



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 26, 2026
6:00 PM**

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3. Introduction of New Employees:
Employee Resources Department – Rosa Villasenor, Employee Resources Administrator
Information Technology Department – Dreanna Willars, IT Technician
Police Department – Adam Armstrong, Public Safety Dispatcher and McKena Ortiz, Public Safety Dispatcher
Utilities Department – Paul Vega Soto, Wastewater Operator

Employee Recognition:
Utilities Department Recognized at the 99th Annual Arizona Water Conference with Three Awards of Honor for Safety, the 2026 Inspector of the Year Award Presented to Pretreatment Inspector Jim Lunsford, and the Outstanding Industry Partner Award from West-MEC. – Jamie McCracken, Utilities Director

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City of Tolleson and Maricopa County, administered by its Human Services Department, for the Hand-in-Hand Program to extend the Agreement term through June 30, 2027, provide funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2027, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment. (Human Services Department)

4. Approve the Purchase Agreement between the City of Tolleson and PVS DX, Inc. for the purchase of 99% chlorine for wastewater treatment operations, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Vendor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 for products and services. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to three additional one-year terms. (Utilities Department)
5. Approve the Third Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Border States Industries, Inc. for Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) equipment, supplies, materials and services, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Amendment. This Amendment increases the annual aggregate amount from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and extends the term of the Agreement through April 30, 2027. (Utilities Department)

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve/Deny the Public Involvement Plan for the City of Tolleson General Plan Update in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes requirements, and authorize staff to implement the public outreach and community engagement strategies identified therein. (Development Services Department)
2. Approve/Deny the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Dearborn Life Insurance Company for employee life and disability insurance benefits, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Amendment. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement through July 1, 2027, and increases the compensation amount from \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the term of the Agreement. (Employee Resources Department)

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. Fire Department Update – Michael Young, Fire Chief
2. Human Services Department Update – George Good, Chief of Social Impact

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

1. The Tolleson Civic Center will be temporarily closed on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM to allow City staff to participate in an internal employee event.

L. ADJOURNMENT

1. Attachments: Monthly Reports

Fire Department – April

Police Department – April

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Posted on May 20, 2026.



Proclamation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2026

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, scientific, educational, and civic life of the United States and the City of Tolleson; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent a rich diversity of cultures, languages, traditions, and histories that continue to strengthen and enrich communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have helped shape the history and progress of our country through leadership, innovation, military service, entrepreneurship, public service, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many achievements, traditions, and lasting contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson values diversity, inclusion, mutual respect, and the contributions of all residents who help make our community vibrant and strong.

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 2026 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and encourage all residents to recognize, celebrate, and honor the history, culture, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals and communities.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk



Proclamation

Older Americans Month

May 2026

WHEREAS, older adults play an important role in strengthening families, neighborhoods, and communities through their wisdom, experience, volunteerism, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson recognizes the many valuable contributions older Americans have made and continue to make to the cultural, economic, and social vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month provides an opportunity to honor older adults, highlight the importance of remaining connected and engaged, and promote programs and services that support independence, health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, communities that value and support older adults help create opportunities for individuals of all ages to thrive, remain active, and live with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson encourages residents to recognize the achievements and contributions of older Americans and to strengthen efforts that foster inclusion, connection, and support for aging adults in our 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 2026 as Older Americans Month and urge every resident to recognize the contributions of older citizens, promote social connection and engagement, and support efforts to empower older adults to live independently and with dignity in our community.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026

MEETING DATE: May 26, 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 May 12, 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 May 12, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05 12 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 Laborin.

C. ROLL CALL

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

Department Directors: City Manager Reyes Medrano Jr., Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director Wendy Jackson, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Artz, Chief of Social Impact George Good, City Clerk Crystal Zamora, Development Services Director Jason Earp, 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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Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed May 10–16, 2026 as Police Week and recognized May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of Tolleson.

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

Mayor Rodriguez proclaimed May 17–23, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Tolleson.

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1. Approve Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026. (City Clerk Department)
2. Approve Claims and Bills Report for the period of April 22, 2026 to May 5, 2026. (Finance Department)
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2643 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. (Development Services Department)
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)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1. through 4.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 7 to 0.

