



CITY OF TOLLESON

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**TOLLESON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TOLLESON CIVIC CENTER
9055 WEST VAN BUREN STREET, TOLLESON, AZ 85353
ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 840 6967 9194
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
6:00 PM**

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- B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. ROLL CALL**
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2. Proclamation declaring May 17–23, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the vital public service provided by emergency medical services personnel and honoring their dedication to delivering lifesaving care. This year marks the 52nd anniversary of EMS Week, with the theme “EMS Week: Improving Outcomes, Together,” and the City encourages the community to recognize and appreciate the contributions of EMS professionals. – Michael Young, Fire Chief

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4. Adopt Resolution No. 2642 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, authorizing the City to enter into the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (AZWARN) Mutual Aid Agreement for emergency mutual aid services related to water and wastewater utilities, including the sharing of personnel, equipment, and resources during emergency situations, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement. (Utilities Department)

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2641 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Maricopa County, Arizona, adopting the tentative estimates of the amounts required for the public expense for the City of Tolleson for Fiscal Year 2027; adopting a Tentative

Budget in the amount of \$247,153,697; setting forth the receipts and amount estimated collectible for the fiscal year; the various purposes; giving notice of the time for the hearing of taxpayers, for adoption of the budget and for fixing tax levies. (Finance Department)

2. Approve/Deny funding recommendations from the Community Grant Council Subcommittee for the City of Tolleson 2026 Community Grant Program, as follows:
Angel Babies – \$4,687.50
Cornerstone Community Development Corp. dba Mercy House Community Center – \$4,687.50
Gervonni Cares, Inc. – \$4,687.50
Homeless Youth Connection, Inc. – \$4,687.50
Mitchell Swaback Charities, Inc. dba Harvest Compassion Center – \$4,687.50
Revolution Ministries – \$4,687.50
Teen Lifeline – \$4,687.50
Tolleson Community Coalition – \$2,500.00 (Requested Amount)
Trellis: \$4,687.50
The City of Tolleson Community Grant Program provides direct monetary grants to help nonprofit organizations with projects and activities that provide health and human services which improve the quality of life for Tolleson residents. (Community Grant Council Subcommittee)
3. Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 630 N.S. of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Tolleson City Code, Chapter 11 Wastewater, by amending Article 11-2 Applications, Permits, Plans and Inspections, Section 11-2-2 Wastewater Discharge Permit to remove the 12-month limitation on industrial wastewater discharge permits in order to provide flexibility in permit durations consistent with federal pretreatment program requirements, providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances, and authorizing all actions necessary to carry out the purpose of the ordinance. (Utilities Department)

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discussion regarding proposed parking lot upgrades to the City-owned property located at 9210 West Van Buren Street. – Jason Earp, Development Services Director

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

1. Library Department Update – Mandy Carrico, Library Director
2. Parks & Recreation Department Update – Randy Babchuk, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director
3. Tree City USA Designation – Randy Babchuk, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director

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Posted on May 7, 2026.



Proclamation

Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 10–16, 2026

WHEREAS, peace officers across the United States play an essential role in safeguarding life and property, upholding the law, and protecting the rights of all residents; and

WHEREAS, peace officers place themselves in harm’s way each day to ensure the safety and security of our communities through dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson recognizes the extraordinary commitment, courage, professionalism, and sacrifice demonstrated by law enforcement personnel who serve with honor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, during Police Week, communities throughout the nation honor the service and contributions of peace officers and recognize the important role they play in maintaining public safety; and

WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day, observed annually on May 15, was established by Congress and President John F. Kennedy in 1962 to pay tribute to peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we express our gratitude and appreciation to all peace officers, as well as to the families and loved ones who support them in their service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 10–16, 2026 as Police Week and recognize May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of Tolleson, and urge all residents to honor the service, dedication, and sacrifice of peace officers and to remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk



Proclamation

Emergency Medical Services Week

May 17–23, 2026

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service, and the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services fills critical healthcare gaps by providing important out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17–23, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week, and encourage all residents to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in honor of emergency medical services professionals and the essential service they provide.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The City Clerk Department is requesting the approval of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

It is the public policy of the State of Arizona that meetings of public bodies be conducted openly and that notices and agendas be provided for such meetings which contain such information as is reasonably necessary to inform the public of the matters to be discussed or decided. Minutes serve a historical purpose, but just as important, they serve a legal purpose, documenting Council's adherence to the proper procedures, city code and state law. The approved minutes are a permanent record.

DISCUSSION:

The minutes provide an outlet for residents to connect with the City of Tolleson in order to stay informed of Mayor and Council's actions, and they are posted on the City's website and filed in the City Clerk's Office. Transcription is provided in order to facilitate communication accessibility and may not be a totally verbatim record of the proceedings.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item has no additional budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 04 28 26 City Council Meeting Minutes



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A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

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

Not Present: Council Member Linda Laborin.

Department Directors: City Manager Reyes Medrano Jr., Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director Wendy Jackson, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Artz, Chief of Social Impact George Good, City Clerk Crystal Zamora, Development Services Director Jason Earp, Field Operations/Parks & Recreation Director Randy Babchuk, Fire Chief Michael Young, Library Director Mandy Carrico, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Rudy Mendoza, and Utilities Director Jamie McCracken.

City Representative: City Attorney Justin Pierce



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F. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND PROCLAMATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. Tolleson Teen Council Update – College Selections
2. Proclamation declaring May 3–9, 2026, as National Small Business Week in the West Valley Region of Greater Phoenix, recognizing the vital contributions of small businesses to economic growth and community vitality, supporting regional efforts to promote and strengthen small businesses, and encouraging residents and businesses to support local entrepreneurs throughout the West Valley. – Jason Earp, Development Services Director

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed May 3–9, 2026 as National Small Business Week in the City of Tolleson.

3. Proclamation declaring May 4–8, 2026, as Teacher Appreciation Week in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the vital contributions of teachers to education and community development, and encouraging residents to honor and support educators for their dedication to student success. – Mandy Carrico, Library Director

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed May 4–8, 2026 as Teacher Appreciation Week in the City of Tolleson.

4. Proclamation declaring April 2026 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the importance of promoting equal housing opportunities and

encouraging all residents to support fair housing practices and eliminate discrimination in housing. – Noel Schaus, Housing Revitalization Manager
Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed April 2026 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Tolleson.

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3. Adopt Resolution No. 2638 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, approving a Power Distribution Easement to the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District for the transmission and distribution of electricity, communication signals, and data along an easement parcel located near 91st Avenue and Buckeye Road, and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver said Easement. (Development Services Department)
4. Approve First Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Advanced Security Technologies LLC for the purchase of security equipment and related 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 \$200,000 to \$300,000 for additional materials and services. (Emergency Preparedness Department)
5. Approve amendment to the City of Tolleson Employee Handbook by adopting new Policy 603.9.3 – Weighted Average Overtime to ensure compliance with Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) requirements and to establish a consistent method for calculating overtime when employees work at multiple rates of pay within the same workweek. (Employee Resources Department)
6. Adopt Resolution No. 2640 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, approving the City of Tolleson Title VI Implementation Plan, effective May 9, 2026 to May 9, 2029, assuring full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. (Human Services Department)

7. Approve the First Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Western Environmental Equipment Co. for custom and standard flow and level meters and other related services, 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 \$100,000 to \$200,000 for additional services. (Utilities Department)
8. Approve the First Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Arizona Commercial Diving Services, Inc. for underwater repairs, parts, and services, 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 \$100,000 to \$200,000 for additional services. (Utilities Department)
9. Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Duke’s Root Control, Inc. for sewer system maintenance, inspection and repair 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 \$250,000 for services. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until December 21, 2028. (Utilities Department)
10. Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Pump Pros International Corporation for water pumps purchase, maintenance and repairs, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Contractor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000 for equipment and services. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until December 11, 2027. (Utilities Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1. through 10.; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Davis. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Adopt/Deny Resolution No. 2639 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, authorizing the acquisition of real property and a temporary construction easement from the Tolleson Union High School District No. 214, located near 96th Avenue and Van Buren Street, for public purposes necessary for the construction of a pedestrian bridge across Van Buren Street; authorizing and directing the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney to acquire title to said parcel of real property and acquire

the temporary construction easement on behalf of the City by donation, eminent domain or purchase for an amount not to exceed fair market value of the property, plus acquisition and closing costs; and to take all acts necessary to acquire the real property and easement; and declaring an emergency. (Development Services Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to adopt Resolution No. 2639; the motion was seconded by Council Member Erives. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. FY 2027 Third Budget Work Study – Kevin Artz, Chief Financial Officer

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

L. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion to go into executive session.

Council Member Gámez moved to convene into executive session at 7:22 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

2. Convene into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(7) to receive legal advice and to discuss and consult with the City Attorney and designated representatives regarding the acquisition of real estate in the vicinity of the Tolleson Civic Center, including the public body’s position and instructions for negotiations.

M. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Checks Recorded
Check Dates: April 8, 2026 to April 21, 2026
PAYMENTS OVER \$10,000

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE
FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$159,416.03	187361	4/9/2026
WACO LLC	\$21,180.21	187425	4/16/2026
ADAPTIVE ARCHITECTS INC	\$19,622.00	187402	4/16/2026
120WATER INC	\$17,340.00	187377	4/9/2026
GRISWOLD INDUSTRIES	\$17,001.51	102298	4/10/2026
TRANSACT COMMERCIAL FURNISHINGS INC	\$16,566.63	102347	4/15/2026
WACO LLC	\$13,950.54	187425	4/16/2026
TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17	\$13,250.00	187403	4/16/2026
VAN LOON INDUSTRIES	\$12,384.75	187378	4/9/2026
WEST YOST & ASSOCIATES INC	\$10,690.00	102350	4/15/2026
ARIZONA STATE TREASURERS OFFICE	\$10,618.30	187396	4/13/2026
FLYERS ENERGY LLC	\$10,271.46	102337	4/15/2026
WEST VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	\$10,000.00	187401	4/13/2026

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MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. I'm Mayor Juan Rodriguez. Today is April 28th, and I would like to call the City Council meeting to order. We're going to start with our invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

So City Attorney, will you please provide the invocation?

And Council Member Chavira, will you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Please stand.

PIERCE: Happy to do it, Mayor. Thank you. Our beloved Father, who art in heaven, we are very grateful to be able to meet together. We're grateful for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, this great land that we have to live in, and the wonderful City of Tolleson. We're grateful for this Council and for their willingness to serve and provide leadership and direction, and provide for the -- the safety and well-being of -- of those who live in this wonderful city. We're grateful for those that protect us. We're grateful for all of those who put themselves into harm's way to -- to make sure that we are able to return home to our own families and pray that they might also. Please bless this Council with guidance and wisdom to be able to make decisions that would be beneficial to, and in the best interest of -- of the City. We pray for them and for everybody that is here this evening. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

IN UNISON: Amen.

CHAVIRA: 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: Thank you, both.

We're going to move on to Item C, which is roll call.

City Clerk, please let -- please let the record reflect that all Council members are present, with the exception of Councilwoman Linda Laborin. Now is the final call to submit speaker request. The City Clerk -- all speakers will be limited to three minutes for comments -- for -- for comments only. Actions taken as a result of public comments

will be limited to either, one, responding to criticism, two directing staff to review the matter, or three, asking that the matter be put on a future agenda – action item.

City Clerk do we have any speaker request forms at this time?

ZAMORA: We do not, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Item E -- it is now the call to the public.

City Clerk, do we have any submissions for call to the public?

ZAMORA: We do not.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. F -- scheduled public appearances or proclamations for discussion. Item number one is Tolleson Teen Council update. College selections. I think we're just going to call Ruben (ph.) up.

How you doing, Ruben?

RUBEN: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council. Thank you for this opportunity to recognize a very special group tonight. These graduating seniors represent the heart of Tolleson Teen Council, and what it means to lead through advocacy, leadership and service. Over the past several years, they've shown up consistently, not just to participate, but to lead. They've contributed thousands of hours of community service, representing the City of Tolleson at regional and national conferences, and most importantly, use their voices to advocate for their peers in their community. I've had the privilege of watching them grow -- watching them grow from shy, quiet participants, into confident young leaders who understand their role in something bigger than themselves. They've sat in this very room, have engaged with you directly at conferences and events.

All right. Stop. Have asked meaningful questions and have taken the time to understand how local government works. That level of civic engagement, at their age, is something we should all be proud of.

But before we hear from our each of our seniors, I'd like to invite Hazel Gallardo, former Teen Council vice mayor, to share a few words on behalf of the group. After that, we'll

invite each of our graduating seniors forward, to share their plans after high school. I'll be presenting them with a gift and an honor cord for their service to the City of Tolleson and our community. Each of them represents the future and the now of Tolleson, and I'm confident they will continue to lead wherever they go.

Hazel?

GALLARDO: Thank you, Ruben. Good evening. Mayor, City Council, families, and my fellow teens. It's hard to stand here tonight and put this into words, because how do you say goodbye to something that became part of who you are? Tolleson has never just been a place to me. It's been a feeling, A home that I didn't just live in, but one that lived in me. I was six years old when I first walked into the Boys and Girls Club. I didn't know what I was walking into. I was just a kid, quiet, unsure, trying to find where I fit. But looking back now, that was the beginning of everything. That was the beginning of people who would see me, believe in me, and help shape the person I'm standing here as today. Thank you.

And even though I may not fall within Tolleson boundaries, or be considered a Tolleson resident on paper, this is still my home because home isn't defined by an address. It's defined by the people who choose you, who raise you, who pour into you until you become something you never thought you could be. When I was 13 years old, someone changed my life without even realizing it.

Abigail Avila, thank you. You didn't just invite me to Teen Council. You opened a door I didn't even know existed. And because of that one moment, that one invitation, everything changed for me. I found my voice. I found my purpose. And I found people who would become family to me. I would not be standing here today if it wasn't for you taking a chance on me, so thank you for seeing something in me before I ever saw it in myself.

City Council, thank you for believing in young people like us. You didn't have to create a space for teenagers to lead, to speak, to grow, but you did. And because of that, you

didn't just build programs. You built futures. You taught us that our voices matter, that leadership is service, and that even the smallest actions can leave a lasting impact.

Randy, you were steady. You were someone who we could count on no matter what. Not for big speeches or big moments, but for consistency. For showing up. For reminding us in the simplest ways that what we are doing mattered. You were the calm in moments of doubt. The person who made things feel were possible, even when we felt overwhelmed. And sometimes that quiet kind of support is what changes people the most, thank you for always being there.

And Ruben, also known as our Tio, there are some people who come into your life and change it completely, and you are that person for me. I met you when I was 13 years old. I didn't have confidence. I didn't think my voice mattered. I didn't think I could lead, but somehow, you saw something in me that I couldn't see myself. And you didn't just say it. You proved it. Every conversation, every moment you checked in, every time you pushed me to do more, be more, believe more. You never let me stay small. You showed me patience when I was still figuring things out. You gave me guidance without ever making me feel less. You supported me in a way that felt like family. You didn't have to take me under your wing, but you did. You didn't have to care the way you did for us, but you chose to. And that choice changed my life. Because of you, I learned what it means to lead with heart. Because of you, I learned that strength doesn't come from being perfect. It comes from showing up, even when you're unsure. Because of you, I became someone I'm proud of. Tolleson gave me so many things -- opportunities, memories, friendships. But you, Theo, are the reason I found myself within all of it. To my peers -- look at us. All the moments we thought we weren't ready. All the times we doubted ourselves. All the times we felt like maybe we didn't belong. And yet, we're still here. We grew here. We found our voices here. We became who we are here, and wherever life takes us next, we're not leaving this behind because Tolleson isn't just a place we come from. It's a part of us. It's in the way we lead. It's in the way

we care. It's in the way we show up for others. It's who we are. And no matter where we go, near or far, that will never leave us. Thank you.

SALAZAR: Good evening, Council. I'm Alejandro Salazar, also known as your Teen Council mayor. I have been in Teen Council for three years. The December of my sophomore year, I was introduced by Ruben, and I'm truly grateful. And with my new journey out of high school and away from Teen Council, I will still continue to give my commitment to service for the City of Tolleson. I will be going to ASU -- Arizona State University. I will be -- I will be studying public service and public policy with an emphasis in health policy. And I will also be joining the cadet program with the Towson Fire Station, so.

GEARAN: Good evening, Council. My name is Anne Gearan. I've been a part of Teen Council for three years, just like Alejandro Salazar did, since my -- since the December of my sophomore year. I am also continuing my service in, I guess, the social parameter. I'm going to study social work at. NEU, starting this year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: NEU.

[Laughter]

LAUBRIT: Council, my name is Cielo Laubrit. I am a senior at University High School. And I was introduced to Teen Council in my second semester of sophomore year, by Hazel, actually, a very dear friend of mine. So I love her so much for introducing me because I would have not known what a welcoming community would have been until I came to Tolleson. And I am going to -- be going to EMCC for about a year, and then transferring to a four -year university to study political science. Sorry.

