



CITY OF TOLLESON

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**TOLLESON CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACTION MINUTES
TOLLESON CIVIC CENTER
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025
6:00 PM**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodriguez called the Tolleson City Council Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was delivered by City Attorney Pierce, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Davis.

C. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Juan Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, Council Members Christine Chavira, Clorinda Erives, Adolfo Gámez, Linda Laborin and Cruzita Mendoza.

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, City Clerk Crystal Zamora, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director Randy Babchuk, Fire Chief Michael Young, Library Director Mandy Carrico 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 October 2025 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the 2025 national theme, “Celebrating Value and Talent,” and honoring the contributions of individuals with disabilities to the workforce and community. – Wendy Jackson, Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed October 2025 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson.

2. Proclamation declaring October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the 2025 national theme, “With Survivors, Always,” and reaffirming the City’s commitment to supporting survivors and raising awareness about domestic violence prevention. – Pilar Sinawi, Deputy City Manager/Chief Government Affairs Officer

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson.

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 October 14, 2025. (City Clerk Department)
2. Approve Claims and Bills Report for the period of October 8, 2025 to October 21, 2025. (Finance Department)
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2624 approving the Grant-in-Aid Agreement between the City of Tolleson and the Tohono O’odham Nation for the Nation’s Fiscal Year 2025 12% Local Revenue-Sharing Contribution in the total amount of \$212,500, and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City will distribute the awarded funds to support the following community programs: City of Tolleson Community Farmers Market (\$52,500), West Valley Arts Council Gallery 37 2025: Paseo de Artes II (\$20,000), WESTMARC West Valley Data Dashboard (\$120,000), and White Tank Mountains Conservancy Wildlife Conservation Research (\$20,000). (City Management Department)
4. Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and UKG Kronos Systems, LLC for Human Resource Systems and related products 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 \$200,000 for products and services. This Agreement shall be retroactively effective from July 14, 2025 and shall remain in full force and effect until July 13, 2029, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods through July 13, 2032. (Employee Resources Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1. through 4.; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Davis. 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 Mendoza – Aye

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve/Deny Sixth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and FSL Home Improvements, dba AllThrive365 HI, for owner-occupied home repair services, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City desires to amend the existing Agreement to extend the term through October 1, 2027, increase the commercial general liability insurance limits, and amend the Housing Services – Housing Rehabilitation Budget to a total amount of \$555,000, consisting of \$425,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$130,000 in City funds, to cover program costs, including construction,

hazardous materials abatement, temporary relocation, administrative expenses, rehabilitation specialist, and management fees. (Human Services Department)

Council Member Laborin moved to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; the motion was seconded by Council Member Erives. 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. Approve/Deny the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Felix Construction Company for general construction services, including architecture and engineering services as necessary, for water and wastewater treatment and remote facilities projects, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Contractor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for services. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until May 31, 2026. (Utilities Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Davis. 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

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

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

1. Tohono O’odham Nation’s FY 25 12% Local Revenue-Sharing Contribution of \$52,500 for the City of Tolleson Community Farmers Market – George Good, Human Services Director
2. Community Events Update – Randy Babchuk, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director
3. Reminder: The City Council Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 will be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 12, 2025 due to Veterans Day.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Gámez moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:38 PM; the motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. 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

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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: October 8, 2025 to October 21, 2025****PAYMENTS OVER \$10,000**