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

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Adopt/Deny 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)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to adopt Resolution No. 2641; the motion was seconded by Council Member Erives. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

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

2. Approve/Deny 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)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve the grant funding recommendations; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Davis. The motion carried 7 to 0.

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

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)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 630 N.S.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Gámez. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Chavira – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

J. WORK STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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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
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MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I am Mayor Juan Rodriguez. Today is May 12th, and I would like to call the city council meeting to order.

Let's begin with the item B, which is invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

So City Attorney, will you please provide the invocation? And Council Member Laborin, will you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Please stand if you're able.

PIERCE: Beloved father, who art in heaven, we are so very grateful to be able to meet once again together as friends and colleagues and neighbors and to be able to celebrate the wonderful City of Tolleson and the council that represents the will of the people here.

We pray a special blessing upon of each and every one of them that they'll be able to exercise discretion and judgment in a way that would be pleasing unto thee.

And we pray for all of those in attendance here this evening. We pray for those that are here that have dedicated their lives to protecting the lives of others and please bless them in their work and that they might always be able to return home safely to their families.

Please bless us this evening with health and with safety.

And we once again pray for this council to be able to perform its work in a way that would be pleasing to thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Amen.

ALL: -- pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which is stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Thank you, both.

City Clerk, please allow the record to reflect that the roll call -- all council members are present today. Thank you.

We're going to move on to -- now is a final call to submit speaker request to the City Clerk. All speakers will be limited to three minutes for comments only.

Actions taken as a result of public comments will be limited to one, responding to criticism; two, directing staff to review the matter; or three, asking that the matter be

put on a future agenda action item.

So that's D and E.

It is now the call to the public. City Clerk, I believe we have three submissions?

ZAMORA: Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So I have Joice Disanka and Cecilia Kapelemba.

So what I'm going to do is I'm going to call Cecilia Kapelemba? Did I get that right?

Cecilia, you have three minutes, where City Clerk will record. And then I'm going to call Joyce.

And Cecilia, if you want to sit in the front, I'm going to -- right after Joyce is done, I'm going to call you back up for the second item. So the first one has to do with the bonfire behind Baker's Acres (ph.), the possibility.

Is that the one you want to speak on first? Come on up. You got the microphone.

KAPELEMBA: Good morning. My name is Cecilia Kapelemba, a junior at University High, also a member of Tolleson Union's student council.

As the next senior class begins preparation for graduating year next year, we hope to build new traditions for our predecessors to follow. That being said, it would be a great opportunity for the fire department and the City to allow us to be able to use the Baker's Acres for our senior class bonfire.

With this bonfire, the senior class -- the class of 2027 would be able to foster new connections with each other, build future memories that we possibly would have never had with this tradition, as well as continue to build on things that the school has never had.

With the 100 year approaching, we want to build more student spirit as well as build a better reputation for our school. We hope that this tradition will allow potential students to come to our school as well as for all of Arizona to see our school in a better light.

Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

I know this is an item that has to do specifically with fire, so I think at this point I'm going

to send it over to staff. Our City Manager Reyes will take it from here. He'll run with it and work with our fire chief. And then I'll possibly call you.

If you have not provided -- well, actually, your contact information is on the document that you filled out, so they'll circle back, okay?

Thank you.

Joice Muamba Disanka. How did I do? Great. Okay. Joice, you're next.

And this is Tolleson Union High School homecoming parade.

DISANKA: Good afternoon, Mayor and Council. My name is Joice, and I'm a -- and I'm a junior at University High School.

Today, I'm speaking on behalf of Tolleson Union Student Council. I've been a part of Stu. Co. since freshman year, and I'm currently junior class president.

One of my most precious memories throughout all these years of leadership was during my freshman year. The day of -- the day before homecoming, our school held a parade, topped with music, dress up, and intricate float designs made by in-school clubs.

From the moment I waved back at the crowd dressed up as Robin from Teen Titans, I knew it'd be a moment I'd never forget. But the crowd wasn't just my classmates, not just our staffs, or officers securing the area. No, I was waving at families, alumnis who were once in my shoes, and children as young as six. I saw all their excited faces as they frantically waved back at everyone decked out in their costumes, and like, our costumes were amazing, you guys.