DALY: Good evening, Council. My name is Chris Daly. I've been in the Teen Council since September of my sophomore year of high school, and I originally started out as just something, because I was bored. I came and I needed something to do, but it's ended up being -- it ended up meaning a lot more to that. I'm going to ASU, and I'm going to study history.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm a senior at UH. And when I first went into Teen Council, it was in my junior year, thanks to Hazel as well. She introduced me and a couple of my friends, and it showed me what a welcoming community it really is. And I'm going to go to Williams College to do biomedical research.

GALLARDO: Hello, Council. My name is Hazel Gallardo. Well, I started -- I was introduced to Teen Council, May of my eighth grade year. So getting ready for promotion by one of our very own. She works for the City of Tolleson. Abby, Yeah, so I've been in Teen Council for five years now. And I will be continuing my studies outside of high school. I will be attending Glendale Community College, and I'll be studying in public relations.

RODRIGUEZ: Good evening, Council. My name is Jacqueline Martinez Rodriguez. I'm going to ECMC, and I've been in Teen Council for two years. I was introduced by one of my friends, Frida. And I love her very much. And I'm going to be majoring in nursing.

MALTA: Council, I'm sorry. My name is Jaylene Malta. I was first introduced to Teen Council by our amazing, Hazel. My first event was the Trunk or Treat. And after that, I knew that I wanted to make an impact on this community. And I'm really glad that I continued going to meetings and continued to go to events, because I don't know who I will be -- who -- who I would have been without that. I want to study clinical psychology at NEU.

ARREOLA: Council, my name is Natalia Arreola. I've been with Teen Council for four years. I started my freshman year -- September of my freshman year. I will be attending EMCC. I'm going to be studying public relations.

VAZQUEZ: Good evening, Council. My name is Santiago Lopez Vazquez and I've been in the Teen Council for three years. I started August of my sophomore year, and after high school, I'll be joining the United States Marine Corps, becoming a special operative.

RUBEN: Teen Council Seniors, thank you for sharing your journeys with us tonight. It's been an honor. It's an honor to watch each of you grow, not just as students, but as

leaders, advocates, and young adults finding your voice. You've made a real impact on this community, and that's something that will last far beyond tonight. Wherever life takes you next, know that Towson is proud of you, and you'll always have a place here. Mayor, Vice Mayor, and members of Council, thank you again for an opportunity to recognize such a special group.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, I guess I'll get us started. First of all, congratulations to everybody. Did you say Michigan?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, but I wanted to -- but I think (Indiscernible).

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

CHAVIRA: Yes, you can do that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. That's all I had. That's -- that's a Wolverine brother -- sister over there.

Now, first of all, congratulations to all of you. This is a great path. Every one of you guys are -- are amazing leaders in your own right, and you're just getting out of high school. I'm very excited about what the -- the world has in store for all of you guys, but I think I'm more excited about what you're going to contribute to the world. Because, you know, Tolleson puts out a good product. We put out, you know, quality people. And I think every one of you is a perfect example of what Tolleson is all about.

And, you know, I've had an opportunity to travel the world, and not the world, but let's say the United States, right? And everybody always says, oh, that place is really nice.

That place is really ugly, but you always have to have a point of comparison.

And to me, that point of comparison has always been Tolleson. And as beautiful as other places are, in my mind and my heart, they don't compare to Tolleson because Towson has will always be home for me. And I will say that the same will probably be true for you in 20, 30 years, when you have your family and you're going off and you're being successful. You could always come back home to Tolleson. And trust me, we'll be here. We will be here. And it'll always, always be home. So I'm glad to hear that. I

would encourage you to find a way, a special way. And I tell this to all the kids. We're only so big, right?

So I understand why a lot of folks have to move away from Tolleson, because our housing stock is pretty small, and a lot of us are waiting for you know, uncle, to move out to someone's house. Or you know, maybe I can get nana -- nana and dada's house or whatever, you know, because our housing stock is pretty small. But find a reason to come back, and in your own special way, find a reason to contribute back.

You know obviously, Ruben and Randy and a lot of our staff have invested a lot of time and effort with you folks, and you guys have invested a lot of time and effort for our community and special events. We've seen you guys out there, and especially at the conferences. And so that's part of -- that's part of being a community, you know, giving back to each other and helping each other become better, you know? And I will say, hands down, I've said it before and I stick to this -- I'm not worried about our future. Not one bit. Everybody says, well, you know development is very important. I agree with them. Development, here, on Council.

I can tell you that one of my college advisors was Adolfo. Adolfo used to work at Estrella Mountain Community College for many moons. He was a college advisor that I talked to when I was a freshman going into college. And you know, here we are, still working together, still serving together.

And so it's very important that you continue to develop your skill sets and become the best possible contributor to whatever it is that you want to contribute to, whether it's nursing or whether it's public relations or whether it's the military service. Whatever you do, do it at the highest level possible, you know, because development is always going to be critical. But I know our future is bright. I mean, when I see you guys come up here and talk about what you've accomplished thus far, imagine when you're a council -- imagine when you're our management team. Imagine when you're one of our directors. Our future in Tolleson is extremely bright. Not because our economics is

good, or because our business, you know acumen is great. It is, but it's because of the stock that we have, the -- the plans that we have rooted for our future.

All of you guys, I am 100 percent convinced that we're going to have bountiful baskets for decades to come, from all the great crops that we've raised. And again, contribute. Come on back to the community, contribute. And let's make Tolleson the best that we can, and in the process, make you guys the best that you guys can. Congratulations. I'm going to turn it over, because I don't want to say too much, because then, I speak for all day.

So any comments or questions?

Let's start with the Vice Mayor, Jimmy Davis, and then -- go ahead.

DAVIS: Congratulations to all of you. I'm so proud of you. It's -- it's been amazing seeing you guys, you know, out in the community, all of the work that you do, hearing your guys' report this this last year, and all the service hours that you put in. It's amazing. I know that you guys are going to continue to do amazing things. And you know, like the mayor said, this is always home. So we're always here. We're always going to support you. We're always going to love you. So that's the message that I will send to you. Go out into the world and share love. Share that Tolleson love because that's what this world needs right now.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Vice Mayor.

Christine?

CHAVIRA: I'm very honored to have met all of you. You give me a lot of hope for the future. Congratulations to you all. I know you will all do great things. And you know, just saying again what everyone is saying and feeling, because it's what we believe is true. That you will do great things. But when you need an ear, you need a voice, that we will always be here for you, and this will always be your home. And I hope that our paths cross one day again. I enjoyed meeting and interacting with all of you. So good luck.

And moms and dads out there -- good job.

GAMEZ: Yes, before I proceed, in terms of acknowledging the students, I think we should give Ruben a big round of applause for the work he's done. It's -- it's people like Ruben that opens doors. That door opens, you choose to go through it. And so those that don't regret it later. Obviously, you went through it. And this is the first step of many. As Councilwoman Chavira said, we're here to help you. I can speak for myself. Anytime you have a question -- education, financial aid, you can come talk to me. My door is open. Just like the mayor said he was there, I helped him. I helped many students, but that's what we're all about giving back. I learned that from my mentor. Always give back to the community that helped you. And this community helped me to continue helping, and I'm sincere about that. And you do that to somebody else, it's like a ripple effect. It'll spread, starts getting bigger and bigger, and if you believe in it, the people will believe that you're helping them with your heart.

City of Tolleson has a big, big heart. The culture is about respect, about helping people be successful in education and business. Whatever it is, we're there as a support system. And I'm not -- I'm not just blowing smoke. I'm telling you the truth. We're here to help. And that's all there is to it. And anybody that knows me, will tell you that I back it up, no matter how hard it is. Sometimes, I get questions and requests.

Sometimes, like, how the hell am I going to do this one? But you -- you don't give up. You continue, okay? Again, education is the key to success, unless you win the lottery, and you still have to learn how to manage it. So you need to be focused on your future. Lean on each other for support and help again. We're here for the same reason. You see those individuals sitting over there? Don't let the mustache, the hair -- facial hair scare you. They're here to help you, too. They're professionals in their own right. Yeah, police officer, a fire chief, a guy that knows everything about wastewater, and more. And then the assistant, what used to be a chief of police -- the chief of fire -- now he's the director of everything.

[Laughter]

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

GAMEZ: Exactly. So he's a good guy. They're all good guys, okay? So use the resources. Don't be afraid to, okay? That's all I got to say, and it's the truth. Gracias.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Anybody else?

ERIVES: My turn?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, go ahead.

ERIVES: I wanted to say, congratulations. Oh, my gosh, you're graduating, what -- in a couple of weeks? A couple of weeks, right? Then, you're like, okay, the where do I go? I'm not ready. I'm not ready to leave. I remember that with graduation, but why do I have to leave? I think my words of advice would be when you're leaving, right? You're about to embark onto this next chapter in your life, and it can be a little scary. And you're like, oh, I'm not sure. Especially if you're moving away, right? Because maybe, maybe this is the first time leaving home, right? And so now it's it's a little different, right?

You know, my friends have been around me, but now -- they're still there, they're just now father. Take advantage of all the opportunities that are happening in that new place that you find yourself.

So my ladies that are going to NAU, right? NAU is going to be completely different. The trees are different. The smell is different. There is a bird that -- he, like, huge, and he has a big beak. And it would wake me up in the morning. I'm used to roosters in my neighborhood, right? So what is that? Everything's going to be different, and you might get a little homesick, right? But don't -- don't -- don't -- just get busy doing other things right. Getting involved, meeting other people, telling them about Tolleson. It's a great story. Tell them about us. Tell them we have a fire department, a police, and our town has a library and our town has this. And you can talk about all the things, and then learn about that new person's place as well, right? So it's not that you're going to be sad and

lonely and I'm -- no get involved. Get, you know, and you have a wonderful story to tell about all your years at Teen Council, and see if they had one in their community. Sometimes, they didn't, right? So just take advantage. We will be here. Absolutely, like they said, you need us, we're here. You need us. There's a phone call. Start with Ruben and then say, hey, she needs a bike to get around campus. Let the Women's Club know, like, things like that, right? We want to be there for you all. Whatever you need, we're there. But when you're in that new place, right? Don't get homesick. That, sometimes, can be very, very difficult because you do get homesick, and I understand that. But get involved. Get busy. You already know how to do that. You already know how to do that. Congratulations for all of you, where you're going. We can't wait for you to send us postcards and send them back, or, you know, on Instagram. You could do that too. Yeah. But yes, congratulations. So excited for you. We're wishing you well. Wishing you well. Thank you.

MENDOZA: Congratulations to all. When I attended my first conference, I was able to interact with you guys. It was just amazing. I was so impressed. So congratulations and best wishes on the future.

And thank you, Ruben.

CHAVIRA: Thank you. You are impacting young kids.

CHAVIRA: Yes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You said no pictures? Come on up, folks. Let's take a picture.

I'm just messing with you, Crystal.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Put your hats on. Put your hats on. ASU in the front. ASU in the front.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, are you up here?

CHAVIRA: Oh, nice. Yes, right here next to me. Come to me. Come to me. But we had Gauchos. No, there's only two. I counted. No, there's two. There was a couple Gauchos, though, and then, a couple Estrella Mountains.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ruben, get in the picture.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Come on, Randy, get up here, man. Come on, man. .

You guys want a family picture? Stay here. He's got it. Everybody good? Awesome.

Congratulations, folks. Great job, guys. Great job.

All right. Folks. How to get back down to business after that? Yeah, that was great business.

So we're going to move on to item number 2, which is proclamation declaring May 3rd through the 9th, 2026 as National Small Business Week in the West Valley region of Greater Phoenix recognizing the vital contributions of small businesses to economic growth and community vitality, supporting regional efforts to promote and strengthen small businesses, and encouraging residents and businesses to support local entrepreneurs throughout the entire West Valley.

Development Services Director Jason Earp, you have the floor.

EARP: Thank you, Mayor and members of the council. Small businesses are really the heart of any community. They're the places where people gather, where relationships are built, and where the character of a city truly comes to life. When you walk into a locally-owned restaurant, shop, or service business, you're not just making a purchase. You're supporting a family, an entrepreneur, or someone who has taken a risk to invest in our community. They create jobs, keep dollars circulating locally, and bring the kind of uniqueness you simply can't replicate with larger national chains.

More importantly, they help define who we are as a city. That's why it's so important that we take time to recognize and support our small businesses, not just during small business week, but year round. Whether it's choosing to shop local, spreading the word about a great business, or simply saying thank you, those actions make a real difference. As a city, we're committed to doing our part by making it easier to start and grow a business here and by continuing to create an environment where a small business can succeed, because when all our small businesses succeed, our entire community

succeeds.

I just want to, kind of, give you a quick background. The West Valley cities got together, kind of, last minute. We're going to do a better job next year. And to recognize small businesses, because all cities realize the importance of small businesses. So we're actually joining forces with City of El Mirage and City of Avondale on May 4th. It's Access to Capital Summit. So it's informative, impactful Access to Capital event designed to connect business owners, entrepreneurs, and startups with resources they need to grow and succeed. And every other West Valley city is also going to be doing certain things. And we collaborated with all the cities in the West Valley and Dysart High School film, and we have a little video.

[VIDEO]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Different categories, but definitely can get you that information.

[No audio due to technical difficulties]

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. We're going to move on to a proclamation. Today we have a proclamation recognizing the importance of promoting equal housing opportunities and encouraging all residents to support fair housing practices and eliminate discrimination in housing. On all those housing manager [Audio interference]

SCHAUS: The Fair Housing Act, enacted in April 1968 and amended in [audio interference], ensures us all the right to housing free from [audio interference]. Despite this landmark law, housing discrimination [audio interference] proportionately affect protected classes, including people of color, women, persons with disabilities, families with children, and LGBTQ plus individuals. Tolleson can only be a truly inclusive city if our most marginalized residents have access to stable, equitable housing. As federal protections are owed this month and every year in April, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring equal access to housing opportunities for all.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Okay. So therefore, I, Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Tolleson. Be it

proclaimed.

All right, moving on to G, business from the floor. We have none to hear tonight. So we're going to go on to H. That's our consent agenda action items. At last count, I had ten action items. If council has had an opportunity to review those and would like to make a motion, I'd be more than happy to hear it.

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

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? Not hearing any. City clerk, motion passes unanimously.

We're going to move on to regular agenda action items, which we only have one. It's to adopt or deny resolution number 2639 of the mayor and council, City of Tolleson, Arizona, authorizing the acquisition of real property and a temporary construction easement from the Tolleson High School District number 214, located near 96th Avenue and Van Buren Street, for public purpose necessary for the construction of a pedestrian bridge across Van Buren Street, authorizing and directing the mayor and city manager and city attorney to acquire title to said parcel of real property and acquire the temporary construction easement on behalf of the City of Tolleson by donation, eminent domain, or purchase for an amount not to exceed fair market value of the property plus acquisition and closing costs, and to take all actions necessary to acquire the real property and easement and declaring an emergency. I'm going to kick it over to development services director for discussion.

EARP: Thank you, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the council. There's not much more to say. It's the pedestrian bridge that we have been planning for a while that ADOT is in charge of that project. It's right in front of the high school in Sonic that include elevators, but we do need some property from the school district for the safe landing of it, and so we're here to ask for approval of this.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I will -- I just want to add a couple of comments. Number one is this is one of those projects that just makes sense for everybody. If you've ever dropped a kid in front of Sonics in the morning, it's a madhouse. See, I'm already looking at your guys' faces. I have personally witnessed near hits. And we're talking about kids and vehicles. Not a good combination. So this pedestrian bridge makes beyond common sense. It makes total sense. And we, as a city, have gone out of our way to acquire \$3.5 million. Higher or yes? Yes? Yes. And so we're bringing to the table \$3.5 million for this project that is badly needed. And it's strictly for the safety of our kids. And that's a win for the high school. That's a win for us. And so I'm looking forward to this very, very much, because it makes sense, and I can't think of a higher priority than the safety of our children. And so with that, is there anybody else that would like to add anything before we move on?

GAMEZ: It's a win for the kids, too.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Council Member?

CHAVIRA: Mayor?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes?

GAMEZ: Move for approval.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Council Member Chavira, you have the floor.

CHAVIRA: I have a statement that I'd like to read before my vote. The City of Tolleson has secured the financing needed, \$2.5 million in federal funding and over \$2 million in general funds to fund the pedestrian bridge at 96th Avenue in its entirety, without any financial commitment by the Tolleson Union High School District. The bridge will serve high school students and the community at large by providing the means to cross Van Buren Street safely, while meeting all standards set by ADOT. The Tolleson Union High School District, in past presentations to the city council, provided renderings of the pedestrian bridge demonstrating the district's knowledge of plans for the bridge to address student safety and acknowledging that they were aware of the bridge and its

placement.

