting time during the transition. And of course, he's doing a wonderful job already. And I'm one of Ernesto's biggest fans. I think we all are. I think we can all have an argument about that. He's the -- been the face of Tolleson for quite a few years now, and people absolutely adore him and appreciate his efforts to -- to help them with every challenge that they bring to the front desk. So congratulations, Ernesto.

And then we have our first ever Marvin Andrews Fellow. Marvin Andrews is one of the top three public affairs fellowships in the world. And we have one from --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: ASU.

MEDRANO: From ASU. I'm sorry, I did not forget that intentionally. But I'm honored to introduce Melissa Leal-Esquivel back there. If you haven't met her already. She's upstairs with us. Come by and say hello. She's already making a huge impact and she's a lot of fun to be around. And I think she understands that most about public affairs, you have to find the joy in service. And I think you were born with that, Melissa. So we're overjoyed to have you here.

And then finally, I am equally honored to introduce one of my oldest teammates. He's been with the City of Tolleson as long as I've -- as I've been in this position. He was part of the team that laid the foundation for our current information technologies infrastructure. He's been through a lot. We've been through a lot together. And most recently, he was promoted to the -- I'm going to just call it the IT manager because I don't know the specifics of it. But we're honored that Richard Tso accepted the position to lead the IT department forward. Richard, congratulations.

That's all we have, sir. Thank you.

DAVIS: All right. Well, welcome to our new Tolleson family members. We -- we love adding additions to -- to our ever growing, ever expanding family here in Tolleson. And congratulations to those who have received promotions. We like to keep you guys in-house. You're not allowed to go anywhere else.

MEDRANO: Exactly.

DAVIS: We steal from other cities. It doesn't work the other way. All right.

Item 5. So tonight, it's my honor to present the Arizona League of Cities and Towns 2025 Service Awards. These awards recognize dedicated public servants whose leadership and commitment have made a lasting impact on our community.

So this is kind of a pretty cool thing that -- that happens at the Arizona League of Cities Conference every year. It's a whole bunch of -- it's well, it's all of the Council members and mayors from all over the State of Arizona. We come together to exchange ideas and have meetings and meetings and more meetings and more meetings. But it's a -- it's a great time to -- to really highlight what -- what the various cities are doing. And it's

really amazing at the -- some of the awards that I'm about to announce here -- at just the amount of time and dedication these individuals have given to the City of Tolleson. I -- I think being a Council member is not what you think. Let me tell you that much. It's sometimes a thankless job. It's a lot of work. It's -- it's kind of getting in the mud sometimes and having to do and deal with things that are -- are sensitive and not always, you know, fun, joyful initiatives.

So you know -- well, let's just -- let's thank them for the years of service. So let's start with Clorinda Erives, 16 years of service.

DAVIS: Linda Laborin, are you ready for this? 24 years of service.

This one had me sent. So Council Member Gamez is going to receive this next, this award here. And I would like to point out that I -- I'm going to say this for as a matter of public record -- I'm 39 years old. That hurt a little bit. But I'm 39. And Council Member Gamez has been on the Tolleson City Council one year longer than I've been alive. 40 years of service.

ERIVES: 40. 40.

DAVIS: It's -- I don't do Math. 80 years of service combined? 80 years of service combined up here on this dais. That's -- and that's not including Mayor Rodriguez, who's been on the Council for a lot of years, too. How many years has he been on? Do you know anybody? 18? Something like that. That's just --

ERIVES: Oh, no. Longer.

DAVIS: Longer? That's just an incredible --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: (Indiscernible).

DAVIS: How many?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Coming up on 20.

DAVIS: 20? Wow. That's, I mean, just the combination of experience up here on the dais is -- it's -- it's amazing. And I'm really lucky, as a newer Council member, to be able to sit with these individuals and learn from them day in and day out. So I just want to thank you guys for that. And I do appreciate everything that you guys have done for this community over the years. So thank you guys for your service.

GAMEZ: Vice Mayor. Thank you.

DAVIS: The plaques?

ERIVES: Another picture.

GAMEZ: Are we ready?

ERIVES: Oh. Tada.

GAMEZ: What plaque? No. That's fine. One of the plaques are no problem. Okay. He's done.

GAMEZ: Thank you.

DAVIS: Do any of you guys want to say anything or? Council members, got anything to add?