After all the commotion of getting ready, the chaos of trying to organize the event, and the stress of being a 14-year-old Stu. Co. member who had to clean up after the entire campus during our most busiest time of the school year, all I remember looking back was how excited I was to do it next year.

Well, next year came, and all the hype around Hoco and the parade started building up. We got the news that it was going to be canceled because we couldn't use Van Buren anymore.

It was devastating for all sorts of reasons. The seniors couldn't have their last parade. The clubs weren't able to showcase their talents, and we couldn't skip sixth period.

Thankfully, one of our own spoke at the district board to have it at our own road, Wolverine Way. The problem with that was that there's no more families or alumnis or excited six-year-olds waving from across the street.

But as we approach our hundredth year of Tolleson Union High School, I believe it's a key to honor all our Wolverines, whether they're current, future, or past students. The parade isn't just a school-exclusive event. It's for our community, our Tolleson community, which is why I, along with Tolleson Union student council, are asking you to let us use Van Buren for our homecoming parade on September 24th and every year after.

Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you very much.

So Cecilia [sic], this is kind of on a similar breadth. This is a traffic issue, traffic control issue, which is really managed by our police chief. So again, I'm going to refer this to staff. Our City Manager Medrano is going to get your documentation, and he'll circle back with you as well. And then after talking to our city staff and get you an answer as well on this item, okay?

And Cecilia, I believe you're back up, and you're going to talk about publicity on women's sports.

KAPELEMBA: Hello, again. I'm Cecilia, once again, a junior at Union High, also on the student council.

A recent discovery by our school is the lack of people at our women's sports, coming into our fall year, which is the most -- most active for extracurricular activities, such as football games, volleyball games, and all the other student activities.

But one downfall as a volleyball member myself is we don't get a large turnout of visitors or attendance or even publicity, as the football team does.

One, from my standpoint, it's a bit discouraging going up to perform and not having a crowd to back me up and support me.

We -- we, as a women's collective of Tolleson Union High School District women's sports, would like it if we would get publicity, one; more attraction or even help or

sponsorship from the District, the City, and maybe other vendors that we could get help with.

I have spoken to some coaches, such as my own coach, Millikin (ph.). She had experience -- she had told me about her frustrations about not having a large turnout. Every year, football gets different sponsorships. Last year -- my freshman year, it was Canes, and as well for my sophomore year, it was Canes as well, which also provided them money.

But the volleyball club had to rely heavily on the boosters, while football got their boosters, plus sponsorships, and other money that was getting brought to them, while we didn't have enough money for new pools until recently and new nets and stuff, which was a bit of a hassle to play with, especially now experiencing how our nets and our poles are a little wonky and some of our poles are barely keeping up with our nets. I'm coming here to ask if, as a collective, we could do something to make sure that our women feel more represented in our sports because that is, one, a big tradition and a big part of our school spirit and history.

Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

Cecilia, as a -- as a father of a young lady who played softball for Tolleson, I can tell you that I wholeheartedly hear you because you're right.

I think women's sports in general are underrepresented, and we can all benefit from awareness about how they play, when they play, and more importantly, supporting the athletes that are out there.

But again, I think there's things that we can explore. So I'll just leave it at that. I'm going to kick this back over to Reyes to do some exploration. I know our parks director is here, and we'll have those conversations.

But both Cecilia and Jolce, staff will circle back with you, okay? And they will give you whatever answer that we're able to give you. Thank you very much.

Let's give them a round of applause, yeah.

You know, I think sometimes we as a community -- we know that we have the right to

come to these public venues and speak our mind, but we forget how much courage it takes to actually build up, to be able to come up here and share your opinion on whatever the matter is.

And so I want to commend both of you guys for doing that. This is -- it's very intimidating at times, but you all very well spoken, obviously very well educated. And so I thank you for coming out and for having the courage to do so.

So we're going to move on to E -- actually, F, scheduled public appearances and proclamations for discussion. We have two.