The Tolleson Union High School District has declined our full price offer of the property, which amounts in size to several parking spots. As a result, the process of acquiring the property will needlessly prolong construction of the bridge. We appreciate our partners at Sonic for accepting our offer in a joint effort to provide a safe and secure way to cross the street. Therefore, my vote will reflect the action needed to secure the property and complete the pedestrian bridge to provide a safe crossing by students and the community on Van Buren Street. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, council member. Any other comments or questions for staff? Go ahead, Vice Mayor.

DAVIS: Actually, I think it's absolutely ridiculous that we have to go this route, but here we are. You know, this is like you said, Mayor, this is a project that makes sense for our entire community. It is going to keep not only the probably a couple of thousand kids that cross that street every day safe, but other pedestrians. It's going to help the traffic flow. It just completely makes sense for our community. So it is ridiculous that we're going to have to go this route, use attorney hours, and do this whole song and dance, when this could have been resolved with a simple market value sale of this property. So I just encourage the Tolleson High School District governing board to get their act together. That's all. And I will be voting in support of this.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And I will say that there's still time. I mean, the motion itself includes by donation and other opportunities. So I think there's still opportunities for us to see the greater good for this project. Having said that, we got to do what we got to do to make sure that our kids are safe. So we're giving all options over to our city manager and our city attorney, so it can be executed as necessary. Any other comments or questions? Council woman.

ERIVES: My comments just says is right here in front of us are the reasons why our votes for this bridge is necessary. Right there. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, and it's a very beautiful project, actually. And it includes an elevator for people that are in wheelchairs. And it's going to be a beautiful thing. Yeah, yeah. For safety reasons, for aesthetics and everything. So it's going to be a great project. So with that I will entertain a motion to approve. We have a motion by Council Member Gamez. Have a second from Council Member Clorinda Erives. Okay. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed? Not hearing any, this motion passes unanimously. Thank you very much, everybody.

We're going to move on to -- we're going to move on to item J, work study and presentation for discussion. This is the fun part of tonight. Oh yeah. The budget. So fiscal year 2027 third budget work study. Let's call up our man of the hour, Chief Financial Officer Artz. You have the floor, sir.

ARTZ: We are here tonight for our third budget work session. The first session we had, we went over the revenues, and then the last meeting on April 15th, we looked at the general funds and all the departments and the general funds. Tonight we're going to focus on the special revenue funds, the debt service funds, and the enterprise funds. I did want to follow up on the questions that came up at the last meeting. So there were several questions and requests. And so I just want to start there. The first one being currently we have \$30,000 in that budget, and we had proposed to add another \$10,000. So we had \$40,000 in total in the TIA budget. And there was a request to add an additional \$50,000 for a total of \$90,000. So that's what will come before you at the tentative budget in May. We'll have that increase in there.

Then there was also a request for a VIVA budget, and that's adding \$30,000 to that .

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Clorinda, did you want to give a kind of an overview of what VIVA really is all about?

ERIVES: I'm sorry. I don't have my notes. Sorry.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. It's a program that really focuses on?

ERIVES: On literacy.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: On literacy.

ERIVES: On literacy.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And so it's an initiative that Councilwoman Erives wants to quarterback. I think it's a great idea. Anything we can do to help our community become more literate, I think, is a good thing. So let's, this is a starting budget. See how it evolves over the years. But yes, go ahead.

SINAWI: As for council's information, VIVA is an acronym that stands for Vision, Inspiration, Voices and Amplification.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

ARTZ: And there was also some discussion about Veterans Park and improvements there. Just at the last meeting was going through the general plan process and coming up with a redesign for Veterans Park.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think part of it is knowing that we still have the aquatic facility that we have to finish. So right now may not be the best time for us to start construction on the project, but it's a great time for us to do exploratory conversations about what this project should include. And that's the engagement with the community to do a redesign.

MEDRANO: Thank you, Mayor, members of council. You're precisely correct, sir. The timing couldn't be better. Even to get to construction, it would take about nine months to a year to go through the planning process. So with the general plan upon us, it makes perfect sense to use that mechanism to solicit public input. But we've changed it from a completion of Veterans Park to a redesign, because we don't know what's going to come from the public. They may want us to move the baseball field or the performing arts stage or the park. We don't know. So we're calling it a redesign to allow for the full reimagination of the park by the public.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

ARTZ: The next item was the city promotion budget. I had mentioned last time that we had not included any inflationary increases even though the Department had requested that. So we've gone back and added \$35,000 to our special events budget just to cover the inflationary increases and the fact that the special events are so popular, and attendance has been increasing. So we thought it was important to get that inflationary increase in there.

And then the final item was the covered parking at the Civic Center. So there was some discussion about the covered parking and solar potentially. And so with that, the Development Services Department will come back to council and discuss options for that covered parking before we move forward with that project.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think one of the options that needs to be included is does it make sense from a financial long-term standpoint, from a sustainable point, but also the infrastructure and the costs upfront, and what's the return on investment and that kind of stuff? That's the part that I'm really interested in, because the solar panel, if it doesn't make sense on ROIs, then we should know that upfront, and maybe that's not the best direction. I don't know, but I think it needs to be explored.

Yes, sir.

MEDRANO: Options we're exploring, because we certainly want to add more foliage trees specifically, just for the -- to reduce the heat island effect, certainly, but solar doesn't necessarily have to be panels on the covered structures. It could be mounted on a tree. They could be mounted on a pole and attract photovoltaic energy to support lighting the covered parking structure. So those are options we're looking at, that Mr. Earp and his team are looking at, and they'll bring back a report to council.

ARTZ: That will get into the numbers of the budget for this year. We are currently at a little over 244 million for our budget for fiscal year '27. There will be some changes to that. We're still working on carryovers in the enterprise funds, so there will be some

increases to our budget just to cover some of those carryover costs. But we'll explain all of those at the tentative budget approval.

And with that, we'll get into the Department's HURF, which is our Highway User Revenue Fund, also known as the Streets Fund. That's where we, we pay for our street projects and street maintenance. The budget there is \$1.345 million, and there's no change from the prior year.

AAA is a --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Question.

ARTZ: Yes?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Is the fund -- go back one. Okay. The \$1.3 million, is that what's been budgeted to us through HURF, or is that what the Department is asking for?

ARTZ: Mayor, that is what the Department is asking for. So we receive about \$900,000 in HURF funds on an annual basis. So what we're using is some of the fund balance in the fund. So at some point in the future, we're going to either have to have the general fund subsidize the Streets Fund, or potentially cut back on some of the projects in the Street Fund.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I like our program that we adopted where we're doing streets on an ongoing basis, so there's no part of Tolleson that's ever left out. So I would be for adding more money to get to whatever the budget needs to be. But that's why I asked the question.

ARTZ: Appreciate it. The AAA funds are grant funds that we receive for the senior center. It includes congregate meals, a lot of the senior meal programs. So it's funding that we get through the county. There is an increase of about \$120,000, and most of that is wages and salary increases and we'll request that as additional budget or grant funding. We also have two departments and a public safety fund, which is funded by a dedicated sales tax, the half percent sales tax. And so we have police and fire in that public safety tax fund. In the fire department, the budget is increasing by about

\$537,000. We are transferring positions from the general fund into the public safety fund, so the public safety fund is taking on more of the cost of police and fire. So more positions are being transferred in there so that the half cent sales tax is paying for that. We also have the wage and benefit increase in there and then some capital items.

MEDRANO: I have a question, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Go ahead.

MEDRANO: I should have asked Mr. Artz this in my office, but how close are we to retiring the debt, satisfying the debt service for both the buildings? Or have we done that yet? I don't think we've done it yet. It hasn't been 20 years.

ARTZ: I think it was 2034.

MEDRANO: Got a ways to go? Yeah. Faster than I thought, though.

ARTZ: Yeah.

MEDRANO: Okay. Thank you.

ARTZ: In the fire department there are some capital requests. They're requesting \$100,000 to replace some of the turnouts, some lifting airbags at \$50,000, CPR devices for \$40,000, and thermal imaging cameras at 25,000. And if you have any specific questions on any of those capital items, the fire chief is here.

GAMEZ: What do you do with the turnout that you no longer use? What do you do with turnout?

[Inaudible]

YOUNG: For what we refer to as grinder gear. That is for nonlive fire activities. When we send members to the training academy, they get beat up pretty easily, so we don't give them brand new turnouts to beat up for everyday drills and learning the functions of the job.

And then the second thing that we do is we also donate them to our sister city.

Yes, sir?

ARTZ: Side of the public safety fund budgets increasing by \$957,000. Again, we're

transferring in some additional positions from the general fund. And then we also have several capital items in this fund. So vehicles for 220,000, the dispatch phone upgrade of 81,000, a first responder drone for 65,000, another drone for 40,000, and then the dispatch consoles for 675,000. And some of our partners will actually be reimbursing us for that, so they will be paying a portion of that. But we have to budget for the full amount.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Go ahead.

MEDRANO: I'll wait for Councilman Gamez.

ARTZ: We currently have two partners in dispatch, the City of El Mirage and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the casinos. And then we are also working with a potential additional partner that may come on in July.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Let me ask a question about the vehicles. Are we still looking for electric vehicles, or are we switching back, or what are we doing with that?

MEDRANO: It would probably be a -- I'm sorry, mayor and council. It would probably be a mix. Just depends on what we can get our hands on. But we're trying to go electric first.

ARTZ: Debt service funds. These are the funds that that we use to pay any of our bonds or any of our debt service. So the budget actually decreased by about \$140,000. That's because we had made an estimate in the prior year for what our debt service was going to be for the aquatic center. Now that we've issued those bonds, we know exactly what our payment is going to be. So the total debt service payments are going down by about \$143,000 across all of our debt service funds.

The aquatic center capital fund, so we had budgeted \$32 million in the current year. We still have about 7 million dollars of those funds that we haven't spent this year. So that means we've spent about 15 million so far year to date. So we'll carry over all of those funds to next year's budget. And then, we're asking for an additional increase of \$8 million of new funds being transferred from the general fund. So that's going to make

the total budget for next year \$25.3 million plus the 15 that we've spent. So that's going to put the budget around \$40 million for the aquatic center.

No sir, it does not.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Raise (indiscernible) question to the voters was for 22 million, Jason.

ARTZ: 22 million. So the remainder of the 40 is coming out of the general fund, which is nourished by all the retail revenue that we attract throughout the City. That's a priority that Council's made to our younger population, certainly, and throughout the City as a whole. Promote water safety. Promote a future Olympic swim gold medalist. I know it sounds funny, but we're going to have one. I don't know who. But I look forward to it. Hope I'm alive. So yes, I wanted to point out the City's investing its cash as well.

Vice Mayor, there is a separate project with a \$3 million budget for the retail building at the aquatic center. So that's an additional 3 million. This is just the aquatic center capital. And any furnishings and all the -- what it takes to open it.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Just (indiscernible).

ARTZ: It's more than just the aquatic center, it's already doing what we hoped it would do and starting to attract other retail development in the proximity. We have at least one hotel that's interested in going in just because of the aquatic center. And it's going to create like a diagonal alignment that we'll talk about in the e-session.

Next, we'll move on to our enterprise funds. Our enterprise funds are the funds that are designed to basically recover their cost. So that's the water, wastewater, sewer, and sanitation funds. So in water, the budget is increasing by about \$785,000. The increases there are an increase in wage and benefits for the entire department of \$130,000. We're also adding a full-time position in the Department for an environmental inspector at \$125,000. An increase in water treatment costs of \$100,000. An increase in water delivery costs. So that's the cost of the water that we get delivered from the City of Phoenix. So there's really two components there

expecting a rate increase from them, but also potentially having more water delivered for some additional businesses coming in that we don't currently have.

Mayor, Council Member Gamez, I don't know the increase. I can get back to you with that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We're talking about water increases the rates as a whole or --

ARTZ: Increase of the --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: -- in Phoenix?

ARTZ: -- treated water that we get from the City of Phoenix.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Sorry.

ARTZ: And then, increase in insurance premiums of \$27,000. So the total increase of about 8 percent or \$785,000 for water. On the capital side, budgets increasing by about \$875,000. We've got \$11.7 million of total capital projects, you know. So the Well 9 outfitting, that's a \$6 million project. The storage tank, \$3.5 million. Surface treatment plant study of \$1 million. And as I mentioned earlier, there are some carryovers. So they're -- we're still working on identifying all the carryovers. But there'll be some additional carryovers. And this budget will go up a little bit more. But if any of council has any questions on any of the capital items --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Any of these going to be shared with other users?

MEDRANO: Otter side, I don't believe so.

ARTZ: Thank you. Mayor, Vice mayor, and members of council. Part of the (indiscernible) project will be carried over to the wastewater side. But the water side is the 150,000 that we see here.

MEDRANO: Thank you.

ARTZ: Sanitation fund is increasing by \$217,000. Part of that is a one-time purchase of a rear-load refuse vehicle for \$180,000. So that is a replacement of an existing vehicle that has aged out, and we need to replace. And then there's also increased costs for garbage service. That's just a contractual increase in the garbage cost. So increase of

\$217,000 total for sanitation budget. Wastewater treatment plant, budget actually decreased by \$160,000. The combination of two items: an increase in wages and benefits of 150, but then a decrease for professional services of \$310,000.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Congratulations.

MEDRANO: (Indiscernible).

ARTZ: On the capital side, seeing an increase of over \$2 million for capital in the wastewater treatment plant. So here we've got several multi-million dollar projects. The headworks screen replacement at 5.5 million. Digester for 7.5 million. The disinfection system at 5.5 million. Clarifier 2 rehab, \$2 million. And then electrical and structural upgrades of \$4 million in total. Now, in this fund, we do have partners that will contribute to a portion of these costs -- a significant portion of these costs.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Council, just to our graduates, look how expensive water -- wastewater is. It's an incredible profession. You can talk to that guy, Jamie McCracken, over there about it. If you're going into public relations, government relations, engineering, whatever it is -- my granddaughter is -- learn as much as you can about water. You don't have to be an expert, but just learn the jargon, because we didn't -- certainly -- like this council is the most educated council on water --wastewater issues. Our whole staff is. I think every department has a clue about it because that's all we talk about. But water in Arizona is critical. And there's a lot of great opportunities in it for your career. That was it, sir. Thank you. It's going to become more critical as we move forward. The extent of what I know about water is ask Jamie. Yeah.

Go ahead. Sorry to interrupt.

ARTZ: Okay. Then, in our sewer fund budget increasing by \$164,000. That's a combination of the increases in wages and benefits. Increase in supplies of \$38,000. And then insurance premiums of \$6,000. On the capital side, no change in the budget; \$575,000 in capital on sewer. I do know that there is a carryover that will increase this one when we bring this back for the tentative budget adoption.

And with that, May 12th is when we'll come back and ask council to consider the tentative budget. June 9th we'll ask council to consider the final budget and hold the property tax hearing. And then June 23rd, city council would adopt the property tax levy. So with that, staff's available, if you have any questions on what was presented tonight or anything that we discussed at the previous meeting that we want follow up on, and --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Any questions for council? The only question I have, and it's more of a request, I'd like to know how many new staff -- new FTEs were adopted into the organization compared to the current year. I mean, you don't have to answer that right now. You can get that to me later. Yeah.

ARTZ: How many were adding in this year?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. And that --

DAVIS: It was in the last presentation.

ZAMORA: The first presentation.

DAVIS: Oh. That was -- no, I think -- oh, yeah.

ZAMORA: Yeah.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You might be right.

ARTZ: So Mayor, this budget year, we are increasing or requesting to increase our FTEs by 31.5. I believe 23 of those positions are in the Aquatic Center --

ARTZ: --for lifeguards and lifeguard 2 coordinator positions there. And then, we also had some positions being added for the extended hours in the library, the senior center, and finance. And then, we're also adding five positions in dispatch for potentially taking on that new partner. And then, the one position in utilities for the environmental inspector.

MEDRANO: Just for note -- to note Mayor, members of council, that the majority, if not all of our new positions are for growth issues. We're increasing service as a result, especially obviously in aquatics. We've been talking about understanding the full cost to

operate the aquatics, because it's one thing to build it right, and it costs 40 million. Well, then we have to operate it every year. We estimated to be around 2 million, but we still don't know. We won't know until we have one full year under our belts. Then, we'll be able to see what else we can do after that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: But that's just a general question.

Any other questions from council? Yes. Vice mayor?

DAVID: I just want to say that is a huge price tag for the aquatic center. But being there on the site for the beam signing ceremony, it's going to be an amazing facility. And I think, you know, it's what our community deserves, honestly.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. We're giving Tolleson the absolute best when it comes to an aquatic facility and very proud of that. I think we all should be very proud of that. City manager?