GAMEZ: This seems like yesterday. I mean, no big deal. No, I -- you know, this community has -- has done a lot for me, and as growing up, it gave a lot to our community, to my family. And as a little kid, I thought, man, these guys came to our house, gave us food. Didn't know that existed. I asked my dad, what happened? How come we got food? Well, we're not -- we're not very rich. We need help. And the City does this? Yeah, they do. So that's pretty damn cool. So I thought, I'm going to do the same thing when I get older. And I've been doing it ever since I was a little kid. Always giving back because that's what I learned, to give back. And -- and I love this community. I'm not going anywhere. Born and raised here, and that's the way it is. I believe that we should give back. We believe that we should keep doors open for young men like Alejandro, like the young lady over there going to ASU. Not any of you, but that's okay. We need to keep the door open and make sure that they go through it and become successful. I was given that opportunity with (Indiscernible)'s dad, he was my mentor. Without him, I wouldn't be here. Again, give back. Always give back. And this community is about that. It's family. Takes care of each other and just become successful.

That's all I got to say. I'm not going anywhere. Another 40 years.

[LAUGHTER]

GAMEZ: Thank you.

LABORIN: No. I'm good.

DAVIS: Clorinda?

ERIVES: I do. But I wanted to make sure. Linda, you're -- okay.

I'm going to echo your sentiments just a little bit. But I'm going to point the finger this way as far as, you were my mentor. So -- so I think I'm, 5th grade or 6th grade. I'm not sure what, but you had won an election, and I said -- and you were on our -- we're on a playground because I can remember you have, like, coins in your pocket or something. And you were -- we were talking and you said something election. And then I was like, what does that mean? What does it mean to be on the Council? What does it mean -- that -- that? And then you're explaining it to us. And I -- I was in, like, again, 5th or 6th grade. I said, I want to run for Council. I want to run for Council. That sounds really cool job that you just got elected to. But more than that, that I said it, you held me accountable to it because you would ask me as years were -- no, no, I can't right now, I just got married. No, no, I can't right now, I just had children. No, no, I can't. I'm still teaching. No, no. And you would ask me, well then, when are you going to run? Well then, when are you going to run? And then I said, okay. So 16 years is because you had held me accountable. That that's -- that's that power of our community when you say we invest in our youth, not just when they're in 5th grade, but continued on and on and on. And my learning from -- from Council has continued because even though at 16 on the plaque, there's still some things that I don't know. And there are always new situations that occur. And as a Council, we have to always look in the best interest of our community, but we have to make some difficult decisions as well, and not always popular ones. But -- but we do it in the interest of our community.

And when I say community, we are so unique. Where we have our own post office, we have our own fire department, we have our own police. We're like this tiny island that if I didn't own a vehicle, I could still walk. I could go to elementary and to the high school. I could go grocery shopping. I can go get this. I can go get this. I can visit my neighbor. I can go to church. All within this nucleus of a community. And it's amazing. And then you go to, you know, Arizona cities and towns, and there -- there's -- they see this

shining, glowing, beautiful center of us. And then they acknowledge that. And not that we're prideful because we're going to do it anyways. We're going to do this because that's us, but that others recognize it. That feels good too. That feels good too. So this honor is -- is -- is appreciated. But it's an honor to sit here with you all too, as well, so thank you.

GAMEZ: Thank you.

DAVIS: Other Council members, anything to add? No? Okay. All right. Well, thank you guys again for all of your years of -- of service. And I'm wishing you many, many more years. All right.

Business From the Floor. We don't have any.

Item H. Consent Agenda Action Items. We have items 1 through 9 on the consent agenda. I will now entertain a motion.

GAMEZ: Move for approval, Mr. Vice Mayor.

DAVIS: All right. Council member Gamez with the motion. Council member Laborin the second.

All in favor, say aye.

ERIVES: Aye.

MENDOZA: Aye.

DAVIS: All opposed? Motion carries.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

DAVIS: That was unanimous.

ERIVES: That was unanimous.