Let's start with number one, proclamation declaring May 10th through the 16th, 2026, as Police Week in recognition -- recognizing May 15th, 2026, as Peace Officer Memorial Day in the City of Tolleson. We're honoring the courage, dedication and selflessness -- selfless service of peace officers who work tirelessly to protect our community while remembering and paying tribute to those who had made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Police Chief Mendoza, you have the floor, sir.

MENDOZA: Thank you, Mayor and Council.

Tonight we recognize National Police Week, a time to honor the dedicated men and women of law enforcement, who selflessly serve and protect our community each day with courage, professionalism, and commitment. We also recognize May 15th as Peace Officer Memorial Day, a solemn reminder of those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Here in Tolleson, we especially remember Ofc. Richard Kurth, who died in the line of duty on November 7th, 1965, and Sgt. George Covert, who died in the line of duty on July 30th, 1987. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten, and we will remain grateful to all who continue to wear the badge and serve our community.

Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Chief.

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Juan Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim May 10th through the 16th, 2026, as Police Week and recognizing May 15th, 2026, as Peace Officer, Memorial

Day in the City of Tucson. Be it proclaimed.

And of course, a huge collective thank you to both families of the officers that we lost and every officer that wears a uniform to defend us and protect us here in our community and beyond. Thank you.

Item number two, proclamation declaring May 17th to the 23rd, 2026, as Emergency Medical Service Week and the City of Tolleson, recognizing the vital public service provided by emergency medical service personnel and honoring their dedication to delivering life-saving care.

This year marks the 52nd anniversary of EMS week, with the theme, EMS Week Improving Outcomes Together, and the City -- Improving Outcomes Together. And the City encourages the community to recognize and appreciate the contributions of EMS professionals.

I'm going to turn this over to our Fire Chief, Michael Young.

YOUNG: (Indiscernible) Week and the dedicated professionals who serve our community every single day.

EMS professionals respond at all hours of the day and night, often stepping into chaotic and emotional situations when people are experiencing some of the worst days of their lives. Through training, teamwork, and compassion, they provide critical care before a patient ever reaches the hospital.

Over the years, emergency medical care has continued to evolve through new technology, advanced treatment options, and stronger collaboration between agencies and healthcare partners.

That is why we are so grateful for the Tolleson Police Department, all of our dispatchers, Chief Good, Banner Estrella Medical Center, and AMR Ambulance. Without those partnerships and relationships, we would not be able to provide the level of service our community deserves.

So this year's theme EMS week is Improving Outcomes Together, and that is something I believe perfectly reflects what we already do in Tolleson every day. That is, first responders, hospitals, dispatchers, city leadership, and elected officials all working

together towards the same goal, which is caring for people when they need us most.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Thank you, Chief.

And of course, I should say, you know, emergencies are emergencies because they don't have a specific time. And so our police officers are out patrolling the areas and responding to them. And if our firefighters get a call, you'll see them all disappear, too.

So before we do that, I, Mayor Juan Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim May 17th to 23rd, 2026, as Emergency Medical Service Week in the City of Tolleson. Be it proclaimed.

And I would say, since we have our firefighters here, I do have a proclamation we should take a group photo to commemorate this. Come on up, guys and ladies.

See how I did that, Chief, I didn't want to throw the police officers under the bus.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. That's awesome. Awesome. Yeah. Who wants to hold this? There you go, Gabe. It's pretty heavy.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I have a few of you also go on the top to kind of even it out, please?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Or dais or whatever it's called. Yeah.

Yeah. Thank you, guys. Oh, no. Actually, I'm going to give it to City Clerk, so I'll hold on to it. Thank you, guys. Thank you, ladies and guys.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Awesome. Thank you so much for all you do.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Chief.

All right. So moving on to G. We have no business from the floor.

So we're going to move on to item H. I believe we have items 1 through 4 on the consent agenda action items? Yes, 1 through 4.

If Council has had an opportunity to review these matters and would like to make a motion to approve or deny.

DAVIS: Motion to approve.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I got a motion by Vice Mayor Davis to approve.

Okay. Who want -- okay. All right.