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE
SUNLAND ASPHALT & CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$237,032.70	101418	10/10/2025
EMPIRE SOUTHWEST LLC	\$191,948.01	101408	10/10/2025
AZ MUNI RISK RETENTION POOL-WC FUND	\$110,798.66	101374	10/8/2025
ALFA LAVAL INC	\$79,484.00	101367	10/8/2025
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$65,189.87	186078	10/21/2025
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$50,397.75	186078	10/21/2025
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$48,944.57	186008	10/15/2025
DELL MARKETING L.P.	\$42,777.90	186014	10/15/2025
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$40,200.33	101413	10/10/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$35,373.56	101404	10/10/2025
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$32,447.17	186067	10/21/2025
AZ PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT, POLICE	\$26,699.06	101405	10/10/2025
SONSRAY MACHINERY LLC	\$26,614.90	186073	10/21/2025
DELL MARKETING L.P.	\$25,467.80	186014	10/15/2025
ANCON MARINE	\$25,223.57	101370	10/8/2025
CIVICPLUS LLC	\$24,077.96	101407	10/10/2025
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$23,078.14	186078	10/21/2025
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$20,648.20	186067	10/21/2025
PUMP PROS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION	\$19,676.48	101416	10/10/2025
AZ MUNI RISK RETENTION POOL-WC FUND	\$19,498.32	101374	10/8/2025
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$14,995.26	186078	10/21/2025
ALEX AREVALO	\$10,926.00	186047	10/21/2025
CITY OF TOLLESON-MEDICAL	\$10,266.39	101448	10/17/2025

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MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Good evening, everyone. I am Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, and today is October 28th. And I would like to call the City Council meeting to order. We're going to begin with our invocation and pledge of Allegiance. I'm going to ask our city attorney to lead us in the invocation, and Vice Mayor Davis to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Please stand.

PIERCE: Beloved Heavenly Father, we're grateful to gather together once again this evening to exercise our rights to self-governance. We're so grateful for this counsel and for their willingness to serve this wonderful community. We're grateful for thy provident hand in our lives. We recognize both difficulties, home and abroad. But we also recognize the many blessings that do come to us still. We're grateful to also be able to represent today and be mindful of those who may be suffering from, or victims of domestic violence, and pray that this plague in our society will be eliminated at some point.

Father, we know that it affects the lives of so many, and pray for comfort for those that it has affected. Please bless those that protect us and keep us safe, that they will be able to return home to their families each night and safety as well. And please bless our great community, our great state, our great country to be a place of refuge for those who need it. And a place where we can live, work, and have joy in this, our state. And we pray for these things. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Amen.

ALL: Amen.

PIERCE: Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Oh, sorry. I'll wait.

DAVIS: We pledge allegiance --

ALL: -- 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: We want to -- and I don't know if you were going to --

MEDRANO: No, I'm sorry, I just did -- I wanted to thank Attorney Pierce for his beautiful prayer, but also to take the opportunity to acknowledge a dear friend of many of ours

who passed away yesterday, Rene Cordova. I was blessed to grow up with the Cordova family. And my brother married his little sister, so he was always a very protective person over Stevie and I because he was older than us, and we loved him dearly, and we'll miss him, and I hope he can rest now. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Long time member of our community. And all of us have good memories of them. So. Well, big loss for our community. Thank you, City Attorney and Vice Mayor.

We're going to go on to roll call. City Clerk, please let the record reflect that all council members are present. Okay. Final call to submit speaker request forms to the City Clerk. All speakers will be limited to three minutes for comments only. Actions taken as a result of public comments 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 item.

I did notice that we do have one speaker request form. And that is Mr. Steve Alvarez. Steve, you have the floor, and the City Clerk keeps time.

ALVAREZ: Good evening, everyone. Reyes, thank you for that, that memory to Rene and Mrs. Cordova, and the whole family. I mean, they were a big part of our community growing up, as, you know, PE teacher and whatnot. So, you know, our roots run, run really deep here in Tolleson. But I want to follow up with the concern that I had the last time I spoke about our code compliance officer.

I want to give thanks to Mike Winks, Lt. Mike Winks, for giving me a call and reaching out. And we had a lengthy conversation, him and I. About two weeks later, Ken, I believe his name, the Code Enforcement Officer, he actually called me up as well and we had a good conversation as well. But he did bring up some things that do concern me, and it should concern the residents of the City of -- the City of Tolleson and the Council Members as well. It seems like this gentleman is overworked. He's being spread thin. I was totally -- I was blown away at what his job responsibilities are. And it sounds to me he's not doing, and no fault of his, no fault of his at all. But it sounds to me that this gentleman needs help. He's a code compliance officer, but he does so much more in

this community. And I was very blown away at our conversation. And I was like, wow, you know, it's -- I don't even know what to tell this guy, you know. As a manager for the City of Phoenix, as a leader in this community, our employees are the most important asset that we have in our, you know, here in the City. They are.