DAVIS: Regular Agenda Action items. Item 1, Approve/Deny Special Event Class 3 Permit Application as submitted by Leticia Peralta of -- on behalf of Blessed Sacrament Church, 512 North 93rd Avenue, Tolleson, Arizona 85353, to request a temporary street closure on Van Buren Street and on 93rd Avenue during the annual Fiesta de Amistad Parade on Saturday, October 11th, from 10 a.m. to 11 -- to 11 a.m. The parade will begin on 96th Avenue and Van Buren Street, continue east on Van Buren Street to 93rd Avenue, and then north on 93rd Avenue to Blessed Sacrament Church Fiesta grounds.

Barricades will be placed beginning at 8 a.m. and will be picked up by noon. Parks and Rec Department, Director Babchuk.

BABCHUK: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Members of the Council. Blessed Sacrament Church is seeking approval for their parade on October 11th. Which again will start on 96th Avenue in front of the high school. Go east to 93rd Avenue and then north on 93rd Avenue to the church. They've gotten a barricade plan from our streets division. So they follow that to the T, and they just deal directly with the barricade company and pay the barricade company themselves. So they already know what's expected of the City. And they follow all those policies and rules and regulations that we set forth.

DAVIS: Council, does anyone have any questions or comments on this item? No? Okay. I think it's pretty straightforward. I'll entertain a motion.

ERIVES: Motion to approve.

DAVIS: Council member Erives. Okay. The first goes to Council Member Erives, second to Councilwoman Chavira. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

DAVIS: Opposed? All right. Motion carried.

Item 2/ Adopt/deny Resolution Number 2616 of the Mayor and Council -- City Council of City of Tolleson, Arizona, authorizing the acquisition of real property near the northwest corner of 83rd Avenue and Buckeye Road.

I'm going to go ahead and turn this over to Development Services Director Earp.

EARP: Thank you, Vice Mayor, Mayor, members of the Council. This is a property we spoke about a couple months ago. It's on 83rd Avenue next to the QT. It was -- it's owned by the County right now. They had to do some -- some work on their end, but now they're ready to sell. This is the amount it was appraised for. So we're asking for approval to purchase this property. Plus, a budget transfer in the amount of 3.4 million from -- from the federal grants fund to capital. And I can have a -- the -- our CFO kind of describe that situation on the budget transfer.

ARTZ: Thank you, Vice Mayor, Mayor, and Council. So this was not a budgeted item for this fiscal year. So we are requesting a transfer from the grants fund to the capital fund

to pay for this purchase. It will result in a spending of fund balance in this current year is what we're doing since it was not a budgeted line item.

If Council has any questions, I'm happy to answer them.

DAVIS: Any questions or comments from the Council?

CHAVIRA: I want to point out that we had discussed this previously.

EARP: Correct.

CHAVIRA: This is something that we had all --

EARP: Right. This was the direction from City Council to move forward on this purchase. Yes.

DAVIS: Okay. All right. Then I will entertain a motion.

GAMEZ: Mr. Mayor. I move that we adopt Resolution Number 2616.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Second.

DAVIS: Second from Mayor Rodriguez. All right. All in favor, say aye?

ALL: Aye.

DAVIS: All opposed? All right. Motion carried.

ARTZ: That's a big deal. (Indiscernible).

DAVIS: Item number 3. Adopt/deny Ordinance number 626. I will turn this back over to development services Director Earp.

EARP: Thank you, Vice Mayor, members of Council. We're actually going to have our city attorney discuss the next two items. They go hand in hand together.

WINGO: Good evening, Vice Mayor and Council. So the two ordinances you have before you tonight, items 3 and 4 are -- are to amend certain provisions in the city's zoning ordinance. And we've -- we split them up because the -- the first item, number 3, really addresses section in Article 4, which deals primarily with site plans and building permits or development plans.

Number 4, the second ordinance will amend Article 2, which is a separate section of the Code that deals more with final plats and lot splits and design criteria.

The -- the purpose between behind both of these ordinances are identical. And I'll give you a little background. In 2023, the State legislature adopted a Senate bill 1103, which

amended state law and made it permissive for cities to have administrative approval of certain development items, such as final plats, site plans, lot -- lot -- small minor lot divisions, and things like that. Sort of made sense because Council typically deals with legislative discretionary matters, not administrative matters, because for things like a site plan or a final plat, staff goes through and they check off boxes and says, you know, does the site plan meet all of our design and building requirements? Are there enough parking spaces? Is the land -- landscaping adequate? Does it meet all of the provisions of safety and health of the State law and our local codes? And if they do that, there's not much discretion. They have to be approved because they've met all of the criteria. So it was permissive back in 2023.

