



# CITY OF TOLLESON

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**TOLLESON CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACTION MINUTES  
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ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 840 6967 9194  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025  
4:30 PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rodriguez called the Tolleson City Council Meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**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, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Artz, Chief of Social Impact George Good, City Clerk Crystal Zamora, Development Services Director Jason Earp, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director Randy Babchuk, Fire Chief Michael Young, Library Director Mandy Carrico and Public Safety Director/Police Chief Rudy Mendoza.

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 December 15, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Tolleson, encouraging all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect trees and woodlands, and urging all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of current and future generations. – Randy Babchuk, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director

**Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed December 15, 2025 as Arbor Day 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 November 12, 2025. (City Clerk Department)
2. Approve Claims and Bills Report for the period of November 5, 2025 to December 2, 2025. (Finance Department)
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2626 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, authorizing the City Manager to execute a development agreement on behalf of the City with Bay State Milling Company, related to the development of certain property located in the city along 99th Avenue to the railroad tracks. The owner will contribute up to \$1,200,000 toward the roadway widening improvements, and the City of Tolleson will pay all project costs exceeding the owner's maximum contribution. (Development Services Department)
4. Approve the Job Order Master Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Talis Construction Corporation for citywide civil/site construction and engineering services

as needed, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The total Job Orders issued during a single fiscal year shall not exceed \$1,200,000. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until January 31, 2027. (Development Services Department)

5. Adopt Resolution No. 2627 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, regarding notice of application and potential conflict of interest under the City of Tolleson Housing Rehabilitation Program. The resolution provides the public notice required by federal CDBG regulations for an application submitted by a City-appointed official, Diana L. Ruiz, a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, and authorizes posting the notice for 30 days as required. (Human Services Department)
6. Approve the Third Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and ASR Construction Group LLC for Job Order Contracting (JOC) Water & Wastewater Treatment and Remote Facilities Projects, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Amendment. The City desires to amend the existing Agreement to increase the annual aggregate amount from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 for additional services. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect through May 31, 2026. (Utilities Department)

**Council Member Gámez moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1. through 6.; 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. Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 628 N.S. of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Tolleson City Code, Chapter 8 Health and Sanitation, by adding Article 8-7 Trees to provide for the regulation, maintenance, and protection of municipal trees; establishing administrative responsibilities, duties, and penalties; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for penalties. (Field Operations Department)

**Council Member Gámez moved to adopt Ordinance No. 628 N.S.; 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. 2628 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, opposing the proposed relocation of the Tolleson Union High School District administrative offices outside the City of Tolleson, and directing that the Resolution be transmitted to the Tolleson Union High School District Governing Board. (City Council)

**Council Member Gámez moved to adopt Resolution No. 2628; 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**

**J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Gámez moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 4:49 PM; 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**