MEDRANO: It is a big price tag. And we are proud to offer that to the community. That's our primary goal, is to give the community what it deserves. However, over time, we're going to make that -- that facility is an aquatic center. It's also an enormous economic engine. And it's already proving to be contributing to our -- to our ability to generate new revenue sources -- diversify our revenue sources. And when you talk about some of the things we talked about offline for our vision for that corridor, the aquatic center is going to play a pivotal role. In the beginning, we thought, hey, the aquatic center is going to help us attract regional swim meets at the collegiate level, Olympic trials qualifiers between us, Avondale and Goodyear all in a row, right? It looks like it's going to be so much more than that. And it's premature to try to estimate. But the potential is very strong.

Councilmember?

GAMEZ: I'd like to add that I spoke with the architect of the aquatic Center. And he stated to me that this facility, Bohannon (ph.), is the state of the art facility right now in the State of Arizona. Nobody can compare to it. So that's something should be proud

of. For a small community like ours to have that. Oh, yeah. Anyway, the architect said that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. The only other thing I want to add is it's going to be just as embracing and welcoming for competitive swimmers as it -- it's going to be for our young kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, grandparents. So it'll have a recreation side where the community can actually come out and enjoy the pool. And it's going to have a competitive side, too. So I think we've done a good job of addressing all the needs of our community, competitive and noncompetitive, for more recreation. So I think it's a good thing. And it's a building that hopefully will stand for many, many decades after it's built. So it's a beautiful thing.

Other questions or comments for Mr. Artz?

GAMEZ: Great job.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Great job.

So we're going to talk timeline already or -- okay. Well that was super-fast. Very efficient sir. But great job. I mean this is probably the most important thing that we do as a council is adopt the annual budget. But the way you break it down is it's very -- it's easy to follow and it's easy to see what we -- you know, this is one thing that I think everybody -- all of you guys need to understand this. People will say -- it's a question. People will say, well, you know, I really like this. Okay. And then you -- then you say, well, where do you spend your money? And you say you spend your money, 90 percent of it on something completely different. Follow the money. People will tell you this. See how they spend their money. Same thing with an organization. Any public organization. We want this. Look at the budget and they'll tell you what that organization really, really promotes.

We promote resources, and opportunities, and programs that benefit our residents. And it's evident by the presentation. So it's -- it tells our story. So don't ask people what they prioritize, see how they spend their money, and then you'll see what they

really prioritize. So was there another comment or question? No?

Yes, sir. We're having those conversations as we move forward. There's ongoing conversations with the number of users, whether they're private school, whether it's the high school or whether it's private clubs or -- there's a huge pocket of people out there that see a swimming pool and they see opportunities. Club teams, for example. And so we're going to try our best to build the best partnerships as close as we can here with the high school and with our neighboring partners. But at the end of the day, we're going to follow whatever opportunity falls on our lap.

Yes, sir.

GAMEZ: Want to make it clear, members the council, the City of Tolleson welcomes the Tolleson Wolverines to swim in that pool.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Absolutely. It would be an honor to compete in that pool. Any other questions? And I know, City Clerk, I'm not supposed to take questions from the audience. There's time for that. But I'm making an exception (indiscernible) right. I'm making an exception.

GOOD: Fire cadet --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: (Indiscernible) have any questions? All right.

With that, Mr. Artz, thank you very much.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We're going to move on to item K, which is mayor and City manager's report of current events. I guess, do you have any -- no? Okay. I do want to -- I just -- I do want to say that the beam signing ceremony was pretty freaking awesome, you know. And this time, they actually raised the beam while we were there. The barbecue was amazing. The architecture of the building, the color design. I think it's all coming together really, really good. And mister -- I forget his last name -- the elder or whatever it is. This is doing an amazing job on behalf of the contractor.

Yes, City manager.

GAMEZ: City manager should have checked with the directors. Is there anything we're

missing that we wanted to announce the council. Are we good?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: When are we doing the exhibit for the art exhibit thing?

GAMEZ: Mandy?

CARRICO: Mayor, Vice mayors, members of council, on May 12th before the May 12th council meeting. We will be having all of the artists that are currently exhibiting in our art exhibit, which features Latin artists. One will be Emily Castillo, who will be doing a live demo of sculptures that she makes in the lobby. And the rest of the artists will be on hand for meet and greet to talk about their art. So we encourage anyone in the community who'd like to come out to come out before, a little early, before the council meeting to meet the artists ask some questions, see a live demo. There'll be appetizers, snacks.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You had me at, snacks.

CARRICO: I should have led with that. There will be snacks, appetizers.

GAMEZ: Thank you. Okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Council Member?

GAMEZ: Yes. Real quickly, going back to the beam signing ceremony. And I was going to -- I'm, you know -- I was going to give Randy a big thank you, but you jumped before I do. That's good. You're the mayor. You can do that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You can add to it.

GAMEZ: You can do it anyway. But I'm saying thank you for what you did. It was a hell of an event. You and your staff did a great job. Should be very proud of what you did. And the tour, everything was great. It was fantastic. So thank you, Randy, for what you did. Appreciate it.

ARTZ: Mr. Mayor?

MEDRANO: Yes, yes. I did forget something because I'm still depressed about the Phoenix Suns departure from the playoffs. It'll take me all year to get over. But on May 4th, was it, we are doing the unveiling of our newest art piece along Van Buren

(indiscernible) .

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: May 4th? Okay. (Indiscernible)

MEDRANO: That was on purpose. And it'll be the first art piece of phase two of Paseo de Luces. So we're very excited about it. You can see it now. But we're going to do a formal unveiling on May 4th. We're very excited about it. It is stunning. It is stunning. And the students that developed it are just incredibly gifted. They'll be here to give (indiscernible).

ARTZ: Was it -- was the West Valley Fine Arts council, Gallery 37, correct.? And Gallery 37 designed all of the art pieces.

GOOD: 5:30 to 7 on May 4th.

GOOD: Yeah, we're really excited. I work for West Valley Arts council, full disclosure. And we're really excited with the work that the students did. So this is the first of three projects that we approved last year as a council. So in the next two fiscal years, we'll see the other two rolled out as well. But this one is incredible. It came out really, really nice. It matches the other ones really well. And so it's going to be a great event. We do have one of the students that was on that particular team that designed that project, will be speaking as well as we have a slate of speakers talking about Gallery 37, and the art projects, and (indiscernible), and just a whole bunch of stuff. We also have the original master artist from the old sculptures coming to speak a little bit about that project. So it's going to be a fun event. But what I -- that's not even what I was going to say. I'm glad you brought that up, because I totally forgot.

GAMEZ: No. Randy reminded me, too.

GOOD: I'm like, what's tomorrow?

GAMEZ: We have a lot going on. We have a lot going on, sir.

GOOD: But I was going to say for the beam signing ceremony, it -- when we do the ribbon cutting, Randy, if we can remember to invite the -- that committee that kind of went to the different pools and kind of scoped things out just to make sure that they're

a part of that. That'd be great.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: The design committee.

GOOD: Yeah. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I like the fact that those kind of events, in a sense, they're internal because a lot of city staff are there. But when you work for a city, you know, it's kind of like you're in a small island, but you're not. Like, if you work for police, you know, you work at the police department and you do police stuff. If you work for wastewater, you work at the wastewater treatment plant and you do wastewater stuff. These kind of events though, allow everybody to come out and see what's going on in the greater breadth of the organization. And this facility is amazing. So to have staff from every department there kind of getting a tour and understanding what's going on, it's a -- it's a good team building activity in general. Especially when you can break bread with your fellow Tolleson staff members. So good job all around.

Any other comments? Any other announcements?

ARTZ: I'm good. You good?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Well with that I'm going to move on to item L, which is -- now is the time for council to convene into executive session. We're asking members of the public and those that are not involved in this executive session to please exit the meeting at this time. The only action item after the executive session will be to adjourn the public meeting. So do we have a motion to go -- well, wait a minute. Before I take a motion, I'm going to -- I'm going to call for a five-minute recess. So if you all want to get going, where I'm going to go to the restroom. And by the time I come back, we'll go ahead and gavel into executive session.

APPROVED:

JUAN F. RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CRYSTAL ZAMORA, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, HELD ON APRIL 28, 2026. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD, AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

CRYSTAL ZAMORA, CITY CLERK

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Claims and Bills Report for the period of April 22, 2026 to May 5, 2026.

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kevin Artz, Chief Financial Officer

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Finance Department is requesting the approval of Claims and Bills Report for the period of April 22, 2026 to May 5, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Each Council Meeting, the Finance Department shall prepare a list of all claims paid by the City. The list shall be reviewed and approved when required by the Council, and a copy of it shall be included in the minutes.

DISCUSSION:

The Claims and Bills Report includes vendor payments of \$10,000 or more for the period noted above.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item has no additional budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Claims and Bills Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 04 22 26 to 05 05 26 Claims and Bills Report

City of Tolleson
Checks Recorded
Check Dates: April 22, 2026 to May 5, 2026
PAYMENTS OVER \$10,000

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE
VEOLIA WTS SOLUTIONS USA INC	\$530,021.47	102399	4/24/2026
RUSH TRUCK CENTER INC	\$224,866.64	187493	4/23/2026
ADVANCED SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$146,337.09	187506	4/30/2026
HAYDON BUILDING CORP	\$84,016.00	187563	5/4/2026
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$48,944.57	187513	4/30/2026
LYFT, INC.	\$47,606.42	102386	4/24/2026
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES INC	\$44,200.90	102446	5/5/2026
CITY OF AVONDALE	\$31,969.48	187512	4/30/2026
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES INC	\$25,792.34	102418	4/29/2026
SUNRISE ENGINEERING LLC	\$24,581.50	102372	4/22/2026
MARRERO ARMOR LLC	\$22,200.00	102422	4/29/2026
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF ARIZONA	\$20,159.76	187502	4/23/2026
VANGUARD TRUCK CENTERS LLC	\$18,515.35	102454	5/5/2026
ENTELLUS INC	\$16,223.73	187561	5/4/2026
ARMOR PROTECTION GROUP INC	\$15,519.44	102436	5/5/2026
FORWARD TILT LLC	\$13,483.05	102416	4/29/2026
MARICOPA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CONTROL	\$12,111.54	186983	4/30/2026
GREENLIGHT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING LLC	\$11,674.50	187526	4/30/2026
VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC	\$11,544.92	187482	4/23/2026
HD SUPPLY, INC	\$11,446.56	187481	4/23/2026
MARICOPA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CONTROL	\$10,801.08	187570	5/4/2026
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	\$12,237.99	102235	3/26/2026
ENTELLUS INC	\$11,625.44	187301	4/2/2026
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES INC	\$11,505.73	102268	4/3/2026
CDW-GOVERNMENT INC	\$11,393.66	102280	4/7/2026
FORWARD TILT LLC	\$10,128.53	102225	3/26/2026
FORWARD TILT LLC	\$10,128.51	102225	3/26/2026

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2643 - Authorizing Submission of a Grant Proposal to the Tohono O’odham Nation

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jason Earp, Development Services Director

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Development Services Department is requesting approval of Resolution No. 2643 authorizing the submission of a grant proposal to the Tohono O’odham Nation for funding related to economic development and other priority areas, and authorizing acceptance of any resulting grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Tohono O’odham Nation provides Proposition 202 grant funding to Arizona cities, towns, counties, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit the community. Eligible funding categories include education, health care, public safety, child advocacy, economic development, and cultural and environmental development and protection.

The City of Tolleson has previously pursued grant opportunities to support programs and initiatives that enhance services and quality of life for residents.

DISCUSSION:

Approval of Resolution No. 2643 will authorize the City to submit a grant proposal to the Tohono O’odham Nation for consideration in 2026. The proposed funding will support City projects related primarily to economic development, with the flexibility to include additional eligible priority areas as identified by the Nation.

The resolution also authorizes the City to accept any grant funding awarded and to execute all necessary documents related to the application and award process. This flexibility allows the City to respond to funding opportunities that align with community needs and Council priorities.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no direct budget impact associated with the submission of the grant application.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2643 authorizing submission of a grant proposal to the Tohono O’odham Nation and acceptance of any resulting grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Res 2643 Tohono O'odham 2026 Grant Application for Economic Development and Other Priority Areas
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RESOLUTION NO. 2643

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PRIORITY AREAS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY RESULTING GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation (the "Nation") is accepting proposals for Proposition 202 funding from Arizona cities, towns, counties and nonprofit organizations for projects in the following priority areas: (a) education; (b) health care; (c) public safety; (d) child advocacy; (e) economic development; and (f) cultural and environmental development and protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson (the "City") desires to submit a grant proposal for City projects relating to the priority areas established by the Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals above are hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the submission of a grant proposal for consideration by the Nation for one or more projects relating to the priority areas established by the Nation for 2026 and hereby authorizes the acceptance of any such grant.

Section 3. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit all documents and any other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the grant proposal, to execute any resulting grants and to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, on this 12th day of May, 2026.

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Justin Pierce, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: The Utilities Department is requesting approval of Resolution No. 2642 authorizing the City to enter into the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (AZWARN) Mutual Aid Agreement for emergency mutual aid services related to water and wastewater utilities, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Jamie McCracken, Utilities Director
REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Utilities Department is requesting approval of Resolution No. 2642 authorizing the City to enter into the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (AZWARN) Mutual Aid Agreement for emergency mutual aid services related to water and wastewater utilities, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (AZWARN) is a statewide mutual aid network established to support emergency preparedness and response among water and wastewater utilities. The network provides a framework for participating agencies to share personnel, equipment, services, and supplies during natural or man-made emergencies affecting utility operations.

AZWARN operates as a voluntary, member-driven network that promotes coordination and cooperation among utilities to enhance emergency response capabilities and maintain continuity of essential services.

DISCUSSION:

Approval of Resolution No. 2642 will authorize the City of Tolleson to enter into the AZWARN Mutual Aid Agreement. Participation in AZWARN allows the Utilities Department to both request and provide assistance during emergency situations, strengthening the City's ability to respond to disruptions in water and wastewater services.

The agreement establishes standardized procedures for requesting assistance, coordinating response efforts, and reimbursing participating agencies for costs incurred during emergency response activities.

Participation in AZWARN provides several benefits, including rapid access to specialized personnel and equipment, improved operational resilience, and enhanced protection of public health and safety. The program supports regulatory compliance and allows utilities to respond more efficiently to emergencies through established communication protocols and coordinated response efforts.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no direct budget impact associated with entering into the AZWARN Mutual Aid Agreement. Costs associated with providing assistance may be reimbursed by the requesting agency in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Participation in AZWARN is voluntary and may include minimal administrative or optional membership-related costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2642 authorizing the City to enter into the AZWARN Mutual Aid Agreement and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Res 2642 AZWARN Mutual Aid Agreement for Water and Wastewater Emergencies 05 12 26
2. AZWARN Overview2

RESOLUTION NO. 2642

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (AZWARN) MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID SERVICES RELATED TO WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES, INCLUDING THE SHARING OF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND RESOURCES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (AZWARN) is a statewide mutual aid network established to support emergency preparedness and response among water and wastewater utilities; and

WHEREAS, the AZWARN Mutual Aid Agreement provides a framework for participating agencies to share personnel, equipment, services, and supplies during natural or man-made emergencies affecting utility operations; and

WHEREAS, participation in AZWARN allows the City of Tolleson Utilities Department to request and provide assistance during emergencies, improving operational resilience and continuity of essential water and wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, the Mutual Aid Agreement establishes procedures for requesting assistance, coordinating response efforts, and reimbursing participating agencies for costs incurred during emergency response activities;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that entering into this Agreement is in the best interest of the City and promotes public health, safety, and welfare through enhanced emergency response capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The AZWARN Mutual Aid Agreement for emergency mutual aid services related to water and wastewater utilities, including the sharing of personnel, equipment, and resources during emergency situations, is hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to cause the execution and delivery of this Agreement and to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, on this 12th day of May, 2026.

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Justin Pierce, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

TO

RESOLUTION NO. 2642

[Mutual Aid Agreement]

See following pages.

**AZWARN
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
(AZWARN MAA)
AMONG MEMBERS OF
THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER
AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK**

(Effective March 30, 2019 - Supersedes all prior versions and AZWARN Agreements)

This Agreement is made and entered into by and among Municipalities, Municipal Corporations, Counties, Districts, Public Agencies and Private Water and Wastewater Utilities that have executed this Agreement to better respond to water and wastewater emergencies.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (“AZWARN”) was created by its member agencies on or about March, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Members desire to enter into a new agreement to further clarify the relationship among them and to provide a mechanism whereby additional entities, including private water and wastewater utilities, can join the AZWARN, pursuant to A.R.S.§26-301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Members of the AZWARN recognize the value of cooperative efforts in responding to water and wastewater utility emergencies and intend to cooperate to meet the need for mutual aid in emergencies; and;

WHEREAS, the signatories to this Agreement recognize that it would be beneficial to have established a plan and procedures in case of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the signatories to this Agreement are authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements pursuant to A.R.S. §26-301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, one or more members to this Agreement may find it necessary to utilize all of their own resources to cope with an emergency and may require the assistance of another member or other members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. §26-309, this Agreement is required to address the manner of financing such cooperative undertakings in advance of such emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between each and all of the Members hereto as follows:

AGREEMENT

Article 1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 Purpose: The Members recognize that emergencies may overwhelm the ability of a water and or wastewater utility to provide services to its customers. These emergencies may require assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, services, and supplies from outside the area of the impact of the emergency. Therefore, the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response

Network (“AZWARN”) Member utilities hereby re-establish within the State of Arizona an Intrastate Program for Mutual Assistance (“Mutual Assistance Program”) and create a statewide Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (“AZWARN”). Through the Mutual Assistance Program and AZWARN, the Members will coordinate response activities and may share resources during emergencies. This Agreement sets forth the procedures for the administration of this Mutual Assistance Agreement and AZWARN.