This year, the State legislature passed House Bill 2447, which made that instead of being permissive, mandatory. So the law now says that there has to be an administrative approval process of certain development applications, such as site plans, development plans, minor land divisions, and final plats. So we -- the current city code still makes it permissive. So to bring the City code in alignment with this new law, which will go into effect January 1st of 2026, we're bringing these code amendments to you. So the City code will now be in harmony. And again, the first ordinance amends Article 4, which deals with site plans and development plans, which are now required to be approved by staff if they meet all of the State and local criteria. And then Article 2 in the second, which -- which addresses final plats, lot splits, and then your -- your major, like, subdivision requirements, and that's it in a nutshell, will bring the Code now into harmony with the new law.

EARP: That, Vice Mayor, city attorney, if you may, I'm just going to add that zoning applications and use permits will still come before Council for a public hearing and approval.

DAVIS: So we'd have to approve the use before a site plan anyway, right? Is -- no?

EARP: No. So a use permit is usually a special use permit.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Special use permit?

EARP: So like, give an example, murals need a use permit.

DAVIS: That was a great example, Jason.

EARP: But those -- those are -- those kind of things. We heard one last -- it's been a while since our last meeting, but we had a use permit then that was heard by Council. Those will still be -- come to Council and any kind of zoning.

DAVIS: So what kind of like, oversight do we still have? Because obviously we don't have a whole lot of -- of land left, right? Like, to develop or to use. So we obviously are going to want to have some say in what's going into these parcels.

So what does that look like?

EARP: Well, I'll let the attorney --

WINGO: You'll -- you'll have -- so you have all of the same discretion on -- on the -- the -- so the -- the overlying use, right? The zoning of it. So rezones, things like that, that that Council has legislative discretion to either approve or deny. You'll still have -- all of those will come to you. All this will change our -- our final plan -- final plats and site plans, basically.

DAVIS: Any other questions from the Council?

ERIVES: I do.

DAVIS: Councilwoman.

ERIVES: Does that include residential or you're talking more like -- like business and -- and such?

WINGO: It's everything.

ERIVES: It's everything?

WINGO: So yeah. Anything that would require. But -- but typically we're talking about larger developments that have site plans, lot splits, plats, that are going to plat different lots within the development.

ERIVES: Okay. Okay. I do have another one.

DAVIS: Well -- oh, okay. Go ahead. Before I make an offhanded comment.

ERIVES: Sorry. Yes. Sorry, sorry.

And so, amendments to the codes. If I'm a developer, where would I find these new codes? I go to the City website. They'll be posted on our codes. You're going to see

where the old code was and then the new code amended. And then that this is harmonizing with the law so that we're all in compliance. How does one person find this?

EARP: Yes. Vice Mayor and Council Member Erives, yes, we'll have it on our website. We'll have it on our (indiscernible). And trust me when I say this, all developers know that this is a new law because it's -- it -- not in our city, because we are fast no matter how we do it. But a lot of cities, you know, it just slows down the process. And now this is going to speed up the process for development. So they guarantee 100 percent know this law is going into effect January 1st.

ERIVES: Okay.

WINGO: And I, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council, I've done this now in three other jurisdictions in the last month. So all -- all towns and cities are now required to have this administrative process for those administrative reviews.

BABCHUK: Thank you. (Audio Interference) can't come in and tell staff, hey, I want to build an undesirable business on a retail parcel. They can't do that. If it needs a rezone, it has to come to you. So you still have the ultimate control what goes on, what parcels if it deviates from the zoning category. And in our case, as you know, we try to convert everything to retail. So if we get a big retail use on a -- an I-1, it's allowable. So we can move forward with that. It wouldn't need a rezone. But the inverse would not be allowed. We couldn't rezone a I-1 or C-2 to an I-1 without your permission. We'd never ask. I feel stupid saying it, Jason. We'd never even bring it up, but say, like, I retire and Jason's gone, and you have new administration that doesn't grasp your -- your vision the way we do, you still get to hold them accountable through the zoning process.

DAVIS: I just, you know, I need the State legislator to maybe focus on things like funding education and stay out of the business of the local localities. But you know, what do I know?

All right. So can I have a motion for -- to approve or deny Ordinance Number 626?