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| <b>CHECK NUMBER</b> | <b>CHECK DATE</b> | <b>VENDOR NAME</b>                           | <b>AMOUNT</b>  |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|
| 101661              | 12/2/2025         | CHASSE BUILDING TEAM INC                     | \$1,879,797.75 |
| 101628              | 11/20/2025        | SUNLAND ASPHALT & CONSTRUCTION LLC           | \$545,727.17   |
| 186161              | 11/5/2025         | CITY OF PHOENIX                              | \$270,631.80   |
| 101543              | 11/7/2025         | ACHEN-GARDNER CONSTRUCTION LLC               | \$148,837.96   |
| 186182              | 11/5/2025         | SAN TAN AUTO PARTNERS LLC                    | \$78,013.14    |
| 186316              | 11/20/2025        | SAM'S CLUB                                   | \$75,500.00    |
| 101645              | 11/26/2025        | KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.             | \$72,922.71    |
| 186181              | 11/5/2025         | SAN TAN AUTO PARTNERS LLC                    | \$37,428.22    |
| 101588              | 11/14/2025        | LYFT, INC.                                   | \$37,092.14    |
| 101600              | 11/20/2025        | AZ PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM | \$36,939.54    |
| 101608              | 11/20/2025        | FORD W HALL COMPANY INC                      | \$33,840.00    |
| 101626              | 11/20/2025        | SOLENIIS LLC                                 | \$33,470.64    |
| 186261              | 11/19/2025        | CITY OF AVONDALE                             | \$31,969.48    |
| 101548              | 11/7/2025         | AZ PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM | \$31,883.57    |
| 186284              | 11/19/2025        | PIPELINE SERVICES INC                        | \$27,825.00    |
| 101549              | 11/7/2025         | AZ PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT, POLICE          | \$26,833.95    |
| 101601              | 11/20/2025        | AZ PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT, POLICE          | \$26,336.75    |
| 186343              | 11/26/2025        | GPM ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC              | \$23,632.71    |
| 186226              | 11/13/2025        | LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC                           | \$20,576.88    |
| 186191              | 11/5/2025         | WASTE CONNECTIONS OF ARIZONA                 | \$20,067.44    |
| 186262              | 11/19/2025        | CITY OF PHOENIX                              | \$18,596.88    |
| 186219              | 11/13/2025        | FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY                   | \$17,122.26    |
| 186156              | 11/5/2025         | ASR CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC                   | \$14,888.25    |
| 186209              | 11/13/2025        | TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17          | \$14,518.00    |
| 101573              | 11/7/2025         | WATER WORKS ENGINEERS LLC                    | \$13,298.75    |
| 186226              | 11/13/2025        | LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC                           | \$13,094.38    |
| 101612              | 11/20/2025        | HEARTFIT FOR DUTY LLC                        | \$12,245.67    |
| 101580              | 11/14/2025        | CENTER FOR INTERNET SECURITY INC             | \$11,160.00    |
| 186219              | 11/13/2025        | FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY                   | \$10,814.36    |
| 186272              | 11/19/2025        | GENERAL PACIFIC INC                          | \$10,568.72    |
| 101655              | 11/28/2025        | CITY OF TOLLESON-MEDICAL                     | \$10,480.08    |
| 186280              | 11/19/2025        | MARICOPA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CONTROL          | \$10,057.95    |

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**City of Tolleson  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2025**

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MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay, folks first and foremost I want to call this meeting to order. Today is December 4th, and we are officially in session. So we're going to do the invocation pledge of allegiance. So we're going to call our city attorney to the invocation.

Council member Laborin, is she on?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Let's have council member Laborin do the pledge of Allegiance.

PIERCE: Oh, look at that. We've got the -- we've got the flag there and everything. That's awesome. All right, I will pray for us. Our dear Father heaven, we're grateful for the opportunity to gather once again. We're grateful for the wonderful City of Tolleson and for the opportunity to govern this way with those who have been elected to represent the voice of the people of Tolleson.

We pray a special blessing on this council to be able to engage and act in a manner that would be in the best interests of the City of Tolleson and its wonderful residents, especially tonight, as the council considers making an important statement about the importance of the City of Tolleson and its history and roots and the things that make Tolleson a wonderful place to live, to work, and to base operations for the schools in our area.

We're so grateful for all that Thou blesses us with and for those that protect us. And we pray now that Thou would keep Thy hand over this wonderful city, and the people who live here and work and operate. And we pray for these favors and blessings in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

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.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay City clerk, Crystal.

ZAMORA: Mayor, we can't hear you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There we go.

ZAMORA: We can hear you now, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I was asking our city clerk to do a roll call just to make the process easier.

ZAMORA: Everyone is present, mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Okay. Final call to submit speaker request form. It is now that time. All speakers will be limited to three minutes, one, to respond to criticism; two, directly staff -- staffing to review the matter; or three, asking that a matter be put on a future agenda item. Do we have any speaker request forms?

ZAMORA: We do not. Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Do we have any call to the public for nonagenda items?