1.2 Scope: The scope of this Agreement is to (1) provide procedures to notify Members of the need for assistance; (2) provide procedures for Members to request assistance; (3) provide a mechanism for compensation for resources; and (4) continue AZWARN as redefined herein to implement this Agreement.

Article 2. Definitions

- 2.1 Agreement** means this Mutual Aid Agreement, among Members of AZWARN and amendments of the agreement as approved by its Members.
- 2.2 Associate:** Any non-utility participant, approved by the AZWARN Board, which provides a support role for the AZWARN program. These participants are nonvoting and are not a Party to this Agreement.
- 2.3 Authorized Designee** means an employee of a Member that is authorized by the Member’s governing body to request assistance, offer assistance, or declare emergencies under this Agreement.
- 2.4 Authorized Executive** means the Member official or officer with the authority to enter into contracts and agreements.
- 2.5 AZWARN (Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network)** means an organizational body of Member representatives. Each Member has one representative.
- 2.6 AZWARN Board** means the Chairperson and eight other Member representatives elected at large among AZWARN Member representatives.
- 2.7 AZWARN Chairperson** means the Member Representative elected by a majority vote of AZWARN. This person is responsible for chairing AZWARN meetings, giving notices as required by this Agreement and is authorized to execute actions approved by Resolutions of AZWARN.
- 2.8 Backfill** means the salary of replacement personnel who perform the regular duties of other personnel who are deployed under this mutual aid agreement.
- 2.9 Coordinator** means a person assigned by AZWARN to provide services as directed by AZWARN such as managing a website, special communication hub, or grant management.
- 2.10 Costs** mean the actual expenditures of funds by Responding Member, including backfill and indirect costs.
- 2.11 Emergency** means any event, natural or man-made, that is, or is likely to be, beyond the available services, personnel, equipment and facilities of an AZWARN Member.

- 2.12 Governing Body** means the authoritative body (e.g., city or town council, board of supervisors, district board, state agencies, or board of directors) elected, appointed, or hired to manage the affairs of the Member with appropriate authority to enter into this Agreement.
- 2.13 Indirect Costs** means 10% of the total expenditures of funds by the Responding Member.
- 2.15 Member** means a participating entity or agency in the AZWARN.
- 2.16 National Incident Management System (NIMS)** means the national, standardized approach to incident management and response that sets uniform processes and procedures for emergency response operations.
- 2.17 Period of Assistance** means a specified period of time when a Responding Member assists a Requesting Member. It begins with the Requesting Members' notice of acceptance of aid and ends when either the Responding Member or Requesting Member terminates the aid pursuant to notice provisions of this Agreement.
- 2.18 Requesting Member** means a Member who requests assistance in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 2.19 Responding Member** means a Member that responds to a request for assistance in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Article 3. Implementation

3.1 This Agreement will be implemented through AZWARN. Each Member to the Agreement will select a Member representative who will each have one vote. The Member representatives will elect a Chairperson and eight (8) Board Members. The existing Board and Chairperson under the original AZWARN agreement shall act as the Board and Chairperson under this Agreement until such time as the Members meet and elect a new Board and Chairperson. Provided, no person shall serve as a Board Member or Chairperson unless the Agency or Entity which he or she represents has adopted this Agreement. The Chairperson and each AZWARN Board Member will have one vote for Board business. At any time that membership in AZWARN does not exceed twenty (20) Members, a representative from each of the existing Members of AZWARN will serve as the Board instead.

3.2 AZWARN Member representatives will meet annually to elect a Chairperson, Board and Officers, review this Agreement as well as facilitate, plan and coordinate emergency planning, response activities, and training exercises under this agreement.

3.3 The AZWARN Board, will adopt resolutions, policies, procedures, operational plans and by-laws. Any existing resolutions, policies, procedures, operational plans, or by-laws from the original AZWARN shall be automatically adopted for this Agreement until changed or modified as provided herein.

3.4 Whenever the Governor declares a State emergency or disaster, or if a request for assistance is made to DEMA under this Agreement, notwithstanding the language herein, the Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) may at his or her discretion assume complete command and control over the response to the event in issue, as well as complete control over the training, coordinating, and planning in preparation for the same, to the extent

allowed and authorized in A.R.S. §§26-301-308. Said authority supersedes any grant of authority or decision making as set forth in this Agreement.

Article 4. Funding

4.1 The AZWARN Board will be responsible for developing and adopting an annual budget and establishing funding sources.

4.2 The AZWARN Board may authorize a Member or Associate to accept grants, gifts and other sources of funds on behalf of the interests of AZWARN. Implementation of this Agreement may be funded by voluntary annual contributions necessary to meet costs of administration and sustaining this Agreement.

Article 5. Procedures for Requesting Assistance

5.1 Member Responsibility. Each Member will identify an Authorized Designee or the Authorized Designee's delegate to provide contact information, including 24 hour contact, and maintain relatively current resource information made available by the utility for mutual assistance response.

5.2 Requests for Assistance. In the event of an Emergency, a Member's Authorized Designee may request mutual assistance from any other Participating Member(s). The request for assistance may also be transmitted to the AZWARN Coordinator. Requests for assistance may be made orally or in writing. When made orally, the request for assistance shall be followed by a written request as soon as practicable but no more than (10) working days after the oral request was made. Specific protocols for requesting assistance will be provided in the AZWARN Operational Plan approved by the AZWARN Board.

5.3 Response to a Request for Assistance. After a Member receives a request for assistance, the Authorized Designee evaluates whether resources are available to respond to the request for assistance. Following the evaluation, the Authorized Designee will notify, as soon as possible, the Requesting Member whether it has the resources to respond. If the Member is willing and able to provide assistance, the Member will: (1) notify the Requesting Member about the type of available resources; (2) notify the Requesting Member of the approximate arrival time of such assistance; (3) inform the Requesting Member of any special requirements needed to utilize the resources; and (4) inform the Requesting Member if there are any variations from the reimbursement provisions of this Agreement. Acceptance of this offer of assistance by the Requesting Member commences the Period of Assistance.

5.3.1 Any Period of Assistance commencing prior to the effective date of this Agreement but continuing until after the effective date of this Agreement shall be considered to be subject to the terms of this Agreement for the entire period unless either the Requesting Member or the Member receiving assistance has not adopted this Agreement in which case the agreement in place between the Members at the time of commencement of the Period of Assistance shall be controlling. Whenever the Governor declares a State emergency or disaster, or if a request for assistance is made to DEMA under this Agreement, all requests for assistance to DEMA and associated procedures/plans must conform to A.R.S. § 26-301 *et. seq.*

5.4 Discretion of Responding Member. Execution of this Agreement does not create any duty to provide assistance. When a Member receives a request for assistance, the Authorized Designee will have absolute discretion as to the availability of resources and choice of providing

assistance. An Authorized Designee's decisions on the availability of resources will be final and not subject to legal challenge.

5.5 Right to Withdraw. The Responding Member's Authorized Designee retains the right to withdraw some or all of its resources upon 24 hours' notice. Notice of intention to withdraw must be communicated to the Requesting Member's Authorized Designee. In the event any unsafe conditions pose a threat to personnel or equipment, the Responding Member may withdraw any or all of its resources upon notice.

Article 6. Responding Member Personnel

6.1 National Incident Management System. Assistance provided under this Agreement will be consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

6.2 Control. Personnel sent by a Responding Member will remain under the direct supervision and control of the Responding Member. The Requesting Member's Authorized Designee will coordinate response activities with the designated supervisor(s) of the Responding Member(s). Under no circumstances shall an employee of a Responding Member be considered an employee of a Requesting Member.

6.3 Food and Shelter. The Requesting Member will supply reasonable food and shelter for Responding Member personnel. If the Requesting Member fails to provide food and shelter to Responding personnel, the Responding Member's designated supervisor is authorized to purchase the resources necessary to meet the needs of its personnel. The cost for such resources must not exceed the per diem rates established by the State of Arizona. The Requesting Member remains responsible for reimbursing Responding Member for all costs associated with providing food and shelter, if such resources are not provided by the Requesting Member.

6.4 Communication. The Requesting Member will provide or make arrangements for appropriate communication equipment for Responding Member personnel.

6.5 Status. Unless otherwise provided by law, the Responding Member's officers and employees retain the same privileges, immunities, rights, duties, and benefits as provided in their respective jurisdictions.

Article 7. Reimbursement

7.1 Unless otherwise mutually agreed in whole or in part, the Requesting Member will reimburse the Responding Member for costs as outlined in 7.2 through 7.4 that Responding Member incurred while providing aid during the specified Period of Assistance.

7.2 Personnel. Requesting Member will pay Responding Member for work completed by Responding Member personnel during a specified Period of Assistance according to the terms provided in their employment contracts or other conditions of employment. The supervisor(s) designated by the Responding Member must keep accurate records of work performed by personnel during the specified Period of Assistance. Reimbursement must include all personnel costs, including salaries or hourly wages (including overtime and backfill), costs of fringe benefits, and indirect costs when reimbursing Responding Member.

7.3 Equipment. The Requesting Member will reimburse the Responding Member for the use of equipment during a specified Period of Assistance. Requesting Member will use equipment

rates based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Schedule of Equipment Rates. In the event of the use of equipment not included in the schedule of equipment rates, the Responding Member must provide such rates in writing to the Requesting Member prior to supplying resources. The Requesting Member and Responding Member must mutually agree, in writing, on rates prior to Responding Member's dispatch of equipment.

7.4 Materials and Supplies. The Requesting Member must reimburse the Responding Member in kind or at actual replacement cost, plus handling charges, for use of expendable or non-returnable supplies. The Responding Member will not charge direct fees or rental charges to the Requesting Member for other supplies and reusable items that are returned to the Responding Member in a clean, damage-free condition. The Responding Member and Requesting Member will treat reusable supplies that are returned to the Responding Member with damage as expendable supplies for purposes of cost reimbursement.

7.5 Reimbursement Procedures. The Responding Member must provide an itemized invoice to the Requesting Member for all expenses it incurred as a result of providing assistance under this Agreement. The Responding Member will submit the itemized invoice to the Requesting Member no later than ninety (90) days following the end of the Period of Assistance. The Requesting Member will pay the full amount due no later than forty-five (45) days following the invoice date. Any amount that Responding Member leaves unpaid after 45 days will accrue interest at the statutory annual interest rate of 10% pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1201.

7.6 Personnel Compensation and Insurance. The Requesting Member and the Responding Member will be responsible for all compensation and insurance coverage of their respective employees and equipment, if any, involved with mutual aid and consistent with A.R.S. § 26-314.B.

Article 8. Water Rights

8.1 This Agreement will not affect water rights nor create any transfer of water rights. Members do not intend for this Agreement to serve as a means of drought relief. Drought will not be considered an emergency under the terms of this Agreement.

Article 9. Protected Information, Statewide Critical Infrastructure and Disclosure

9.1 To the extent permitted by the Statewide Critical Infrastructure Information System Disclosure Law, A.R.S. § 41-1803 et seq., the Arizona Public Records Law, A.R.S. § 39-101 et seq., and other applicable laws, all Members will maintain the strictest confidence and will take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent the disclosure of any protected information disclosed under this Agreement. It is the responsibility of the owner of the protected information to mark, label, or otherwise identify what is protected information. If any Member, or other entity requests or demands, by subpoena or otherwise, that a Member disclose any protected information disclosed under this Agreement, the Member will immediately notify the owner of the protected information giving the owner the opportunity to take necessary steps to protect the information. The Member will take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent the disclosure of this information by asserting all applicable rights and privileges with respect to such information and will cooperate fully in any judicial or administrative proceeding relating thereto.

Article 10. Dispute Resolution

10.1 If any controversy or claim arises out of or relating to the Agreement, including but not limited to an alleged breach of the Agreement, Members are encouraged to first resolve the dispute amongst themselves through informal dispute resolution and then non-binding mediation if necessary. Members may agree on other escalating forms of dispute resolution. This provision does not waive any right of any party to file the claim in the appropriate court having Jurisdiction.

Article 11. Indemnification

11.1 Each Member (as “Indemnitor”) agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Member (as “Indemnitee”) from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “claims”) arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage (hereinafter collectively referred to as “claims”), but only to the extent that such claims both which (a) result in vicarious or derivative liability to the Indemnitee, and (b) are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the Indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees or volunteers. This indemnification shall survive termination of this Agreement or the termination of the participation of any of its Members. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph 11.1, each Member will bear the risk of its own actions, as it does with its operations.

Article 12. Worker’s Compensation Claims

12.1 Each Member is responsible for providing Workers’ Compensation benefits and administering Workers’ Compensation for its own personnel as it would in the normal course of business. Each Member will be responsible for any injuries which may occur to their own personnel during the course of rendering mutual assistance pursuant to this Agreement. A.R.S. §23-1022 shall apply where applicable.

Article 13. Notice of Claim or Suit

13.1 A Member who becomes aware of a claim or suit that in any way, directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, affects or might affect other Members of this Agreement will provide prompt and timely notice to the Members who may be affected by the suit or claim. Each Member reserves the right to participate in the defense of such claims or suits as necessary to protect its own interests.

Article 14. Insurance

14.1 Each Member will determine for itself what kinds of insurance, (including self-insurance), and in what amounts, it should carry. Nothing herein will act or be construed as a waiver of any sovereign immunity or other exemption or limitation on liability that a Member may enjoy.

Article 15. Effective Date

15.1 Effective Date. This Agreement will become effective for each Member upon the effective date set forth above or after approval by its Governing Body or Authorized Executive, whichever comes later.

15.2 Term. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, this Agreement will terminate June 30, 2030 unless extended. Upon termination any involved property shall revert to the original owner unless conveyed to another participant pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

Article 16. Withdrawal

16.1 Any Member may terminate its participation in this Agreement through written instrument of its Governing Body or Authorized Executive which gives notice of termination of participation in this Agreement and providing a copy to the AZWARN Chairperson. This Agreement is terminated as to such Member twenty (20) days after the date received by the AZWARN Chair. The termination by one or more of the Members of its participation in this Agreement will not affect the operation of this Agreement as between the other Members thereto.

Article 17. Non-Appropriation

17.1 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, any Member may withdraw from this Agreement if for any reason the Member's Governing Body does not appropriate sufficient monies for the purposes of this Agreement. In such event, a withdrawing Member will have no further obligation to the other Members other than for payment for services rendered prior to withdrawal.

Article 18. Prohibition of Third Parties and Assignment of Rights and Duties

18.1 This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Members and no person or entity may have any rights under this Agreement as a third-Member beneficiary. Assignments of benefits and delegations of duties created by this Agreement are prohibited.

18.2 Nothing in the provisions of this Agreement is intended to create duties or obligations to or rights in third parties who are not Members or affect the legal liability of any Member by imposing any standard of care different from the standard of care imposed by law.

Article 19. Other Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements

19.1 Nothing in this Agreement will limit any Member's ability to continue with, or enter into, other mutual aid or assistance agreements.

Article 20. Americans with Disabilities Act

20.1 Each Member will comply with applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213) and all applicable federal regulations under the Act, including 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36.

Article 21. Non-Discrimination

21.1 No Member will discriminate against any employee, client, or any other individual in any way because of that person's age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability or national origin in the course of carrying out Member duties pursuant to this Agreement. Each Member will comply with the provisions of Executive Order 2009-9, which is incorporated into this Agreement by reference, as if set forth in full herein.

Article 22. Compliance with Laws

22.1 Each Member will comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules regulations, standard and Executive Orders, without limitation to those designated within this Agreement. The laws and regulations of the State of Arizona will govern the rights of the Members, the performance of the Agreement and any disputes hereunder. Any changes in the governing laws, rules and regulations during the terms of this Agreement will apply but do not require an amendment of this Agreement. Unless preempted by applicable law, any Member entering this Agreement hereby certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract to not engage in, a boycott of Israel as set forth in A.R.S. § 35-393.01; however, the District Court of Arizona recently enjoined A.R.S. § 35-393.01 and until such time as the Court's injunction is stayed or otherwise lifted, the Anti-Israel Boycott Provision is unenforceable and no signatory to this Agreement will take action to enforce it.