CHAVIRA: Vice Mayor, I make a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 626 and 627.

DAVIS: Can we do them together? Do we have to do them separately?

WINGO: The best practice, for the record, would be to do them separately.

ERIVES: I second your motion for Number 626.

DAVIS: Okay. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

DAVIS: All opposed? Motion carries to approve Ordinance Number 626.

Okay. Can I get a motion to approve or deny Ordinance Number 627?

CHAVIRA: Mayor, I make a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 627, bringing us in line with state law.

DAVIS: Can I get a --

LABORIN: Second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Council Laborin with a second.

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

DAVIS: All opposed? All right. Motion carries.

ERIVES: Now in harmony.

DAVIS: Number 5. Right? Is that where we're at? Yeah.

Item 5. Approve/Deny the Construction Manager at Risk Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Chasse Building team for Phase III of the Tolleson Aquatics Center Project. Development Services Director Earp.

EARP: Thank you, Vice Mayor, members of the Council. We're excited. We finally got our -- our guaranteed maximum price. We're asking for approval tonight for it not to exceed 36 million, 900,000. And also with that, we authorizing a transfer of contingent -- contingency funds in the amount of \$2 million. Just -- just want to remind Council and Vice Mayor that a few months ago, we came with the Phase I, with the \$3 million. That was for long lead items, that's included in the 36,9. So it's not an addition to. Okay. I just -- I didn't want you to think it was more than the that amount. But if you have any questions, be more -- more than happy to answer. We're excited. They've been grading at risk. Moving forward, we've already had our two weekly meetings. We had a meeting with utilities for off sites. So that's -- you'll see some more

information on that coming down, because there's going to be some street -- not closures, but some -- because they have to get the utilities from one side to the other. But we're moving along and hopefully get this open as soon as we possibly can.

DAVIS: Council, anything?

CHAVIRA: I'm excited.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. I'm excited.

ERIVES: I'm excited.

DAVIS: Mayor. Go ahead.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: No, I was going to say a motion to approve. It's -- it's the cost of doing good business for our residents. So I say we just move forward and get this done.

DAVIS: All right. Do we have a second? Second from Councilwoman -- Councilwoman Erives. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

DAVIS: All opposed? All right. Motion passes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

DAVIS: I am -- I'm very excited to see this project getting underway. I think this is Facebook's number one issue with Tolleson right now. So every -- everything that's posted, when's the Aquatic Center going to be done? So let's get this thing built. I'm going to do a cannonball off of the -- not the high dive. That's a lie. I'm not -- the -- the short one. The short one.

ERIVES: That's the baby pool.

DAVIS: Into the baby pool. I'm going to cannonball into this pool when it is open.

All right, okay. All right.

Item J. Work Study and Presentations -- for Discussion. Pedestrian Bridge Design. We just got to get you a chair up here. Development Services Director Earp.

EARP: Thank you, Vice Mayor, members of Council. So the last meeting I believe we had Council gave their input on the pedestrian bridges. We went back they put it together. Do we have those slides coming up? We just wanted to show you this is with your input. And if everyone's happy, we're going to -- we'll move forward. But we can

answer any questions that you may have.

DAVIS: That's how it's going to light up. Right in the corner. That's awesome. And it can be different colors? So it could be Rainbow for pride month. Orange for Halloween. I don't know, I'm just throwing things out there.

ERIVES: Domestic violence is purple. Like (indiscernible).

DAVIS: Purple for domestic violence. That's awesome. I love that. Okay. Teal for ovarian cancer awareness. Right?

ERIVES: Yes.

DAVIS: Okay. It can match --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: They're both -- they both -- both bridges are going -- are going to image each other. So this design is for both locations?

EARP: That is correct, Mayor.

DAVIS: That's awesome.

ERIVES: We have twins.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I like how Tolleson, the word itself is lit up, very prominent. Daytime or nighttime, now that it's lit up, it's going to be very prominent. There's not going to be any questions of where you're at. And it's going to be a proud representation of who we are as a community. It's going to be a -- a neon invitation to come and visit us here in town.

DAVIS: Yeah. This is good work. I'm really pleased with this. I -- I was definitely not pleased with the last renderings, and this actually made me really happy to see. So thank you. Thank you for taking into account what we asked.

Councilwoman?