And if they're being driven to the point where there's stress and anxiety, they cannot provide us good customer service. And most importantly, it's not healthy for this individual to be spread thin. And that really concerned me. It really did.

Now I understand the City has a budget, I understand politics, I understand everything that goes on with the City government. But this guy needs help. He really does. Not only for his mental health, but his physical health, but also so the City could get better services in the code compliance part of it. Because again, just today, driving through Tolleson, I see it all again, all the blight that we have here in the community, and it's very concerning. It really is.

ZAMORA: Thirty seconds left.

ALVAREZ: So I want to know what Council is going to do to help this individual, and to also provide the citizens of Tolleson better services when it comes down to the responsibilities of this gentleman.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Just to put it easy, this will be referred over to City Management. Your comments are recorded, and they're duly noted. We'll be turning the corner on our budget cycle. Actually, that starts March/April around there. We're starting -- they're starting now, putting it together. And then they'll present it to us here in the spring, and then we'll toss around some ideas. And as you know, the budget gets adopted. Finally presented in June, and adopted right before July. So that's when the new fiscal year will begin. But duly noted.

I appreciate you coming up and sharing your thoughts, and I'm glad that our police department and our code enforcement officers circle back with you and make sure that we provided great customer service. So thank you, Steve. Appreciate it.

ALVAREZ: Thank you, guys.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Call to the public. This is for non-agenda action items. Do we

have any submissions, City Clerk?

ZAMORA: We do not, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Right. Scheduled public appearances of proclamation. We have, I believe, oh, two. The first one is proclamation declaring October 2025 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the 2025 national themes, celebrating, excuse me, value and talents, and honoring the contributions of individuals with disabilities to the workforce and our community. I'm going to send it over to Deputy City Manager Jackson. Say a few words on this.

JACKSON: Yes. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and members of Council. Thanks so much. I don't know if I've said it before, but thank you for allowing us to continue to have these proclamations to ensure that everyone knows that we are very much an inclusive city. So I do appreciate that. Each October, we recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a time to honor the contributions and talents of individuals with disabilities in our workforce and communities.

What began in 1945 as a week-long observance of the abilities of people with physical disabilities has grown into a nationwide effort that celebrates inclusion, opportunity, and strength that diversity brings. Here in Tolleson, we live out these values every day. Last year, our City achieved designation as Certified Autism Center, meaning we have taken intentional steps to ensure there are no barriers to serving anyone, whether a resident seeking services or an employee contributing to our mission.

Over 90 percent of our employees completed specialized training to earn this designation, and we are proudly -- we will proudly renew our certification next year. This commitment reflects who we are as a City. A community where individuals belong, is valued, and has opportunity to thrive. So thank you so much. Appreciate it.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: (Indiscernible) already established by the City and reaffirm kind of where we stand on these social issues, and people with disabilities have every right to work here as much as anybody else, and that they've been a long-term contributor to our organization. So it is right that we celebrate them here. So with that, therefore, I, Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as Disability Employment

Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed.

And in that tradition, we'll move on to item number two, which is another proclamation declaring October 2025th as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the 2025 national theme, with survivors, always, and reaffirming the City's commitment to supporting its survivors, supporting survivors, and raising awareness about domestic violence in our community, and more importantly, prevention. Again, this one I'm going to send over to Deputy City Manager Sinawi. Say some words. Nice purple shirt, by the way.

[LAUGHTER]

SINAWI: Thank you, Mayor, Members of Council. We got these a long time ago, but we'll get you new ones. Thank you. Today -- tonight, we reaffirm our City's unwavering commitment to ending domestic violence, in all of its forms. This issue affects every community, regardless of background, income, or circumstance. And it requires all of us to work together with compassion, courage, and unity. In Maricopa County alone, more than one in three women, and one in four men, will experience some form of domestic violence in their lifetime.