Councilwoman Linda Laborin seconds the motion.

All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye.

All those opposed? Not hearing any, consent agenda action items passed unanimously. We're going to move on to regular agenda action items. Item number 1 is to adopt or deny resolution number 2641 of the mayor and city council of the City of Tolleson, Maricopa County, Arizona, adopting the tentative estimated estimates of the amount required for the public expenses 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 amount estimated collectibles 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.

I'm going to turn it over to our chief financial officer, who just celebrated a birthday.

Happy birthday, sir.

ZAMORA: Happy birthday.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You have the floor, sir.

ARTZ: Thank you, Mayor and Council.

Again, tonight is consideration of resolution 2641. The mayor basically covered all of the items. So staff is available if you have any questions.

The total budget is \$243,153,697. So if Council has any questions, staff is available.

And this is the tentative budget adoption. Then we'll come back in June and do the final budget adoption.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: What is the increase in property tax in the City of Tolleson?

ARTZ: Mayor, the tax rate is not changing, so the tax rate is staying level. So that's the part of property taxes that the City controls.

The other piece of property taxes is your assessed valuation. So if your property's valuation is going up by three percent, since we're keeping the tax rate the same, then your property taxes would be going up the three percent. But the City is maintaining the tax rate and not doing an increase at all.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Would it be a correct statement to say that the City of Tolleson is increasing the property tax by zero percent?

ARTZ: The City is increasing -- not increasing the tax rate at all.

But again, that doesn't necessarily mean that some individuals may see a slight increase if their houses increase in valuation.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And the reason I ask that question is because, time and time again, I run into people, "I pay so much in taxes. Why is the City charging us so much in taxes".

For the record, we're not increasing your property taxes. Property taxes are increasing, and there's factors out there. We're not one of them.

So I think it's important -- extremely clear that the people that put us here know that we're doing the best that we can to keep their cost of living at a reasonable rate here in the City of Tolleson.

But thanks for the clarification. Any other questions or comments from counsel?

Yes, Clorinda?

ERIVES: Yes. Just a question regarding, again -- and how long -- how many years have we been doing the same as far as the taxes not increasing for what you said the City maintained? So it's been several years, or is it just this is the first year that we've not --

ARTZ: Council Member Erives, this is the fourth year that we've either had a decrease or maintained the same tax rate, so it's been four years in a row now.

And in that time, we've issued bonds to construct the new aquatics facility. So we're able to -- to build the aquatic facility with bonds without increasing the tax rate.

ERIVES: Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I'll say it. Job well done, staff and Council. Give yourself a round of applause. Well deserved.

And I will also say there's not too many cities in the valley that can claim -- that they can prove that. So a lot of it has to do with your efforts and our finance department, Mr. Artz. You guys do an amazing, surgical job, and we are the beneficiaries of all that work. So thank you very much.

Anybody else on Council? Not seeing any.

Thank you, sir.

So with that I will entertain a motion. We have a motion from Council Member -- or

Vice Mayor Davis, and I believe I heard Clorinda. We have a second by Council Member Erives. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

All those opposed? Not hearing any, motion passes unanimously, City Clerk. Thank you very much.

We're going to move on to regular agenda action item number 2. This one is to approve or deny funding recommendations for the community grant council -- community grant council subcommittee for the City of Tolleson 2026 community grant program as followed. I'll read the whole thing.

\$4,687.50 to Angel Babies. Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, DBA, also known as Mercy House Community Center, 4,687. Giovanni Cares Incorporated, 4,687.

They're all 4,687 with the exception of one.

So Homeless Youth Connection Incorporated, Mitchell Schwab Charities Incorporated DBA Harvest Compassion Center, Revolution Ministries, Teen Lifeline.

And then the one that got less was the Tolleson Community Coalition, and the reason they got less is because they requested less, not because we weren't willing to give them more. But they had a specific dollar amount that they were targeting, and that's what they were granted.

Trellis, the City of Tolleson Community Grant program, provides direct monetary grants to help nonprofit organizations with projects and activities that directly provide health and human services, which improve the quality of life for Tolleson residents. So Community Grant -- we do have a subcommittee.