Article 23. Entire Agreement

23.1 This document constitutes the entire agreement among the Members pertaining to the subject matter hereof, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, are hereby superseded and merged herein. This Agreement will not be modified, amended, altered or extended except through a written amendment approved by the Members' Governing Bodies, or Authorized Executives.

Article 24. Jurisdiction

24.1 Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as otherwise limiting or extending the legal jurisdiction of any Member. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to confer any rights or remedies to any person or entity that is not a Member under this Agreement.

Article 25. Conflict of Interest

25.1 This Agreement is subject to cancellation for conflict of interest pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the pertinent provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Article 26. Severability

26.1 If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Article 27. Responsibility of the State of Arizona

27.1 Nothing within this Agreement limits or restricts the duties and obligations of the State of Arizona to respond to the Emergency of any Member.

MUTUAL AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK

County Signature Page

_____ COUNTY

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_____ Date: _____
Chair County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____ Date: _____
Clerk of the Board

Date of formal approval Governing Body: _____

The attorney for the above entitled has determined that the foregoing Agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority of the entity as granted under the laws of the State.

_____ Date: _____
Deputy County Attorney

_____ County

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
City Signature Page

City of _____

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Mayor, City of _____ Date: _____

ATTEST: _____ Date: _____
City Clerk

Date of formal approval Governing Body: _____

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City Attorney Date: _____

City of _____

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
Town Signature Page

Town of _____

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Mayor, Town of _____ Date: _____

ATTEST: _____ Date: _____
Town Clerk

Date of formal approval Governing Body: _____

The attorney for the above entitled has determined that the foregoing Agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority of the entity as granted under the laws of the State.

Town Attorney Date: _____

Town of _____

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
Political Subdivision Signature Page**

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_____, Board of Directors Date: _____

ATTEST: _____ Date: _____
Clerk of the Board

Date of formal approval Governing Body: _____

The attorney for the above entitled has determined that the foregoing Agreement is in proper form and is within the powers and authority of a political subdivision under the laws of the State.

General Counsel Date: _____

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
District Signature Page**

_____ District

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_____ Date: _____
Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____ Date: _____
Clerk of the Board

Date of formal approval Governing Body: _____

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_____ Date: _____
General Counsel

_____ District

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
Public Agency Signature Page**

State of Arizona

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_____ Date: _____
Director, Department of _____

ATTEST: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Director

Date of formal approval Governing Body: _____

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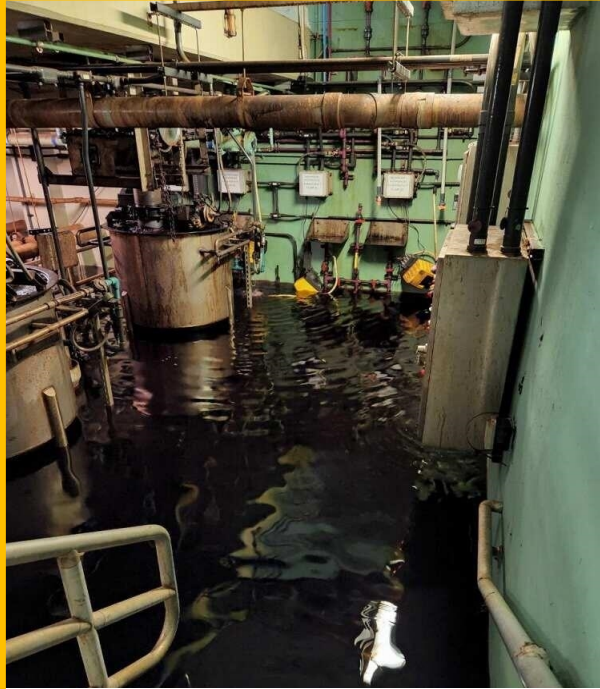
_____ Date: _____
Attorney General
State of Arizona

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA WATER
AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK
Private Water or Wastewater Utility**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members hereto each sign this Mutual Aid Agreement, among members of the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network, on a separate signature page. The signor warrants that he or she has been duly authorized to commit the Utility in the Agreement by formal approval of the Utilities' Governing Body.

BY: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____



AZWARN OVERVIEW

CHRISTINE NUÑEZ, AZWARN CHAIR

CITY OF PHOENIX, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER

AZWARN - WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK

The mission of the AZWARN network is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response and mutual aid assistance for water and wastewater utilities during natural and human caused emergencies.



A NETWORK OF UTILITIES HELPING UTILITIES

AZWARN organizes utilities within AZ through a mutual aid agreement

- Provide one another assistance - personnel, expertise, and resources in emergencies
 - Natural disasters
 - Human-caused disasters or emergency situations
- **Requests and response are voluntary**
- Each responding organization is reimbursed for labor, materials, etc. by the requesting utility.
- AZWARN is not a corporation or a governmental unit it is member run and voluntary based.





UTILITIES ARE SPECIALIZED OPERATIONS

- Systems and Instrumentation
- Distribution and Collection System Dynamics
- Water and Wastewater Treatment Expertise and Specialized Knowledge
- Certified Personnel
- Human Health Ramifications
- Toxic and Explosive Chemical Handling & Control
- Regulatory Consequences
- Unique Laboratory Disciplines

AZWARN - WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK

- Open to all Water and Wastewater utilities in AZ (public and private)
- Volunteer based
- AWWA & EPA - National WARN Program
- No cost (voluntary dues of \$250 per year)
- Training and Workshops – PDH's
- Member to Member Assistance via MAA
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates and actual costs





QUICK FACTS

- Formed and activated in 2008
- AZWARN - initiated through AZ Water (azwater.org) and the AZ Water Utility Council
- 3 Officers and 8-member board
- By-Laws updated in 2022 Currently @ 45 Members
- >76% population covered
- Monthly & Bi-Weekly National WARN Meetings
- 2018 Mutual Aid Agreement – all water utility concept
- Utility-driven model - Utilities organize and manage.
- WARN operations typically funded by MAA cost-recovery provisions.



2025 SNAPSHOT

- 20 - 25 members attend monthly meetings
- Training :
 - City of Peoria Emergency Manager Statewide Forum
 - ADEQ & AZWARN Security Readiness and Emergency Preparedness for Water & Wastewater Utilities
 - AZ Water Conference Emergency Preparedness Session for Operator Training Track Series
- Serve as Chair for the Security/AZWARN Committee
- Mutual Aids Requests:
 - Gila County – Post flooding – hauled water
- Challenges:
 - Website
 - Water Hauling

WARN HISTORY

- 911 and Hurricane Katrina - drivers for WARN establishment
 - Katrina - No agreement - 40 days to mobilize.
 - Mississippi 3 days to mobilize with an agreement and EMAC .
- First formal WARN agreement was **CaIWARN** (California), which became the model for other states.
- Founding members: CALWARN, FLWARN, TXWARN, AZWARN
- 2007 - U.S. EPA began actively supporting nationwide WARN expansion
- Initially EPA's Water Security Division - funding, technical assistance, and coordination to help states form WARN's and develop agreements.
- EPA partnered with national water sector associations to promote WARN adoption and provide templates, training, and planning resources
- Today AWWA works with EPA and some funding still available.



CURRENT WARN

Compared to its early years, the current WARN system:

- Operates in every US state
- Nationwide adopted & standardized
- New MAA modeled from the original IGA
- Core model – “ Utilities Helping Utilities”
- Integrated through emergency management systems
- MAA’s allow sharing of personnel, equipment, and specialized and technical expertise
- Inclusive of all utilities: Tribal, small to large systems, public and private.
- More mature - procedures, exercises, and resource inventories
- EPA and AWWA - national guidance and resources to keep WARNs aligned



BENEFITS OF WARN

- Regulatory Benefits
- Sets Terms and Conditions for Utility-to-Utility Assistance
- Supports FEMA Reimbursement
- Establishes emergency contacts and protocols
- Practical Benefits
 - Rapid Assistance – Expeditious Correction
 - Similar or Exact Knowledge Base
 - Certified Personnel
 - Regulatory Compliance Assistance
 - Minimizes Impacts





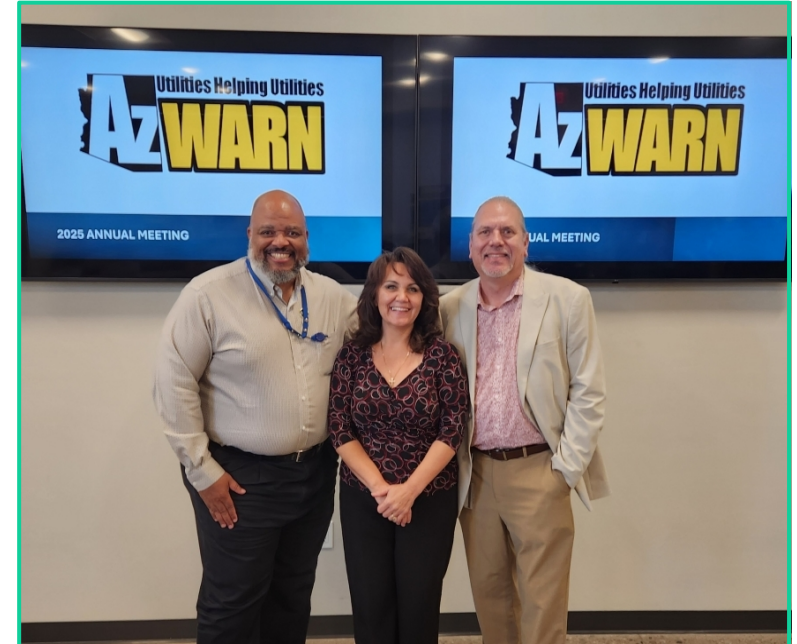
WHY SIGN A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT?

Elected leadership and governing boards affirm a commitment to:

- Operational resilience
- Rapid response in emergency situations
- Interagency cooperation
- Regular collaboration with other utilities
- Community protection and public health
- Regulatory Compliance
- The safety of employees



azwarn.org



Ed Buster, Treasurer, Christine Nuñez, Chair, & David Tavares, Vice Chair

QUESTIONS?

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2641 - 2027 Tentative Budget

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kevin Artz, Chief Financial Officer

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Finance department is requesting adoption of Resolution No. 2641, adopting the tentative estimates of the amounts required for the public expense for the City of Tolleson for Fiscal Year 2027; adopting a tentative budget in the amount of \$247,153,697; setting forth the receipt and amounts estimated collectible for the fiscal year; giving notice of the time for the hearing of taxpayers, for adoption of the budget and for fixing tax levies.

BACKGROUND:

On March 24, 2026, staff presented the revenues and property tax rate analysis for all funds.

On April 15, 2026, staff presented the expenditure requests for all departments in the General Fund.

On April 28, staff presented the expenditure requests for all other funds in the City.

DISCUSSION:

The Budget team has met with each department and a balanced budget has been prepared for FY 26/27. The City Manager recommended budget, which was presented to Council in March and April, totaled \$244,078,697.

There are changes to the budget that was presented to Council in April. The following items have been added to the budget, based on Council direction and projects that need to be carried over:

Increase funding for TIA and VIVA in the Council Budget	\$ 90,000
Increase funding for City Promotions	35,000
Carryover for Sewer projects not completed (Lift station 20)	2,775,000
Carryover in Water (Generator and Well 7)	<u>175,000</u>
 Total increase	 \$ 3,075,000

The following table presents the projected beginning fund balance, estimated revenues, transfers in and out, requested expenditures and estimated ending fund balance.

FUND	ESTIMATED BALANCE 7/1/2026	REVENUES	TRANSFER IN	EXPENDITURES	TRANSFER OUT	ESTIMATED BALANCE 6/30/2027
1000 - GENERAL FUND	\$110,895,607	\$ 56,169,720		\$ 89,585,650	\$ 8,935,600	\$ 68,544,077
2200 - HURF	\$ 518,207	\$ 946,000		\$ 1,345,000		\$ 119,207
2600 - PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 12,402,883	\$ 8,471,000		\$ 9,880,500		\$ 10,993,383
2900 - JCEF	\$ 235,302	\$ 83,300		\$ 147,720		\$ 170,882
3100 - FEDERAL GRANTS FUND		\$ 51,315,049		\$ 51,315,049		\$ -
3200 - AAA FUND		\$ 255,954	\$ 935,600	\$ 1,191,554		\$ -
3300 - CDBG	\$ -	\$ 425,000		\$ 425,000		\$ -
3500 - NON-FEDERAL GRANTS FUND		\$ 455,720		\$ 207,953		\$ 247,767
4100-4900 - DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	\$ 29,264	\$ 4,515,300		\$ 4,301,075		\$ 243,489
5100 - AQUATIC CENTER AND PARKS	\$ 17,328,021		\$ 8,000,000	\$ 25,300,000		\$ 28,021
6100 - WATER FUND	\$ 13,887,021	\$ 8,992,350		\$ 22,868,552		\$ 10,819
6200 - SANITATION FUND	\$ 497,228	\$ 447,800		\$ 750,070		\$ 194,958
6300 - WASTE WATER FUND	\$ 11,876,702	\$ 22,543,100	\$ 202,870	\$ 34,418,352		\$ 204,320
6400 - SEWER FUND	\$ 4,830,950	\$ 1,912,000		\$ 5,363,152	\$ 202,870	\$ 1,176,928
TOTAL	\$172,482,898	\$156,543,743	\$ 9,138,470	\$ 247,153,697	\$ 9,138,470	\$ 81,872,944

BUDGET IMPACT:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 2641, setting forth the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2027, in the amount of \$247,153,697.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Res 2641 FY 2027 Tentative Budget 05 12 26

RESOLUTION NO. 2641

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE ESTIMATES OF THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR THE PUBLIC EXPENSE FOR THE CITY OF TOLLESON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET; SETTING FORTH THE RECEIPTS AND AMOUNT ESTIMATED COLLECTIBLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR; THE VARIOUS PURPOSES; GIVING NOTICE OF THE TIME FOR THE HEARING OF TAXPAYERS, FOR ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET AND FOR FIXING TAX LEVIES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. That the Statements and Schedules adopted by the City Council attached hereto are for the Tentative Budget for the City of Tolleson for the Fiscal Year 2027.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to (i) publish in the manner prescribed by law, a summary of the estimates of revenues and expenses as set forth in Schedule A, together with a notice of a hearing on the budget, (ii) file a complete copy of the estimates of revenues and expenses, as set forth in Schedules A thru G, at the City Library and City administrative offices, and (iii) post a complete copy of the estimates of revenues and expenses on the City's website at www.tolleson.az.gov, together with notice that the Council will meet for the purpose of final hearing of taxpayers and at a special meeting, for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget for the City of Tolleson on the 9th day of June, 2026 at the hour of 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Tolleson Civic Center, as well as via Zoom Webinar (Meeting ID: 840 6967 9194), and will further meet for the purpose of making tax levies on the 23rd day of June, 2026, at the hour of 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Tolleson Civic Center, as well as via Zoom Webinar (Meeting ID: 840 6967 9194).

Section 3. The estimates of revenues and expenses and the notice, Resolution No. 2641, may be found at the City Library and the City administrative offices, located at 9055 West Van Buren Street, Tolleson, Arizona 85353 in the Tolleson Civic Center.

Section 4. Upon the recommendation of the City Manager and approval of the City Council, expenditures may be made from the appropriation for contingencies. The transfers of any sums within any specific appropriation on Schedule E may be made only upon the approval of the City Council.

Section 5. Money from any fund may be used for any of these appropriations, except money specifically restricted by State Law or by City Ordinance or Resolution.

Section 6. The Statements and Schedules of the Tentative Budget are as follows: Schedule A, B, C, D, E, and G (Schedule F is not applicable).

Section 7. The Mayor, the City Manager, the City Clerk and City Attorney are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, on this 12th day of May, 2026.

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Justin Pierce, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
TO
RESOLUTION NO. 2641

[Schedules A thru G]

See following pages.