CHAVIRA: Thank you so much. Yes, this design is much better. Love the Tolleson. I see that it's kind of orange. Can it be green for Tolleson?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. (Indiscernible).

DAVIS: The City Hall.

CHAVIRA: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

CHAVIRA: Okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think it's going to be -- it's going to be rustic, right? A metal rustic.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, the -- the intent is that it's painted to match the color of City Hall.

DAVIS: Match the --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But you can do (indiscernible).

CHAVIRA: That makes more sense.

DAVIS: Now that you -- now that you point that out, you can see that it does match the -- the City Hall building. So I think that'll -- that'll be nice that it all matches and flows together. So yeah. And those things are still plain for some artwork on them. Good.

EARP: That is correct.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: The last thing I wanted to mention is I'm very glad to see that we solved the issue with the elevators and the stairs. The last thing we want to do is build a pedestrian-friendly infrastructure for a community and then, you know, not do something for people that may be in wheelchairs or have mobility issues. So this includes 100 percent of our Tolleson residents. So I'm very proud to say that that is another layer of inclusiveness, that we include all members of our public, regardless of their abilities or thereof. So I'm glad to see that in the -- in the image too.

EARP: Thank you.

DAVIS: Anything else? All right. Thank you, guys.

EARP: Thank you, Vice Mayor. We'll move forward.

DAVIS: We're moving on to Item K. Mayor and City Manager Report of Current Events -- for Discussion. Number 1, Community Events Update.

Parks and Recreation Director Babchuk.

BABCHUK: Thank you, Vice Mayor, members of the Council. So we have a few upcoming events starting in September. It starts our 3rd Friday events. We'll have some live performances by Cachito Dance Project, is a baile folklorico dance group, and

Power Drive will be headlining the entertainment that day. So 6 to 9:30 at The P.L.A.C.E. on September 19th.

October 10th, we'll have our benefit golf tournament at Falcon Dunes. All proceeds will go help programs in the community for youth and adults.

October 17th will be our second 3rd Friday featuring Elijah Ezekiel y Los Conjunto AddictZ. And that will also be the day of our Trunk or Treat at The P.L.A.C.E. as well. So. And then ending the month of October, we'll have our Pride Day event and Resource Fair at Veterans Park. So we're going to have a high focus and concentration on beautification, yard cleanup and just enhancing the community.

DAVIS: Thank you. When we were --

ERIVES: What's the date for the Pride clean--

DAVIS: Oh, Pride cleanup date?

ERIVES: Date?

EARP: October 25th. Saturday, October 25th.

DAVIS: When we were at the League of Cities, there was a folklorico group from Superior, and they were really awesome. So we should -- we should maybe try to bring them over. And then, what city was it? Where's Niko? He left. San Luis? Were they the ones with the little -- the kid band? They had a youth band, and they were exceptional. They were rocking it in the corner. They had everyone dancing. And from San Luis? From San Luis. Yes. I think it'd be awesome to support the arts in that way if possible. So. Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

DAVIS: Item 2 is Sister Cities meeting in Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico. Any Council members want to share anything? I don't know, Mayor Rodriguez, if you want to kick it off.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Sure. I think it was a -- to say that it was a successful trip would be an understatement. First and foremost, I want to thank the -- the fellow Council members that went out there with us. We had a Councilwoman Chavira. I know Jimmy, our Vice Mayor, was there. Vice Mayor Davis. Of course, we had key staff. Those are

the second folks that I definitely want to thank. None of this could have been possible without the efforts of some key staff members who have been entrenched in ongoing communication back and forth.

This initiative was something that seemed pretty easy on the surface. And I know that there were some cities that were very anxious and -- and willing to participate from -- from -- from the onset. But you know, it had to be a good fit for the Tolleson community as well. And the more we talked about Rocky Point in Puerto Penasco and the connection to the Sonoran Desert and proximity and the fact that we have two very different industries that -- that move our -- our communities were retail and commercial, and they're very much shrimp boating and fishing. It's two different industries. Tourism is really big down there. You know, it was very clear every time that I've gone down there, including this last time that, you know, Playa Bonita and Puerto Penasco is very much -- even though it's not the official beach of Arizona. It has become one of the -- one of the closest, most favorable tourist attractions for many residents of our state. Not to mention California and Texas. You run into people from everywhere there. But in particular, people from Arizona have -- have gone down there and in many ways created a second home there, for sure, for vacationing.