Council members, who sat on the subcommittee this cycle? So we have Councilwoman Mendoza, Councilwoman Laborin, and Councilwoman Chavira.

So if you guys would like to add anything about the process or any of these grants in particular, now's the time to do so. (Indiscernible) --

LABORIN: So collectively as a group, we all agreed on these particular charities, and we

decided as a group, then, to -- there was a specific dollar amount. It was -- I think it was \$40,000 was our max.

And so we divided that among the committees -- the charities that we chose, and that's why it's all kind of a weird amount, \$4,687.50 each. We just divided it evenly, again, with the exception of the Tolleson Community Council, who specifically requested \$2,500, and we granted their request.

And I was really excited because most of these charities do business in Tolleson and actually have an effect daily on Tolleson residents, and that was important to us.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. That's a huge criteria.

I was just amazed that you guys broke it down to the \$0.50. Great mathematical skills.

I'm sure our chief finance officer helped you guys out with that.

But anyways, Council Member Gamez?

GAMEZ: Yes. How many applicants were there besides just these altogether?

LABORIN: I'm sorry. I do not remember.

ZAMORA: Mayor, there were 22 total.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: 22 total applicants? Okay.

GAMEZ: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. And I think it's great -- well, first of all, let's thank our committee members. Let's give them a round of applause for all their efforts.

And second of all, I think it's imperative that we, as an organization, are big enough and brave enough to admit that we can't do everything. And so sometimes, it's good to find nonprofit partners that can help us extend our breadth of how we service the people that we care about day in and day out. And so a lot of these nonprofits do exactly that. And number two is, as an organization, we proactively want to promote services and benefits that directly help our residents, and this is a perfect example of that. So I'm a big fan of this program. I think we should continue it.

And I will entertain a motion to approve this donation at this time.

We have a motion by from Council Member Gamez. We have a second from Vice Mayor Davis.

All those in favor of approving the list of grantees, signify by saying aye. Aye.

All those opposed?

All right. Congratulations to all the grantees. And I will encourage any of them, preferably all of them, to come back and give us an update on how these funds benefited the people from Tolleson and how they use these funds to ultimately increase the quality of life here in town.

So whoever the staffer is that quarterback the committee, I would say that that should be something that they should seriously consider, coming back in time to see the great work that they're doing in our community.

Yes, sir?

MEDRANO: The quarterback is actually Crystal.

MEDRANO: Thank you, Crystal.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Let's give Crystal a round of applause.

These are public funds. So if they want to come back and -- well, they should come back and explain to us how they're using these public funds for the public benefit.

ZAMORA: We'll definitely make that happen.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome.

DAVIS: That was City Clerk's week or day or something like that, this last week, so (indiscernible).

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So Crystal, apparently, it was City Clerk's week last week or something like that?

ZAMORA: Yes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So Vice Mayor Davis brought that to our attention.

So we have the City Clerk. And is our assistant city clerk here? Ah, well, let's give Crystal a big round of applause. There she is. Right there, assistant. Awesome.

ZAMORA: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So thank you very much for everything you do for the -- for this -- for this particular program and for everything else that you all do here.

All right. So that's that. We're going to move on to J, which is work study and

presentations for discussion.

Did I not get the right agenda? Okay.

As I was saying, number 3, adopt or deny Ordinance No. 630, new series of the mayor and city council. 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 waste wastewater discharge permits in order to provide flexibility in permit duration, consistent with federal pre-treatment programs requirements, providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances, and authority authorizing all actions necessary to carry out the purpose of the ordinance.

And this is where I say I have no idea what I just read. So I'm going to call on Utility Director McCracken to help us understand what the heck we're looking at.

How are you doing, Mr. DOUGHERTY (ph.)?

DOUGHERTY: Good evening, Mayor and Council. Aaron Dougherty, utilities environmental manager.

So tonight's ordinance, 630, is a minor update to Chapter 11 of the City Code, specifically on wastewater discharge permits. The purpose of this amendment is to remove the current requirement that industrial wastewater discharge permits cannot exceed 12 months.