City of Tolleson
Summary Schedule of estimated revenues and expenditures/expenses
Fiscal year 2027

Fiscal year	S c h	Funds								
		General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Enterprise Funds Available	Internal Service Funds	Total all funds	
2026	E	1	74,090,080	64,791,233	6,444,613	32,000,000	0	56,359,600	0	233,685,526
2026	E	2	47,897,830	10,161,300	6,444,613	18,000,000	0	33,517,500	0	116,021,243
2027		3	110,895,607	13,138,105	29,264	17,328,021	0	31,091,901	0	172,482,898
2027	B	4	5,015,036							5,015,036
2027	B	5			3,882,000					3,882,000
2027	C	6	51,221,720	62,898,573	633,300	0	0	34,098,120	0	148,851,713
2027	D	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027	D	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027	D	9	0	936,600	0	8,000,000	0	202,870	0	9,139,470
2027	D	10	8,936,600	0	0	0	0	202,870	0	9,139,470
2027		11								
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2027		12	158,195,763	76,973,278	4,544,564	25,328,021	0	65,190,021	0	330,231,647
2027	E	13	89,585,650	64,566,846	4,301,075	25,300,000	0	63,400,126	0	247,153,697

Expenditure limitation comparison

	2026	2027
1 Budgeted expenditures/expenses	\$ 233,685,526	\$ 247,153,697
2 Add/subtract: estimated net reconciling items		
3 Budgeted expenditures/expenses adjusted for reconciling items	233,685,526	247,153,697
4 Less: estimated exclusions		
5 Amount subject to the expenditure limitation	\$ 233,685,526	\$ 247,153,697
6 EEC expenditure limitation or voter-approved alternative expenditure limitation	\$	\$

The city/town does not levy property taxes and does not have special assessment districts for which property taxes are levied. Therefore, Schedule B has been omitted.

* Includes expenditure/expense adjustments approved in the current year from Schedule E.

** Includes actual amounts as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, adjusted for estimated activity for the remainder of the fiscal year.

*** Amounts on this line represent beginning fund balance/(deficit) or net position/(deficit) amounts except for nonspendable amounts (e.g., prepaids and inventories) or amounts legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (e.g., principal of a permanent fund). See the Instructions tab, cell C17 for more information about the amounts that should and should not be included on this line.

City of Tolleson
Tax levy and tax rate information
Fiscal year 2027

	2026	2027
1. Maximum allowable primary property tax levy. A.R.S. §42-17051(A)	\$ <u>6,328,532</u>	\$ <u>6,455,103</u>
2. Amount received from primary property taxation in the current year in excess of the sum of that year's maximum allowable primary property tax levy. A.R.S. §42-17102(A)(18)	\$ _____	
3. Property tax levy amounts		
A. Primary property taxes	\$ <u>4,948,563</u>	\$ <u>5,015,036</u>
Property tax judgment	_____	_____
B. Secondary property taxes	<u>3,787,800</u>	<u>3,882,000</u>
Property tax judgment	_____	_____
C. Total property tax levy amounts	\$ <u>8,736,363</u>	\$ <u>8,897,036</u>
4. Property taxes collected*		
A. Primary property taxes		
(1) Current year's levy	\$ <u>3,584,873</u>	
(2) Prior years' levies	<u>6,862</u>	
(3) Total primary property taxes	\$ <u>3,591,735</u>	
B. Secondary property taxes		
(1) Current year's levy	\$ <u>2,675,206</u>	
(2) Prior years' levies	_____	
(3) Total secondary property taxes	\$ <u>2,675,206</u>	
C. Total property taxes collected	\$ <u>6,266,941</u>	
5. Property tax rates		
A. City/Town tax rate		
(1) Primary property tax rate	<u>1.5158</u>	<u>1.5204</u>
Property tax judgment	_____	_____
(2) Secondary property tax rate	<u>1.1602</u>	<u>1.1556</u>
Property tax judgment	_____	_____
(3) Total city/town tax rate	<u>2.6760</u>	<u>2.6760</u>
B. Special assessment district tax rates		
Secondary property tax rates—As of the date the proposed budget was prepared, the city/town was operating <u>NO</u> special assessment districts for which secondary property taxes are levied. For information pertaining to these special assessment districts and their tax rates, please contact the city/town.		

* Includes actual property taxes collected as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, plus estimated property tax collections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

City of Tolleson
Revenues other than property taxes
Fiscal Year 2027

Source of revenues	Estimated revenues 2026	Actual revenues* 2026	Estimated revenues 2027
General Fund			
Local taxes			
City Sales Tax	\$ 37,500,000	\$ 46,000,000	\$ 40,375,000
Franchise Tax	42,000	42,000	37,000
In-Leiu Tax	621,500	700,000	638,300
Licenses and permits			
Business License	79,000	55,000	55,000
Building Permits	375,000	210,000	250,000
Intergovernmental			
Urban Revenue Sharing	1,200,000	1,800,000	1,550,000
State Sales Tax	1,166,000	1,325,000	1,250,000
LTAf	18,300	18,332	18,300
Grants	240,750	56,514	46,000
Charges for services			
Building Plan Review	206,000	152,000	150,000
Zoning Fees	15,000	20,000	20,000
Other Charges for Services	1,618,000	2,218,000	3,570,020
Fines and forfeits			
Traffic Fines	185,000	170,000	165,000
Interest on investments			
Investment Earnings	1,750,000	2,790,000	2,795,000
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	387,200	1,100,000	302,100
Total General Fund	\$ 45,403,750	\$ 56,656,846	\$ 51,221,720

* Includes actual revenues recognized on the modified accrual or accrual basis as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, plus estimated revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

City of Tolleson
Revenues other than property taxes
Fiscal Year 2027

Source of revenues	Estimated revenues 2026	Actual revenues* 2026	Estimated revenues 2027
Special revenue funds			
Highway User Revenue	\$ 945,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 946,000
Impound	10,000	25,000	11,450
Public Safety Sales Tax	8,305,000	7,960,000	8,471,000
JCEF	78,000	75,000	83,300
Grants	57,049,889	1,447,000	51,770,769
AAA/CDBG	1,258,054	787,000	1,616,054
	<u>\$ 67,645,943</u>	<u>\$ 11,294,000</u>	<u>\$ 62,898,573</u>
	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
Total special revenue funds	<u>\$ 67,645,943</u>	<u>\$ 11,294,000</u>	<u>\$ 62,898,573</u>

* Includes actual revenues recognized on the modified accrual or accrual basis as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, plus estimated revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

City of Tolleson
Revenues other than property taxes
Fiscal Year 2027

Source of revenues	Estimated revenues 2026	Actual revenues* 2026	Estimated revenues 2027
Debt service funds			
Sales Tax	\$ 620,700	\$ 620,700	\$ 633,300
	\$ 620,700	\$ 620,700	\$ 633,300
Total debt service funds	\$ 620,700	\$ 620,700	\$ 633,300

* Includes actual revenues recognized on the modified accrual or accrual basis as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, plus estimated revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Enterprise funds

Water	\$ 8,931,700	\$ 8,806,000	\$ 8,992,350
Sanitation	480,500	425,000	447,800
Wastewater	27,128,450	8,500,000	22,745,970
Sewer	1,856,300	1,567,000	1,912,000
	\$ 38,396,950	\$ 19,298,000	\$ 34,098,120
Total enterprise funds	\$ 38,396,950	\$ 19,298,000	\$ 34,098,120

* Includes actual revenues recognized on the modified accrual or accrual basis as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, plus estimated revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Total all funds \$ 152,067,343 \$ 87,869,546 \$ 148,851,713

* Includes actual revenues recognized on the modified accrual or accrual basis as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, plus estimated revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

City of Tolleson
Other financing sources/(uses) and interfund transfers
Fiscal year 2027

Fund	Other financing 2027		Interfund transfers 2027	
	Sources	(Uses)	In	(Out)
General Fund				
AAA	\$	\$	\$	\$ 936,600
Aquatic Center				8,000,000
Total General Fund	\$	\$	\$	\$ 8,936,600
Special revenue funds				
General Fund	\$	\$	\$ 936,600	\$
Total special revenue funds	\$	\$	\$ 936,600	\$
Debt service funds				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total debt service funds	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital projects funds				
General Fund	\$	\$	\$ 8,000,000	\$
Total capital projects funds	\$	\$	\$ 8,000,000	\$
Enterprise funds				
Wastewater	\$	\$	\$ 202,870	\$
Sewer				202,870
Total enterprise funds	\$	\$	\$ 202,870	\$ 202,870
Total all funds	\$	\$	\$ 9,139,470	\$ 9,139,470

**City of Tolleson
Expenditures/expenses by fund
Fiscal year 2027**

Fund/Department	Adopted budgeted expenditures/ expenses 2026	Expenditure/ expense adjustments approved 2026	Actual expenditures/ expenses* 2026	Budgeted expenditures/ expenses 2027
General Fund				
Mayor and Council	\$ 970,000	\$	\$ 873,000	\$ 1,285,200
City Manager	599,700		593,700	781,150
Public Affairs	1,200,350		960,000	1,268,250
Non-profit Donations	62,000		6,500	62,000
City Clerk	560,200		448,160	576,150
Employee Resources	1,173,000		1,055,700	1,357,400
Employee Development	107,000		81,320	107,000
City Magistrate	302,850		278,000	317,750
Court Administration	590,500		472,400	530,500
Finance	1,995,550		1,995,550	2,374,150
Information Technology	2,239,050		2,082,000	2,731,000
Field Operations - Vehicles	676,600		643,000	640,700
Field Operations - Grounds	502,550		502,550	669,950
Field Operations - Buildings	1,733,900		1,612,500	1,829,450
Human Services	1,539,500	76,475	1,200,800	1,932,000
Housing Services	776,300		481,300	1,294,800
Police - Administration	1,218,350		999,000	1,749,550
Police - Support Services	2,522,700		2,462,000	3,215,800
Police - Field Operations	4,743,430		4,506,000	4,890,900
City Prosecutor	188,000		188,000	188,000
Fire - Administration	1,139,900		1,060,000	1,729,700
Fire - Operations	4,459,500		4,036,000	4,207,500
Emergency Preparedness	317,200		317,200	317,200
Building Inspection	692,550		601,000	614,550
Streets	1,303,900		1,082,000	1,477,200
Transportation	457,500		457,500	1,107,500
Library	1,865,200		1,679,000	1,926,600
Field Operations - Parks	1,057,550		550,000	997,650
Aquatics Center	1,525,000	(76,475)	50,000	1,588,900
Parks and Recreation	2,659,900		1,862,000	2,807,400
Teen Council	221,600		188,300	222,950
City Promotion	669,950		502,500	704,950
Development Services	1,045,050		1,045,050	1,217,350
Planning and Engineering	584,250		525,800	378,500
Capital Outlay	24,989,500	4,755,000	12,500,000	38,486,000
Countingency	4,000,000	(1,355,000)		4,000,000
Total General Fund	\$ 70,690,080	\$ 3,400,000	\$ 47,897,830	\$ 89,585,650
Special revenue funds				
HURF	\$ 1,345,000	\$	\$ 1,310,000	\$ 1,345,000
Impound	51,050		46,200	54,070
Public Safety Tax	8,383,000		5,700,000	9,880,500
JCEF	139,320		105,100	147,720
Grants	56,700,809	(3,400,000)	2,000,000	51,523,002
AAA/CDBG	1,572,054		1,000,000	1,616,554
Total special revenue funds	\$ 68,191,233	\$ (3,400,000)	\$ 10,161,300	\$ 64,566,846
Debt service funds				
Debt Service	\$ 6,444,613	\$	\$ 6,444,613	\$ 4,301,075
Total debt service funds	\$ 6,444,613	\$	\$ 6,444,613	\$ 4,301,075
Capital projects funds				
Aquatics Center	\$ 32,000,000	\$	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 25,300,000
Total capital projects funds	\$ 32,000,000	\$	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 25,300,000
Permanent funds				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total permanent funds	\$	\$	\$	\$
Enterprise funds				
Water	\$ 21,033,000	\$ (3,000,000)	\$ 13,400,000	\$ 22,868,552
Sanitation	532,500		532,500	750,070
Wastewater	32,370,400		14,600,000	34,418,352
Sewer	2,423,700	3,000,000	4,985,000	5,363,152
Total enterprise funds	\$ 56,359,600	\$	\$ 33,517,500	\$ 63,400,126
Internal service funds				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total internal service funds	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total all funds	\$ 233,685,526	\$	\$ 116,021,243	\$ 247,153,697

* Includes actual expenditures/expenses recognized on the modified accrual or accrual basis as of the date the proposed budget was prepared, plus estimated expenditures/expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

City of Tolleson
Full-time employees and personnel compensation
Fiscal year 2027

Fund	Full-time equivalent (FTE)	Employee salaries and hourly costs	Retirement costs	Healthcare costs	Other benefit costs	Total estimated personnel compensation
	2027	2027	2027	2027	2027	2027
General Fund	222.5	\$ 18,852,400	\$ 2,139,750	\$ 4,808,500	\$ 2,337,150	\$ 28,137,800
Special revenue funds						
Public Safety Tax	34.0	\$ 2,865,300	\$ 299,800	\$ 841,800	\$ 375,350	\$ 4,382,250
AAA	6.5	394,750	39,800	153,300	49,650	637,500
Total special revenue funds	40.5	\$ 3,260,050	\$ 339,600	\$ 995,100	\$ 425,000	\$ 5,019,750
Debt service funds						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total debt service funds		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital projects funds						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total capital projects funds		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Permanent funds						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total permanent funds		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Enterprise funds						
Water	12.0	\$ 1,602,100	\$ 189,450	\$ 505,950	\$ 209,650	\$ 2,507,150
Wastewater & Sewer	31.0	3,417,300	390,050	909,350	431,100	5,147,800
Total enterprise funds	43.0	\$ 5,019,400	\$ 579,500	\$ 1,415,300	\$ 640,750	\$ 7,654,950
Internal service funds						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total internal service fund		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total all funds	306.0	\$ 27,131,850	\$ 3,058,850	\$ 7,218,900	\$ 3,402,900	\$ 40,812,500

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: City of Tolleson 2026 Community Grant Program Funding

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Community Grant Council Subcommittee is requesting the approval of the City of Tolleson 2026 Community Grant Program funding recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tolleson Community Grant Program provides direct monetary grants to help nonprofit organizations with projects and activities that provide health and human services which improve the quality of life for Tolleson residents. Nonprofit 501(C) 3 agencies are also eligible to apply.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Grant Council Subcommittee reviewed all 22 applications that were submitted and recommends funding as follows:

Angel Babies – \$4,687.50

Cornerstone Community Development Corp. dba Mercy House Community Center – \$4,687.50

Gervonni Cares, Inc. – \$4,687.50

Homeless Youth Connection, Inc. – \$4,687.50

Mitchell Swaback Charities, Inc. dba Harvest Compassion Center – \$4,687.50

Revolution Ministries – \$4,687.50

Teen Lifeline – \$4,687.50

Tolleson Community Coalition – \$2,500.00 (Requested Amount)

Trellis: \$4,687.50

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is \$40,000 in the budget for the Community Grant Program for 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Grant Council Subcommittee recommends the City Council approve the City of Tolleson 2026 Community Grant Program funding recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026 Community Grant Recipients

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program

Angel Babies

Mission	Angel Babies is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to supporting low-income families, children, seniors, and individuals experiencing hardship by helping, outreach services, and resource support within the Tolleson community.
Project	The Angel Babies Community Support & Resource Assistance Program provides essential resources such as food boxes, hygiene kits, diapers, clothing, school supplies, and holiday assistance. The program also organizes community outreach events including back-to-school drives, toy distributions, and emergency assistance support to help families facing financial hardship.
Tolleson Residents	The organization estimates serving approximately 1,000 Tolleson residents , including low-income families, children, seniors, and vulnerable individuals. Program goals include providing emergency assistance to at least 75 Tolleson families , distributing essential supplies, and hosting at least three community outreach events within city boundaries.
Boundaries of Service Area	Angel Babies serves residents within the City of Tolleson , with services specifically focused on the 85353 area and individuals living within city boundaries.
Budget	Angel Babies is requesting \$5,000 to support direct program services. Funds will be used for food assistance supplies, hygiene kits and diapers, school supplies and children’s clothing, community outreach event costs, and holiday assistance items.

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program
**Cornerstone Community Development Corp dba
 Mercy House Community Center**

Mission	Mercy House Community Center provides youth education, family support services, and emergency assistance to low-income households in the Southwest Valley, helping families access essential resources and improve long-term stability and well-being.
Project	Funding will support Tia Mica’s Closet & Pantry , an existing program that provides nutritious food, hygiene items, clothing, and seasonal assistance to families experiencing hardship. The program also connects residents with community resources and referrals while operating as a consistent year-round support hub.
Tolleson Residents	Mercy House Community Center serves approximately 5,140 individuals annually , including an estimated 600 or more Tolleson residents through pantry services, outreach activities, and seasonal assistance programs.
Boundaries of Service Area	Services are provided at Mercy House Community Center in Cashion, Arizona , serving Tolleson and surrounding West Valley communities , including parts of Phoenix and unincorporated Maricopa County.
Budget	The total program budget for Tia Mica’s Closet & Pantry is approximately \$69,000 . The Tolleson Community Grant would cover about 7% of the total program cost and support food distribution, hygiene and clothing assistance, staffing, operational costs, and refrigeration equipment needed to store perishable food safely.

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program
Gervonni Cares Inc.