Last year, Arizona lost 84 lives to domestic violence-related incidents, a heartbreaking reminder of how urgent this work remains. Here in Tolleson, we stand in solidarity with survivors. We honor those we have lost, and we renew our promise to promote prevention, intervention, and healing. The City of Tolleson joins our partners across Maricopa County, advocates, law enforcement, nonprofits, and health professionals in ensuring that help is always within reach. For anyone experiencing abuse. There's hope and there's help. Countywide resources, such as the 24-hour domestic violence hotline, which the number is (480) 890-3039. It connects individuals to emergency shelters, advocacy, and counseling services.

I want to express gratitude to our community partners and organizations who work tirelessly to provide safety and support every single day. Together, we can raise awareness, strengthen families, and build a Tolleson and a Maricopa County where every home is a place of peace and every person feels safe and valued. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Council, if there's anything else that you would like to add at this time for either this or the one before it? Yes?

DAVIS: I just want to add that I know you can dial 211 for community information and referral, and that will also set you up with some DV services. I guess I do have a question, too. I know former Vice Mayor Bandin used to participate in, I think, a MAG group for domestic violence. Do we have anyone who is doing that currently?

SINAWI: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Members of Council, no, not at this time. But we could make arrangements to ensure someone sits on that committee again.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So now, therefore, not seeing any other hands up. I, Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim October 2025th as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed. We do have a proclamation. So all your purple wearers, come on up here and let's take a picture.

ERIVES: Purple wearers. Purple wearers. We wear --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: Is this the book that has (indiscernible)?

MEDRANO: A classic sans, brother.

GAMEZ: Nice.

MEDRANO: Unique sans.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Thirty-two.

MEDRANO: It's like 25 years.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Pilar? You want to hold this? Yes?

SINAWI: Oh, sure.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: He has lavender, doesn't he?

GAMEZ: Yes, he will.

SINAWI: Cheese.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: One more.

DAVIS: Awesome.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We're going to move on to G because I'm hungry. Business from the floor. We don't have any tonight. Moving on to H, Consent Agenda Action

items. I see items 1 through 4. I will entertain a motion if you had an opportunity to review those.

GAMEZ: Motion.

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

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those oppose? Not hearing any. Motion passes unanimously. We are going to move on to regular agenda action items. We have two. The first is to approve or deny 6th amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and FSL Home Improvements, DBA doing business as AllThrive365 high, for owner-occupied home repair services and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said agreement. The City desires to amend the existing agreement to extend the terms through October 1st of 2027, increase of the commercial general liability insurance limit, and amend the Housing Services, Housing rehabilitation budget to a total amount of 555,000 consisting of 425,000 in Community Development Block Watch grants -- when you get older, you have to use a pen to follow along.

[LAUGHTER]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: CDBG funds and 130,000 in City funds to cover program's cost, including construction, hazardous material abatement, temporary relocation, administrative expenses, rehabilitation specialists, and management fees. Human services department. Social impact. Good?

GOOD: Thank you, Mayor, Members of Council, we wanted to bring to your attention the fact of what we're doing now, and with your approval, following the public hearing process that we held earlier, we applied for CDBG grant funding, which I know Council Member Erives is part of the CDAC committee, and so she's keenly aware of that. We were awarded \$425,000 this past year under her leadership. And that was stewarded by one of the folks in Human Services, Noelle Schaus, who just does a great job with that. And then in the City budget \$130,000 under housing rehabilitation. So we'll be using that \$555,000 toward those ends as described in -- on your agenda. And this

comes on the tail that we reported at the last meeting, how we had successfully spent \$1 million in the ARP funding for similar projects. So we're doing a lot for the community. And it was through your authorization of these, of our application, that we were successful in receiving that. And Noelle's good work. So we're going to continue to keep making this, this community a lot better, one air conditioner, one roof, one electrical panel at a time, and it's shown great results. And thank you to all of you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: For all the hard work and staying on top of this. And thanks to the CDBG grant. That's a pretty good amount of money. And we're also throwing in our own local funds just to maximize the impact to our community. So with that, I will entertain a motion.

LABORIN: Approve.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I have a motion by Councilwoman Laborin, and a second by Councilwoman Erives. So any comments at this point?