ZAMORA: We do not.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We're going to move on to item -- we're going to want to schedule public appearances and proclamations. We have number one, proclamation declaring December 15th, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Tolleson, encouraging all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect trees and woodlands, and urging all citizens to plant trees to promote and well-being of current and future generations. Randy Babchuk, you have the floor. He's going to share some words with us.

BABCHUK: Thank you, Mayor and members of the council. Over the past several months, Field Operation Division has been working closely with staff from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to advance an important initiative for our community to becoming recognized as a Tree City USA member.

As part of the application process, our team has been diligently completing the required standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation. The first requirement involved a development of a Public Tree Care Ordinance, which will serve as a guideline framework for the proper care, establishment, conservation, protection, and maintenance of trees throughout the City of Tolleson. This ordinance is intended to support the long-term health of our urban forestry, and to ensure that our community's trees are managed

with consistency and professionalism, and to grow the City's tree canopy.

The second standard required an Arbor Day observance and proclamation, an opportunity for us to celebrate trees, educate our residents about their environmental and economical value, and generate enthusiasm around stewardship of our natural resources.

I'd like to extend the sincere appreciation to Eric North from the Arbor Day Foundation, whose expertise and guidance have been instrumental throughout this process. We're excited to share that Tolleson is now in a strong position for consideration as a Tree City USA community. This recognition would reflect our city's commitment to sustainability, environmental leadership, and the enhancement of our public spaces for generations to come. So thank you, guys.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: No thank you Randy. I just want to, as an official ISA certified arborist and a non-embarrassed proud tree hugger, I am very glad to hear that this is taking place making Tolleson a Tree City, USA, and invoking all the requirements that it takes guarantees that we're going to have a good stock of trees in our community, which provides natural shade to anybody walking our sidewalks, cleans oxygen, and so many other benefits, including just feeling better because trees make you feel better. So now, therefore, I, Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim December 15th, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed, if I had my gavel, I would hit it. But I'm hitting it right now, symbolically in the air. Thank you very much, folks.

We're going to move on to item G, which is business from the floor. We don't have any. So we're going to move to consent agenda action items. I see a number of items 1 through 6. I will entertain a motion from our council.

GAMEZ: Move for approval, Mr. Mayor.

LABORIN: Second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I heard a first. I think it was council Member Gamez.

GAMEZ: We got it, sir.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Or by turning on your cameras and providing a thumbs up or thumbs down.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thumbs up. All right. From what I can gather, the motion passes unanimously. Unless I missed somebody, Crystal.

ZAMORA: You're correct. Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. All right. Well, then move us on to regular agenda action items. Perfect. Nobody's behind me. Adopt/deny ordinance Number 628 new series of the Mayor and City council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Tulsa City Code, Chapter 8 Health and Sanitation by adding article 8-7, trees, to provide for the regulation, maintenance and protection of municipal trees. Establishing administrative responsibilities, duties and penalties. Providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances. Providing for severability and providing for penalties. Field Operating department, I'm going to kick it back to Director Babchuk. You have the floor, sir

MR. BABCHUK: Thank you. Mayor. Yeah. This ordinance really specifies who will be in charge of our trees in the City of Tolleson. And it also describes a park tree from a street tree and how to take care of it and how to maintain it in a professional manner. And how to replace trees if they're not doing well. So this lays it out for the next several hundreds of years to come where we'll be able to keep our tree life in the City of Tolleson just growing. So we look forward to having this in place and, it helps us become that Tree City USA as well.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Well, I think this is a continuation of our ordinance. I'm in full support of it, but ultimately I want to open it up for comments from council.

MR. GAMEZ: Move for approval, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We have a motion on the floor to approve the ordinance. Do we have a second?

MS. CHAVIRA: Second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We have a second. All those in favor, please turn your cameras on us by showing a thumbs up or saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed, not hearing any or seeing any thumbs down.

I'm going to assume that this item has passed unanimously.