This change gives the utilities department more flexibility to set permit durations administratively while still staying consistent with federal pre-treatment program requirements and best management practices.

This does not reduce oversight, weaken enforcement, or change any local limits or requirements for industrial users. The City will still maintain full authority to issue, modify, and enforce wastewater discharge permits as needed.

This was reviewed as a nonsubstantial modification to the City's pre-treatment program, and ADEQ, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, has reviewed the amendment. And the amendment simply removes one sentence from the existing code and does not change the overall structure or intent of the program. There is no budget

impact associated with this ordinance, and staff recommends approval.

With that, I'm available for any questions.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Council? Any questions from our council?

DAVIS: Yes.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Vice Mayor, you have the floor.

DAVIS: I have a million questions about this so -- good. I like that response already.

So how many different users are we talking about here?

DOUGHERTY: Currently, we have four permitted in significant industrial users.

So we have many different industrial users, food service establishments. But right now, this permit is only applicable to significant industrial users. We have four, with a fifth one under review currently.

DAVIS: Okay. So what types of industries are those?

DOUGHERTY: We have a slaughterhouse. We have a Gatorade factory. We have a industrial commercial car wash and then a dairy manufacturer.

DAVIS: Okay. So currently, these permits last 12 months, and then they have to reapply and kind of -- so I get eliminating some of the paperwork.

But how are we going to make sure that this isn't something that just gets pushed to the side? There's no safeguards here that I'm seeing. So how are we going to make sure that there are some safeguards?

DOUGHERTY: We still have full authority to amend, modify, and adjust permits as needed.

So the way it works is federal requirement is five years, so we would write these permits for up to five years, depending on the processes or how the industrial user is performing. And then within that time frame of the five years, if there's any changes at the wastewater treatment plant or the industrial user has any changes, we can modify that permit within that time frame.

What this really does is restricts us currently to be able to move past the 12 months it's taking -- industrial users have to spend a lot of time to fill out these applications; utilities department spends countless hours trying to get these applications reviewed when we

can actually just continue it for a five-year period.

And once that five-year period is up, then they can apply again, and we would just modify based on their current operations.

DAVIS: So I guess I have a legal question first, and then I have more questions for you. Sorry.

DOUGHERTY: Go ahead.

DAVIS: So the ordinance does not specifically lay out five years, right?

DOUGHERTY: It does not. What we're doing is removing the restricting language of 12 years. The five years is up to --

DAVIS: Months.

DOUGHERTY: Yes. Sorry, 12 months.

The five-year-old is the federal requirement that's built in EPA and Code CFR 403.

DAVIS: I guess that language doesn't need to be in there.

Okay. So how are we monitoring these users?

DOUGHERTY: So we have wastewater discharge permits that are issued to them, and that has their issue and state and their expiration date.

Currently, they're all set for 12 months. But once we move to that five year, we will monitor that way. The industrial users are required to submit an application within 60 days of the expiration of their permit.

DAVIS: Okay. So that means there's going to be a five-year gap where they have to submit some type of report?

DOUGHERTY: Not all at.

DAVIS: No?

DOUGHERTY: They actually have requirements within their wastewater discharge permits.

So they will report monthly to us based on certain constituents and their flow and their processes. They will report to us on quarterly for other constituents that are less stringent and impactful.

But they -- there's constant communication. As far as our department goes, we will go

out and perform inspections on an annual basis as well as sampling to ensure that they are not violating their permits. They are required to sample their own wastewater from a third-party lab and submit that to us as a self-monitoring.

DAVIS: How are those third -- how are those third-party vendors selected? Where does that -- where are they --

DOUGHERTY: They're allowed to use any certified lab.

DAVIS: Any certified lab? Okay.

DOUGHERTY: So if the lab is certified through the state, they're allowed to use them. We cannot control which lab they can or cannot use because that would be --

DAVIS: Whoever sees that -- who oversees who those vendors are?

DOUGHERTY: The DHS, Arizona Department of Health Safety.

DAVIS: Okay.

DOUGHERTY: They come out and certify labs, just like they came out and certified our lab.