GAMEZ: I want to congratulate Council Member Erives for job well done.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, way to advocate for us there. With that being said, not seeing any other hands. I will entertain a motion. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? Not hearing any so motion passes unanimously.

We're going to move on to regular agenda action item number two, approve or deny the cooperative purchase agreement between the City of Tolleson and Felix Construction companies for general construction services, including architectural and engineering services is necessary for water and wastewater treatment and remote facility projects, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said agreement. The City shall pay the contractor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$1.5 million for services. This agreement shall remain in full force and effective until May 31st of 2026. This falls under the utilities department, so I'm going to call on Mr. McCracken. He's already there.

[LAUGHTER]

MCCRACKEN: Thank you, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of Council, members of the public. Felix Construction has been doing work for us at the wastewater plant for some years now. They're very familiar with our infrastructure. They've done a great job for us. We've been working off of a previous contract that's up for -- it's actually expiring right now. And so the City of Peoria actually did an advertisement for a job order contracting, JOC agreement, and they were selected. And so we were able to utilize, if we were able to piggyback off this agreement, we're able to utilize their pricing and got with the economies of scale and continue using them as a vendor. And they've done a great job, specifically like our small to mid-size capital projects. And they're very, again, like I said, very familiar with our infrastructure.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 5: Nice.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, you all know wastewater here in Tolleson is a big business. And so having contractors ready to go as soon as we need it is critical. And it is particularly critical because it affects the service that we provide the residents. So with all that being said, I will entertain a motion.

GAMEZ: So moved.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We have a motion to approve by Council Member Gamez. We have a second by Vice Mayor. Before we go vote, does anybody have any questions or comments?

GAMEZ: Just I like the fact that we have history with this company, and we're very confident that they could do the job. And that's great. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Anybody else?

DAVIS: I think we established they're a minority-owned company as well.

MCCRACKEN: They're employee-owned. And I believe so, yeah.

SINAWI: I said employee owned is that's cool. That's nice. Nice to know about this company.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So I have a motion. I have a second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? Not hearing any. This motion also passes unanimously. We're going to move on to I --

MCCRACKEN: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: -- which is work study and presentations for discussion. I don't see any, but under K, which is Mayor and City Manager's report of current events for discussion, we have three items. We're going to start with the Tohono O'odham national fiscal year, 25 percent, 12 percent local revenue sharing contribution of \$52,000 for the City of Tolleson Community Farmers Market. And again, I like the title, by the way. The hat, not so much, but the title Chief of Social Impact Good --

ERIVES: That's what it's for.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: -- that is pretty awesome. So Chief of Social Impact Good, you have the floor.

GOOD: Thank you, Mayor, members of the Council. It's Western day during spirit week at the senior center. So that's --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 6: Why you wearing a cowboy hat?

GOOD: -- what this is about.

[LAUGHTER]

GOOD: I'll get with you later. We wanted to make sure it was referenced under the consent agenda item number three, about the Tohono O'odham, and some of those are passed through grants that the City has been doing for a number of years. But we also applied for Tohono O'odham funding this year, and we were awarded \$52,500. And that was in order to continue our farmer's market. This could not be more of a timely announcement, based on the possibility of the loss of funding at the federal level, but we're very happy to announce that we were awarded that, and we will continue that farmer's market.

And again, that was something that was approved by you folks for us to apply for. So you knew the importance of this program, although you didn't know that the funding might not continue. But it's vitally important that we do that. And we're providing,

we're developing contingency plans on some other things, subject to what happens at the federal level. But we'll continue to do that farmer's market, which we do. And that's the third Wednesday of every month, and we run it out of the Human Services Department. And we may be expanding some things, but we'll get into that at another time. So we just wanted to thank you folks for approving that and to let you know that because of your support, we were able to get that grant.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Now I will say that we're very thankful to the Tohono O'odham Nation for sharing some of the revenues, \$52,500 to be exact. But I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that this is a contribution, of many contributions, over a decade, maybe two decades.