But the meeting itself was, I thought, kind of surprising. We showed up and it was like 30 people there. I don't know, maybe I'm right, 20, 30 people. You guys can correct me. And they were all members of the media. And so, you know, they had their microphones and their recording devices and little cameras. And so, I walked in kind of thinking, okay, what -- what exactly did we get ourselves into here? And my first language has always been Spanish. That's -- I grew up speaking Spanish first, and then I learned English later on when I went to school. But you know, over the years, you speak more and more English, and your Spanish becomes kind of like a fallback, you know, Spanish. And -- and so, you know, when you meet a family member, you meet somebody, you know, your proper Spanish comes out, and sometimes it comes out exactly how you want it to be. And sometimes it comes out kind of, like, you know, you want to say certain things, but you can't really cut and paste all the right words in

Spanish to deliver the message. But I felt, in general, very comfortable. Their mayor, Mayor Castro was very inviting. The questions that were asked, the things that he nodded to me to make some comments on they were -- they were fairly easily to -- to find a connection point to. And the Spanish came through, call it, you know, that back memory in the back of somebody's brain? It just -- it just flowed naturally. And I think it turned out to be a very, very good interaction between both groups, and the media ate it up, and they -- they spent on social media. I know Vice Mayor has sent me different links from different folks on TikTok and other social media, Instagram and other stuff. Things I don't have. I only have Facebook. But he sends me the link, and I get the post from -- from Puerto Penasco. They have their own official Facebook page. And a lot of their -- a lot of their stuff is really focused on this new partnership that we've done. So I have to say it was -- it was an amazing opportunity, an amazing experience and a tremendous foundation for what is likely to be a very good, long term flourishing relationship.

DAVIS: Mayor. Councilwoman, I'd like to add anything.

CHAVIRA: It was such a great experience, and I appreciate having been able to go and I -- I'm with you, Juan. I did not grow up -- English was my first language, and I know how to speak Spanish. But if you put me in that, put me on the spot there, it's really hard to think. I think in English. And then it's hard to speak in Spanish. But I'm so thankful. I'm grateful for you, Mayor, because you -- you did a great job. And Jimmy and I could just allow you to, you know, to speak. And you did such a great job. And so, what an opportunity to have a sister city like Puerto Penasco. And I'm looking forward to our relationship.

DAVIS: Yeah, there's a -- there's a lot of opportunity there. I really, we got to visit their version of a senior center. It was more, I would say, more like a home than -- than a senior center, per se. But just -- just seeing, you know, seeing that and just seeing how - - how excited they were for us to be there. And then this press conference that we kind of got thrown into was -- was kind of intense, too, because he's not exaggerating. There was like 30 reporters. And when they were done speaking, they kind of just like rushed

them. And I just was like, let my no sabo-self step to the side because I'm not going to add anything to this. But no, I really do think this is -- this is a wonderful opportunity. As Council Member Gamez said earlier about giving back, right? It's a great opportunity for us to -- to give -- to give to a community that is in need. And also, for us -- us to gain some stuff and some roots to -- to our culture, because most of us are -- all of us are Latino on this council. So I think, you know, it's -- there's -- there's a lot of benefits and there's some real opportunities there with the arts and with our youth and our seniors. So my -- my grandparents got to tag along and represent the senior center, and they had a great experience. There's one thing that I will share. My -- my Nana and Tata and I hadn't been to the beach in years and years and years and years. And so, my -- my Nana really, really enjoyed getting to see the ocean water. So you know, we don't -- we don't really get to see that around here very much. So anyway, it was an amazing experience, and I'm really glad that I got to be a part of something that is just so special. And it really tells the story of who we are as a city. So thank you.

All right, so Item L, we're going to convene into executive session. Can I have a motion to go into executive session?

All right.

ERIVES: Go into executive session.

DAVIS: Second?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Second.

DAVIS: All right. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

DAVIS: All right. All opposed? All right. So I'll motion for us to go into executive session. Now is the time for the Council to convene into executive session. We're asking members of the public and those not involved in this executive session to please exit the meeting at this time. The only action item after will be the adjournment of the meeting. So thank you all. Motion to go into executive session or whatever you say there. And I'm going to actually ask for a five-minute recess.

APPROVED:

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