So we're going to move on to item number two, which is to adopt or deny resolution number 2628 of the Mayor and City council, City of Tucson, Arizona, opposing the proposed relocation of the Tulsa City Council. I'm sorry, I'm sorry, the Tulsa Union High School District administrative offices outside of the City of Tulsa and directing the resolution to be transmitted to the Tulsa Union High School District governing board. It's exactly what it says. You all should have a copy of it. It's pretty much to the point. As you all know, the school district wants to move the district office out of our town and put it somewhere else. And I, for one, am one hundred percent opposed to it. And I'm hoping that the council sees it the same way, and I will entertain a motion or discussion at this time.

GAMEZ: I move that we adopt resolution 2628 with the statement that we should fight this all the way to the end. That district office should not be relocated. The history of that building, that area is such that it's part of who we are. And I'll take it further. It's part of what the West Valley is. There's a lot of history here, a lot of people that have served at the legislature and at the congressional level, that would be appalled if they were still alive to see and hear that the high school board is trying to do this. So again, I move for approval of 2628. Mr. Mayor.

LABORIN: I second that motion.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I have a first by Councilmember Gamez. I have a second, I believe, by Linda.

LABORIN: Yes, correct.

ZAMORA: Correct.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We have a first and we have a second. All those in favor again, put your cameras on, and please give me a thumbs up.

ZAMORA: All approved.

GAMEZ: Say aye. I'll say aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So opposed, I'm not hearing any, so I'm assuming that this

motion passes unanimously. I want to thank you all for the support. This is a critical issue to our community, and I one hundred percent agree with Council Member Gamez. We will fight this until the end. And as people know, here in Tolleson, we do a lot of things well but backing down is not one of them. So we're going to continue the fight as long as we can.

MEDRANO: Councilwoman Erives has something, sir.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Councilwoman Erives, you have the floor, Councilwoman Erives.

MEDRANO: She's unmuting right now. .

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: She's not muted.

ERIVES: Okay. There we go. There we go. Does that work?

ALL: Yes.

MS. ERIVES I'm not sure if it's too late to add this, but I know that they're talking about moving the district office. But could we also add that since no information about the why of why it's going to get moved, why there's a need for the move could be added to this? Maybe if the district had, like, logical explanations to share with the community and tell us. But nothing has been given to us as far as the why they're moving the district office that we could support with this, that we just voted on. I think the importance is that --

MEDRANO: Mr. Mayor, I only interject, sir, because-- I don't know if you can see me because I'm far away from the camera. This is Reyes Medrano. Mr. Mayor, members of council, Councilwoman Erives, we have not received any explanation.

ERIVES That's what I'm saying. That's why our vote is so unanimous and that we're all saying this is because there's never been given a reason why that they want to move the district office. I hope I'm making sense of that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You are. But I will add, I will ask our city attorney if we can include that as part of the comments on this action item, even though we already took the action.

ERIVES: I know

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: both the comments of Council Member Gamez and Council

Member Erives I think have strong merit and should be included as part of the record.

PIERCE: Yeah. And so Mr. Mayor, members of council, it's certainly part of your record here. And in addition to that, as I understand the proclamation or the resolution is what it is. It's been drafted. It's been approved now through this vote. However, the presentation of that to the school board and, as I understand it, perhaps the mayor may convey a message with that. You can certainly convey that message as part of giving that also, Mr. Mayor.

ERIVES: Okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Sounds awesome to me. Does that sound good to you?

ERIVES Sounds great. Thank you, thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. No thank you. Councilwoman. With that, we have a work study and presentation for discussion. Not seeing any items, mayor and city manager, report of current events. I don't have any other than I am very grateful to have the staff that we do. The Thanksgiving thing was awesome. I mean, we fed 800 families. We had a number of council members volunteering that could.

But again, you know, one thing we're not good at is backing down. And we saw a challenge. Somebody was trying to force our arm to pay money for a service that we literally have gotten for the last forty years. And we saw that as a direct threat not only to a partnership, but also to the people that we serve day in and day out.