GAMEZ: Fifty years ago.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Tohono O'odham Nation has been a big friend of Tolleson. We've been able to establish a really solid relationship with them, and we look forward to future partnerships. But you hit the nail right on the head. Given what's going on at the federal government, food's going to be a big issue coming up here, and knowing that we're addressing it locally, using resources and partners that we already have in place, it's a win-win. So this is not an action item, but I just you know, anytime that you have an opportunity to thank a great partner, I think it's appropriate that we should. And the Tohono O'odhams, that's a huge understatement to say that they're a great partner. So thank you to them. And thank you to staff for helping us guide us in this direction.

GOOD: Mayor, if I could, before you move on, it is -- you all just heard that siren going by. And it is -- it wasn't on the agenda, but Council Member Laborin said I had the black hat, so I'm going to go for it.

It's National First Responders Day, so I just want to say thank you to our first responders in the City. Lt. Garrett and also Chief Young who are here. And if they would thank their people, and that would be great. But you know, my background and everything. So I always want to remember my roots and thank them for what they do as well. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there any other comments at this time about the Tohono

O'dham Nation, the contribution, or the item that we have talked about so far? Yes?

ERIVES: Not so much a question, but if you could just remind us how especially what's happening now, how someone could see some of the food that's going to be at this farmers market? You mentioned the third Wednesday of the month. How could someone -- does someone need to sign up? Does someone need to show proof of Tolleson resident, their water bill, or something? Could you just explain, just a little bit, in case someone you know hasn't been needing at the moment, and now they find themselves, like, where do I go? How can I -- could you help us with that?

GOOD: Mayor, Council Member Erives, that's a very timely question, obviously, based on what's going on. And it is open; this program is open to people who are beyond our city boundaries. We do advertise it in our monthly calendar.

But perhaps again, given the circumstances in our country right now, we could reach out through our public affairs professionals, and perhaps they can help spread the word out there.

When people do come, they -- we do take their name and we document everything. And so we're -- it's somewhat of a -- we want to get food out, but we also want to keep track of what it is we're doing. Are we seeing more people or fewer people, so forth? I anticipate that number is going to grow. It has grown over the last several years. And again, that's a tribute to the staff in the Human Services Department and City Manager's office. But that's kind of how it works. We do track who receives that and it is tracked. There are some people that will go from one to the other, to the other. And so there are some mechanisms in place to try to minimize that so that more people are able to have access to the food.

ERIVES: What time does this start on Wednesday, the third Wednesday of the month?

GOOD: Those are typically at 3 o'clock.

ERIVES: 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon?

GOOD: Yes.

ERIVES: Here at the --

GOOD: Yes. In Human Services. Yes.

ERIVES: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. All right. Let's move on to community events and updates. I'm going to switch over to our Parks and Recreation Director Babchuk.

BABCHUK: Thank you, Mayor, and members of the Council. Just a couple updates. Pride day was this past Saturday. Amazing turnout. We had over 290 registered and over 250 showed up. So we had a good time. We cleaned up ten homes, with yard cleanup, two homes with heavy trash removal and all the alleys got taken care of on Saturday, so it was amazing. Great group of -- one of the homes that we cleaned up, the owner was diagnosed with cancer, and she knew that she would be in and out of the hospital.

As we were finishing cleaning up her home, her son came home, and she was admitted to the hospital, and didn't look good for her. But it was one thing that he said that he didn't have to worry about now, once they're having family over, that they didn't have to worry about cleaning up the yard, and getting things ready for their family.

So the kids actually got to see that, how it affected the community. So it was a good time. And you know, under circumstances, you know, it -- we're helping the community. So.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: One thing I saw this year, which I was very proud to see, is how many teenagers were there from the high school, from the elementary schools. And you know how many complaints I heard? None. Not one. These kids were fully committed to coming in, busting their hump, doing the best that they could, and were very thankful. I mean, they thanked the people for allowing them to come onto the property and clean their property. And all of them, for the most part, were senior citizens. Some of them a little bit sickly. But it was just a day of doing good work, and just showing full appreciation for who we are as a community and putting our best foot forward. So I think that as a complete, overall event was just amazing.