Mission	Gervonni Cares works to stabilize families experiencing housing insecurity by providing eviction prevention services, legal navigation, and advocacy that help residents maintain safe and stable housing.
Project	Funding will support Eviction Prevention Services through the organization’s Stuck in the Middle (SIM) Program . Services include reviewing leases and eviction notices, educating tenants on landlord-tenant law, preparing residents for court hearings, providing court advocacy, mediating between tenants and landlords, and coordinating referrals for rental assistance and supportive services.
Tolleson Residents	The program expects to serve at least 120 Tolleson individuals or families annually , with approximately 100 referrals coming directly from the City of Tolleson based on historical referral patterns.
Boundaries of Service Area	Services are provided from the organization’s office in Goodyear, Arizona , through virtual consultations, and through in-court advocacy within Maricopa County Justice Courts serving Tolleson residents. While Gervonni Cares serves Maricopa County, this proposal focuses specifically on Tolleson residents .
Budget	Gervonni Cares is requesting \$5,000 to support eviction prevention services. Funds will support personnel costs for certified community legal advocates (\$3,250), legal education and court navigation materials (\$750), and case management and program operations (\$1,000). The total SIM Program budget is approximately \$368,400 , meaning the Tolleson grant would represent about 1.4% of the total program budget .

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program
Homeless Youth Connection, Inc.

Mission	Homeless Youth Connection (HYC) works to eliminate barriers to education for youth experiencing homelessness so they can graduate from high school and create long-term pathways to stability and success. The organization provides case management and supportive services that help youth remain in school and transition successfully into adulthood.
Project	Funding will support the Empowering Youth for the Future (EYFTF) Program , which provides case management and support services for youth ages 13–21 experiencing homelessness . Services include assistance with basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene supplies), transportation, education support, healthcare access, life skills training, employment readiness, and connections to housing options such as host homes or transitional living programs.
Tolleson Residents	HYC serves more than 700 homeless youth annually through its programs. Through this grant, the organization anticipates serving approximately 40 youth who live in or attend school in the Tolleson Union High School District , including youth residing in the City of Tolleson.
Boundaries of Service Area	Services are provided throughout Maricopa County and Flagstaff , primarily through partnerships with schools, including schools within the Tolleson Union High School District . Services are delivered on school campuses, through community-based settings, and through housing programs located in Phoenix and host homes.
Budget	Homeless Youth Connection is requesting \$5,000 from the City of Tolleson. The EYFTF program has a total budget of approximately \$1,765,933 , meaning the Tolleson grant would represent less than 1% of the program budget . Funding helps support case management staff, youth services, housing support, and student assistance such as transportation, school supplies, healthcare costs, and basic needs.

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program
Mitchell Swaback Charities, Inc. dba
Harvest Compassion Center

Mission	Harvest Compassion Center works to alleviate food insecurity and support families in need by providing nutritious food, hygiene products, and essential resources that promote dignity, health, and stability for individuals and families facing hardship.
Project	Funding will support Harvest Compassion Center’s food and hygiene distribution program , which provides groceries and personal care items to families experiencing food insecurity. The program distributes nutritious food items such as canned proteins, pasta, rice, cereal, fresh eggs, and fresh produce, along with full-size hygiene products including shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, and other personal care supplies.
Tolleson Residents	The program serves individuals and families experiencing food insecurity, including residents from the City of Tolleson who access Harvest Compassion Center’s services. (The specific number of Tolleson residents served annually was not specified in the budget document.)
Boundaries of Service Area	Harvest Compassion Center serves families across Maricopa County , including residents from the City of Tolleson who visit the organization’s service locations for food and essential items.
Budget	<p>Harvest Compassion Center is requesting \$5,000 from the City of Tolleson. Grant funds will support the purchase of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500 in nonperishable food items • \$1,500 in hygiene products • \$1,000 in fresh eggs • \$1,000 in fresh produce <p>The Tolleson Community Grant would represent approximately 1% of the total Harvest Compassion Center Tolleson program budget.</p>

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program
**Revolution Ministries a Place of Miracles dba
 Revolution Ministries**

Mission	Revolution Ministries is a Tolleson-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the health, welfare, and quality of life of local residents through community programs focused on youth development, recovery support, mentorship, and family engagement.
Project	Funding will support community-based programming at Revolution Ministries’ Tolleson campus , including youth mentorship programs, 12-step recovery support meetings, and family outreach initiatives. These programs provide structured leadership development, life skills training, and peer support in a safe environment while also offering community events and volunteer-driven outreach activities for families. All services are provided at no cost to participants .
Tolleson Residents	Revolution Ministries serves approximately 1,000–1,500 individuals annually , with an estimated 500–700 Tolleson residents participating in programs each year.
Boundaries of Service Area	Programs are operated at the organization’s campus located in Tolleson, Arizona , with services specifically focused on residents living within the City of Tolleson .
Budget	Revolution Ministries is requesting \$5,000 from the City of Tolleson. Funds will support program operations including recovery program materials, youth mentorship curriculum and supplies, outreach event costs, activity materials, and facility-related operational expenses necessary to host programming.

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program
Teen Lifeline

Mission	Teen Lifeline’s mission is to prevent teen suicide in Arizona by strengthening youth resilience and fostering supportive, connected communities . The organization provides crisis intervention, emotional support, and mental health education to teens through peer-based services and prevention programs.
Project	Funding will support Teen Lifeline’s Crisis Hotline and Prevention Education Programs , which provide free, confidential mental health support to teens. Services include a 24/7 crisis hotline and text line , peer counseling provided by trained teen volunteers supervised by behavioral health professionals, suicide prevention education, and the School ID Initiative , which places the hotline number on student ID cards so teens always have access to help. These services help teens manage emotional distress, develop coping strategies, and connect with local mental health resources when necessary.
Tolleson Residents	Teen Lifeline expects to serve more than 300,000 individuals statewide in 2026 , including at least 1,800 residents from the City of Tolleson through hotline services, school programs, and outreach activities.
Boundaries of Service Area	Crisis hotline operations are based in Phoenix and Tucson , while prevention education workshops and outreach activities occur directly in schools within the City of Tolleson , including partnerships with Tolleson Elementary District, Sierra Linda High School, Tolleson Union High School, and other local schools.
Budget	Teen Lifeline is requesting \$5,000 from the City of Tolleson. The organization’s total operating budget for 2026 is approximately \$2,185,545 , and the requested grant would support staff salaries and program operations related to crisis response and youth outreach services.

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program
Tolleson Community Coalition (TCC)

Mission	Tolleson Community Coalition works to improve the health, welfare, and quality of life of Tolleson residents by connecting community members especially vulnerable populations, to resources, education, and support networks that promote family stability and well-being.
Project	Funding will support Charlando Entre Mujeres , an existing program that provides culturally relevant education and support for Spanish-speaking women in the Tolleson community . Through monthly meetings and outreach activities, the program provides education on domestic violence prevention, mental health awareness, family wellness, and personal safety. The program also connects participants to community resources and creates a supportive environment where women can build relationships and reduce social isolation.
Tolleson Residents	The program expects to serve more than 200 individuals annually , including approximately 100 residents from the City of Tolleson who will participate in meetings, workshops, and resource navigation services.
Boundaries of Service Area	Program activities take place within the City of Tolleson , including meetings hosted at local community centers, partner organizations, restaurants, and faith-based facilities. Priority service is given to residents living within Tolleson city limits.
Budget	Tolleson Community Coalition is requesting \$2,500 from the City of Tolleson. Funds will support educational materials, workshop facilitators, meeting refreshments, Spanish-language resource printing, outreach materials, participant emergency assistance, and program operations for the Charlando Entre Mujeres program.

2026 City of Tolleson Community Grant Program

Trellis

Mission	Trellis works to promote housing stability and long-term economic security by providing financial education, housing counseling, and homeownership support services. These programs help individuals and families improve financial readiness, maintain stable housing, and pursue sustainable homeownership opportunities.
Project	Funding will support the expansion of Trellis’ Homeownership Center services for Tolleson residents. The program provides HUD-certified housing counseling, financial literacy education, and homebuyer education classes . Participants receive one-on-one counseling on budgeting, credit improvement, debt reduction, and mortgage readiness, as well as group classes covering the homebuying process and financial planning. Outreach will also be conducted to increase awareness of these services among Tolleson residents.
Tolleson Residents	Trellis expects to serve approximately 20 Tolleson residents annually through financial counseling, education workshops, and housing readiness services. Program outcomes include improved financial readiness, debt reduction, increased savings, and potential homeownership opportunities for participants.
Boundaries of Service Area	Services will be targeted specifically to City of Tolleson residents . Counseling and educational activities may be provided at Trellis’ Phoenix office, at community partner locations in Tolleson, or through virtual service delivery to ensure accessibility.
Budget	<p>Trellis is requesting \$5,000 from the City of Tolleson. Funds will support program costs including staff time for certified housing counselors, program materials, financial literacy curriculum, and outreach efforts to increase access to homebuyer education and financial coaching.</p> <p>Trellis Tolleson Finance and Bu...</p> <p>The organization’s Homeownership Center program budget includes operating expenses such as salaries and benefits, professional services, and other operational costs totaling approximately \$547,399 in program expenses according to the budget table shown in the finance document.</p>

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 630 N.S. - Amending Tolleson City Code Chapter 11 – Wastewater

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jamie McCracken, Utilities Director

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Utilities Department is requesting approval of Ordinance No. 630 N.S. amending Chapter 11 of the Tolleson City Code related to wastewater by revising Section 11-2-2 Wastewater Discharge Permit.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tolleson operates a Wastewater Pretreatment Program in accordance with federal and state regulations, including oversight by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). As part of this program, the City maintains a Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) that establishes requirements for industrial wastewater discharges.

The City submitted a request to ADEQ for approval of a non-substantial modification to the Pretreatment Program pursuant to 40 CFR 403.18(b). The review period has concluded, and the modification is now ready for City Council adoption.

DISCUSSION:

Ordinance No. 630 N.S. proposes a minor amendment to Section 11-2-2(A) of the City Code by removing the sentence that limits the duration of industrial wastewater discharge permits to a maximum of 12 months.

This change allows the City greater administrative flexibility to establish permit durations consistent with federal pretreatment program requirements and best management practices. The revision does not alter the City's authority to issue, modify, or enforce industrial wastewater discharge permits, nor does it change any local limits, enforcement provisions, or regulatory requirements applicable to industrial users.

The amendment is considered a non-substantial modification as it involves only the removal of a single sentence and does not affect the overall structure or intent of the Pretreatment Program.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact associated with the adoption of this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 630 N.S. amending Chapter 11 of the Tolleson City Code related to wastewater discharge permits.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ord 630 N.S. Amending Article 11-2 Section 11-2-2 Wastewater Discharge Permit 05 12 26

ORDINANCE NO. 630 N.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOLLESON CITY CODE, CHAPTER 11 WASTEWATER, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11-2 APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, PLANS AND INSPECTIONS, SECTION 11-2-2 WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it necessary to amend the Tolleson City Code to remove the fixed permit duration requirement contained within Section 11-2-2 Wastewater Discharge Permit in order to allow the City flexibility to establish permit durations administratively through the City's Wastewater Pretreatment Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. The Tolleson City Code, Chapter 11 Wastewater, by amending Article 11-2 Applications, Permits, Plans and Inspections, Section 11-2-2 Wastewater Discharge Permit to read as follows (deletions in ~~strikeout~~):

CHAPTER 11: – WASTEWATER

ARTICLE 11-2: – APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, PLANS AND INSPECTIONS

* * *

§ 11-2-2 - WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT.

- (A) Except as provided in § 11-4-5, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any industrial wastewater directly or indirectly to sewage facilities owned by the city without first obtaining a city permit for industrial wastewater discharge. ~~The duration of an industrial wastewater discharge permit shall not exceed 12 months.~~

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Section 2. Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, or any part of the City Code adopted here by reference, are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. Providing for Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, such provision or portion hereof shall be deemed separate, distinct, and independent of all other provisions and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Providing for Authorization. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, on this 12th day of May, 2026.

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Justin Pierce, City Attorney



A Birdseye View Looking Northwest



B Pedestrian Eye View Looking Northwest



C Pedestrian Eye View Looking East



D Birdseye View Looking Southeast



E Ground Eye View Looking East



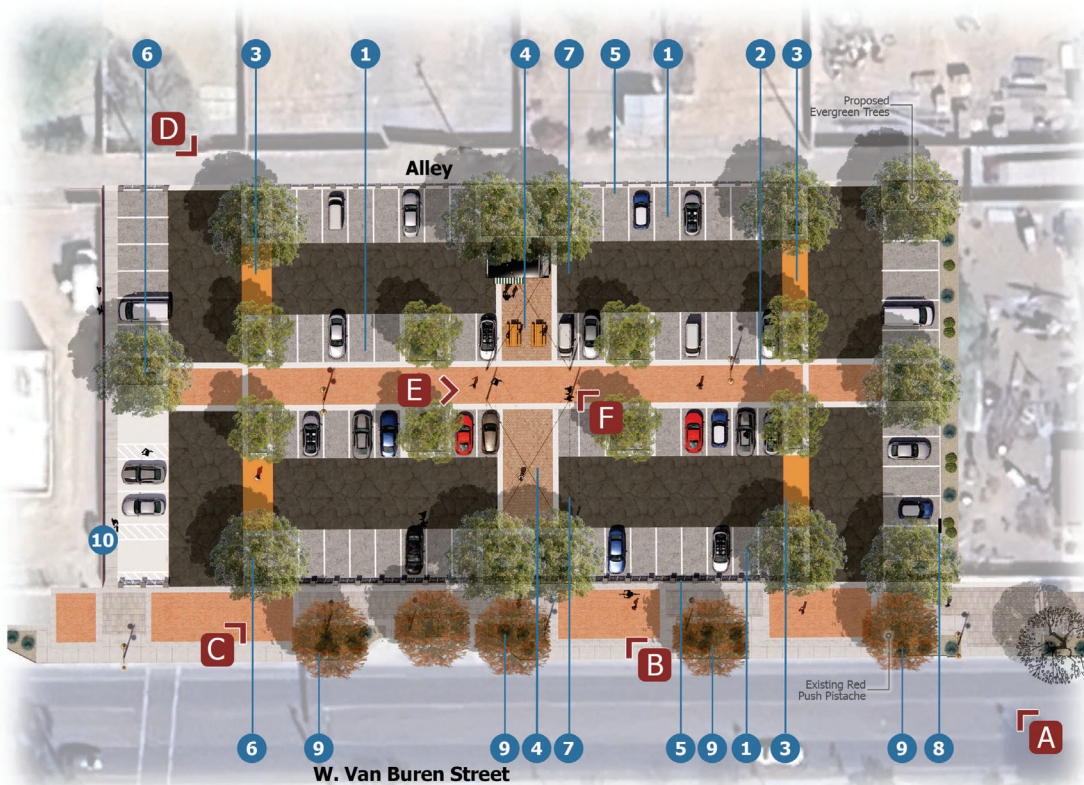
F Ground Eye View Looking North



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VAN BUREN PARKING FACILITY

Preferred Concept CP 3.1
W Van Buren St & 92nd Drive



LEGEND KEY NOTES:

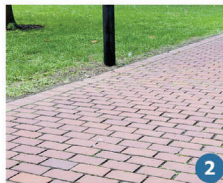
- 1 Permeable Pavement, Color Pending
- 2 Central Walkway, Standard 4x8 Unit Pavers, Running Bond, Color - Match Existing, 2' Ribbon Curb
- 3 Integral Colored Concrete, 14' Wide, Solomon Colors Dry Integral Color "Peach"
- 4 Paver Pattern, Match Existing Pattern, Colors - Plum & Terra Cotta, 2' Concrete Header
- 5 Screen Wall, Match Ex. Column Material, Steel Panel, Papel Picado Art Panels, fastened to Steel Panel
- 6 Rain Garden Planter, 2' Ribbon Curb, 6" Depth, 3-8" Rip Rap
- 7 Festoon Lighting, 13.5' High, Attached to Steel Posts, to Match Van Buren Street Light Poles
- 8 EV Charging Station, GFI, 120/240V, 200A Pedestal Mounted Service
- 9 ROW Planter Revision, see Note #3
- 10 Proposed 4' Pedestrian Gate Location, See Note #2

Notes:

1. See CP 3.1 for 3D Views of the preferred concept.
2. Please see CP 3.2 for Pedestrian Gate precedent imagery.
3. ROW Planters to be either:
 - A. Pet-friendly synthetic turf with tree uplighting.
 - B. DG with low-growing and colorful vegetation with tree uplighting.



Permeable Pavement



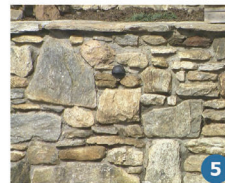
Paver Walkway, Running Bond Pattern



Integral Color Concrete



Existing Paver Pattern



Screen Wall Column Material



Rain Garden Planter



Festoon Lighting



Event Charging Station



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VAN BUREN PARKING FACILITY

Preferred Concept CP 3.0
W Van Buren St & 92nd Drive