Staff responded accordingly in a swift manner by putting together a plan, by getting donations, by coming up with a distribution system. It was a heavy lift. But I can tell you, as being one of the volunteers that was out there and saw the smiles and the tears on peoples' faces when they got their meals that would feed eight to ten of their family members, it was a lift worthwhile. And I am forever grateful for the effort and for the accomplishment of showing that Tolleson will never turn their back or let the people that we serve down.

MEDRANO: Well said sir. But it doesn't happen without consultation.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think that's right.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I still want to say thank you to everybody. And I would ask the city

manager and our both deputies or assistant city managers to help spread the word amongst the entire organization. I think everybody that took place that day, and all the efforts that were done even before that day, need to be commended. And I am a very proud mayor to say that that's part of my team or our team.

MEDRANO: Thank you sir.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. With that I turn it over to you for any updates you may have as a city manager.

MEDRANO We're okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: With that, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

ZAMORA: Vice Mayor had his hand up.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Vice mayor. You have the floor, sir.

DAVIS: I don't miss doing these meetings on Zoom, for the record. I much prefer in-person for these council meetings. It's kind of hard to speak sometimes. But I just wanted to kind of echo what Mayor said. You know, it was a really beautiful, I think, just celebration of who we are as a community. At the Thanksgiving food giveaway there were people just completely moved. One lady was in tears, just so grateful. You know, one family told me this is why we stay in T town because they take care of us. Like, it was just it was a really, really beautiful and moving thing.

And so you know, I want to thank the staff for putting that together so quickly. It was just spectacular. It was spectacular. And you know, everyone came together and helped. And you know, we got it done. And you know, I couldn't be more proud of our team as well. So I just wanted to say that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, I appreciate that. Anybody else like to add at this time?

CHAVIRA: Yep. I have my hand up, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Go ahead. This is Councilwoman Chavira. I'm assuming.

CHAVIRA: It is.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You have the floor, ma'am.

CHAVIRA: And I've decided that my new mantra is Tolleson has heart. Because it does. And in a world that's increasingly cynical and hateful, that is not what you find in the

City of Tolleson. And I'm proud to be a community member here. I'm proud to serve this community, and I'm just extremely grateful for the wonderful people that you all are that make up this, this board, the City council, the staff and the people that we serve. So again, I'm going to start kind of singing my song Tolleson has heart.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I love it. I think it's great.

And I would agree with that. Before I say any closing comments, is there anybody else? Because I can't really see the hands.

GAMEZ: No.

ZAMORA: That's it. Mayor.

MEDRANO: And I'll forever say it doesn't happen without council's leadership.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. And we appreciate that. But the reality was, is that this is a very heavy lift. But not once I can say -- I think I can speak for Council. Not once did we ever have any doubt that our staff would have the capacity and ability to make it happen, and in fact, they did. So we are very thankful, and who knows what next year brings. But we know that we have a game plan. If this kind of stuff happens again, our residents will be served again. So kudos to everybody. With that, I will entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

GAMEZ: I have one question.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Go ahead. Council Member Gamez.

GAMEZ: Does anybody know how it went at the high school? I haven't heard anything. Anybody have any news?

ZAMORA: It was on the news, and it did look like a full room. Yeah, a lot of people got fed.

MR. GAMEZ: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Was there any other comments, Council Member Gamez?

GAMEZ: No. Just move for adjournment.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I have a motion to adjourn. Do I have a second?

GAMEZ: Second.

LABORIN: Second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I heard a second somewhere. Crystal, please note who said second

Thank you. Council Member Laborin.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? Not hearing any. I'm going to assume that this motion was passed unanimously. And you all have a wonderful evening.

GAMEZ: Thank you. Thank you everyone.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Hold on. Hold on. Do we meet before the holidays one more time?

GAMEZ: No.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, let me take this opportunity to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving that already passed, a wonderful Merry Christmas, and of course, an even better and brighter Tolleson with heart new year as we turn the corner on 2025/2026.

GAMEZ: Thank you.

APPROVED:

*Juan F. Rodriguez*

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JUAN F. RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR

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