Even that last year, there was a little bit of time lapse between when the last groups got back and when we ate. And this year it was seamless as people got back the hamburgers and hot dogs, which were cooked by our veterans, were ready to go, and

they were fresh, and it just -- it was outstanding. I commend not only yourself, but everybody else who contributed. Because I know there were multiple departments that threw their hats in there as well.

BABCHUK: Absolutely. Thank you to Community Services. They went shopping, and you know, purchased the food, and passed out the food. Veterans helped cook it. So field Ops and Streets did an amazing job, prepping and making sure waivers were signed and all pets were put away. But yeah, we were rocking and rolling that day. I mean, the kids were just two hours at some of these homes, and they were just immaculate. So they were very pleased. So.

CHAVIRA: It was my first time participating, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I, too, was impressed with the teens, and those kids worked really hard. They worked my butt off, actually.

[LAUGHTER]

CHAVIRA: I tried to keep up with them. But they did a fantastic job, and they went above and beyond. They didn't just clean someone's yard. I mean, they were pulling weeds with their hands. They were down on their knees. They -- that the yards were left immaculate when we left, as much as we could, and they just, I mean, they swept everything. They did a fantastic job. So shout out to our teens and our youth in this community who really care. No complaints. It was great. Yeah.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: (Indiscernible) I said, Councilwoman Chavira is going to go with you guys. Under no circumstances should Councilwoman Chavira worked harder than any of you young kids. So you guys better hump, and they did.

CHAVIRA: Oh, yeah.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And they did. They did a great job.

BABCHUK: Mayor tried to give her a way out, but she's like, nope, I'm going to work. I want to work.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And where she did, she did an amazing job.

CHAVIRA: I surprised myself.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And Nico. Was Nico? Did Nico go home?

BABCHUK: Yeah, he left.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Nico also was out there with us, and we went around and we loaded up the back of the truck with waters and Gatorade. If people were thirsty, you know, we took it right to their work sites, and took some good circle, just circle around the whole city and every corner of our town, and I realize we're not the biggest city around, but everybody got touched with the love, and they all saw the effort and it was amazing. So thank you guys again for all you do.

BABCHUK: Thank you. We did have a resource fair that day as well. We had a community swap, which went amazing for our very first one. People were able to bring things and leave it for others. And some people took some things, and it was free. Totally free. Tables were brought in, and they were taken that first hour. So it went really well. We're going to incorporate that into our Luces de Navidad event as well. So we'll start promoting that.

We do have Veterans Day coming up on November 11th, and then we have our third Fridays on November 21st, where we have the Tohono O'odham Nation dancers coming out to do a dance, a few dances, and then, again, heading back to our Luces de Navidad for December 13th and 14th. And that we'll do a little different. We'll have two stages during the event. Sunday, we have some good entertainment lined up on both sides of the stages. So we'll have, on Saturday, we have Gabe Perez coming in with Jukebox Preachers opening up for them. Sunday, we have Los Conjunto Cats and Art Tigerina band from Texas. And then on the car show side, we'll have New Destiny and Solidify on Sunday.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So that's the good times coming up. Put your dancing boots on. It's going to be a lot of fun out there. All right. Just as a kind reminder, because we want to make sure everyone's well aware of it, the City Council meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 11th will be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 12th. And that's due to our upcoming Veteran's Day celebration. So with that, Pilar?

SINAWI: Thank you, Mayor, members of Council. I just want to share with the community that next week, on Monday and Tuesday, the Council will be celebrating

with the Tolleson Elementary School District, the preschool contribution that the Council has made, allocating \$400,000 towards their preschool program. So our Council, along with staff, will be joining the families that both Arizona Desert and PHG, celebrating this commitment to preschool education. The families from the preschools are invited to attend this celebration to learn more about civic engagement from the Clerk's Office, our library, our utilities department, and other city departments as well. So again, we want to thank the Council for their continued commitment to funding preschool education in Tolleson. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: That's amazing. I think it's very appropriate to -- for us to celebrate victories and great partnerships, just like we do with Tohono O'odams, with their elementary school district, and keep moving forward to do the best work that we can for the residents of Tolleson, even if they're preschoolers, and some of our youngest kids. Reyes?

MEDRANO: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of Council, we also are planning for the worst. We're hopeful that the lawsuit from the 20 Attorneys General across the country is successful and SNAP benefits are preserved, but we're not going to rely on that outcome.

We have consulted with all the appropriate members of our team, including Mr. Pierce, and we all agree that we'll be able to react. And then if people find themselves in need of food or any other type of assistance, we will treat each case individually, because everybody has very diverse needs. But we're prepared to -- it'll be very much like our response to COVID, when we were trying to help keep small businesses afloat, and make sure people are staying healthy and getting the food they need, at a minimum. So we have been discussing this for quite some time.

I think over the weekend, it got even more real when there was no progress at the federal level. So we started our -- I think firmed up our mission yesterday, and Mr. Pierce, and I and our team talked today, and we're in good stead. So we're ready to go if we need to.

DAVIS: I just want to add that, you know, it's not only people who receive SNAP benefits

that are being affected right now because federal employees are also being furloughed or not receiving pay. So there's just a whole -- a huge segment of our population that is being affected by this federal government's inability to get their act together. So I think we need to prepare on a lot of different fronts, for a lot of different people, that are going to need services and all kinds of services, not just food.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. No, I completely agree, but I'm glad that we're being proactive. You take the punches as they come. This is the next one. So let's prepare to make sure that everybody in Tolleson has a resource.

And we do have -- we just passed one right now with this one. I know the school has some resources. We have a food bank here in town that gets huge donations. Of course, we have St. Mary's Food Bank downtown, but all that stuff's going to be dwindled down, and everyone's going to come and try to get some resources. But the fact that we have a plan speaks very highly of the caliber of our staff. You identify the problem, put the plan together, and whatever comes our way, we're ready to react to it. So thank you, City Manager Medrano. And what was that again?

CHAVIRA: Social input.

GOOD: Yeah.

CHAVIRA: Impact.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: That's right. George Good.

[LAUGHTER]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I thought he was going say howdy for some reason, but --

ERVES: Did --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Did he? Okay.

GOOD: (Indiscernible).

[LAUGHTER]

DAVIS: Oh, that was trash yesterday.

[LAUGHTER]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay, guys --

DAVIS: On the record.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I'm on the hungry side tonight, so I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

ERIVES: I have a -- I have a --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We have a motion? Hold on. Time out. We have a comment.

ERIVES: We need to say thank you to the guys that went out to Superior? Mayor? Globe?

SINAWI: Globe. Uh-huh.

ERIVES: To help out there with their flood.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I know what the Tolleson Talks, Director McCracken brought out the staff members that actually were assigned that duty --

ERIVES: Okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And we thank them there. But it's a good point. I mean, publicly, we should thank them. Go ahead.

SINAWI: Yeah, that'd be good.

MCCRACKEN: (Indiscernible).

SINAWI: Oh, nice, that'd be great.

MCCRACKEN: (Indiscernible).

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: For those that don't know, Globe got flooded. Flooded out with all the rains and mud came into the City and everything. We have particular pieces of equipment and certified staff members to operate those. And we deployed them out there, and they were not -- they were beyond willing. They put in a lot of hours and did a lot of really good work. And so they are definitely to be commended.

ERIVES: Yeah.

MCCRACKEN: (Indiscernible) Council, but I don't want to embarrass him too much. Very genuine and honest conversation. Their appreciation for leadership (indiscernible).

GAMEZ: That's great. Great to hear.

BABCHUK: Awesome.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 7: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. McCracken. Look forward to doing that in person

and congratulating them. But with that, did I get a motion?

GAMEZ: Yes, you did.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: My advice -- I got a motion --

GAMEZ: I made the motion a second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Got a motion from Councilman Gamez. We got a second.

MENDOZA: We didn't have a second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Councilwoman Mendoza?

MENDOZA: Yup.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right, we got a first. We got a second. All those in favor of adjourning, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? Ladies and gentlemen, we stand adjourned.

Thank you for your time.

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