DAVIS: Okay. And how often are we checking their flow to make sure -- or do we? Do we check their flow at all, or we just taking these third parties --

DOUGHERTY: Are you talking about their flow coming into, like, their wastewater --

DAVIS: What they're putting into the wastewater plant.

DOUGHERTY: Yes. So on their monthly reports, they report their daily flow. It has all these requirements and reporting requirements that they have to fill out when they send it to us.

They send it to us on a monthly basis. So we see their flows -- and in the wastewater discharge permits, they're required to do an annual calibration on their flow meters from their third-party vendor to maintain that accuracy.

DAVIS: Okay. Okay. So I mean, obviously, our wastewater treatment plant is doing an amazing job. So all of you guys are doing fantastic work. I know that the water that is coming out of that plant is better than it's been in a really, really, really, really, really long time and want to keep that going. So this just kind of worried me a little bit, so that's why all of the questions.

So I just want to make sure that the water -- because the water when it does leave -- we've done so much with water that I've learned so much about wastewater. It's crazy. I never thought I'd be talking about this ever in my life. Like, you flush your toilet, you -- stuff goes down the drain, and then you don't think about it, right? But it's a whole science. It's really, really amazing.

But the water that comes out of our wastewater treatment plant is pushed into a river, right? And then it goes down to -- so it's going into nature basically, right? So we've got to really be careful about what we're putting out. So that's why I had the questions that I had.

But I will say, if you don't know, the water that comes out of our wastewater treatment plant then goes to cool the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant, which is kind of amazing. So we're, you know, cooling nuclear reactors. So that's kind of cool.

Yeah. So I just -- I guess you did answer my questions. I just want to make sure that we're staying on top of this because I know, in the past -- you know, this is science. It's really, really complicated stuff that I'll never -- I won't pretend that I -- you know, I'm an expert in in any way, shape, or form. So we have to take your guys' word for it.

And while you guys might be amazing people, there might be somebody eventually who's not. We've had that in the past, right? And so we want to just make sure that there are always safeguards in place and that the product that we're putting out into the world is a good -- is a good product.

DOUGHERTY: So the purpose of what I'm doing is to do source control before it gets to the wastewater plant. Wastewater plant is only able to remove so much, so if we don't safeguard our wastewater plant and we allow the industries to discharge whatever they want, then that's when it would be a problem. We would have pass through or interference and have contaminants leaving the back of the plant.

We're controlling it at the source with industrial users, requiring them to meet the stringent limits. That way, when it comes to our plant, it's at the concentration that we can treat and remove. That way, we do have safe water going.

DAVIS: It's quite amazing. We are a city of industry and we're able to -- you know, with

this plant -- that's how many years old?

DOUGHERTY: So yeah, it's --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: It's 60.

DOUGHERTY: It's 60. It's about 60 years.

DAVIS: Well, it can almost collect Social Security. And we'll take it. It's still working, and it's working really, really well.

You know, we talk about how we have 30 Fortune 500 companies in Tolleson, and they're all putting all of their gunk into the system. And it's surviving it, and you know, that's a testament to the work that you guys are doing there. So keep up the good work.

Just -- we just have to really, really be careful, you know, and --

DOUGHERTY: We have amazing operators. And we've -- have built a great relationship and partnership with all of our industrial users. So it is easy to work with them, talk to them anytime we have an issue. It's a phone call away.

Typically, they'll report it to us before we even know about it. So we work closely with our industrial users, monitoring them, assisting them, helping them, and maintaining compliance on both their end and ours.

DAVIS: In the last, maybe three years, have there been any, like, major violations that have come forward?

DOUGHERTY: Yes.

DAVIS: Yes? And those have been corrected immediately?

DOUGHERTY: Yes.

DAVIS: Like, how long do they have to correct something like that?

DOUGHERTY: Sometimes, it can prolong a little bit further, depending on how much improvement needs to be.

So there's sometimes where a enforcement violation can go along for 18 months, 2 years, so they can actually install the required instrumentation and controls to put in place to treat that. And in those times, we work very closely with them to implement best management practices, so they can reduce the amount of contamination going into

the water in the interim while they are performing their construction and improvements for their facilities.

But there has not been any major upsets leaving the back of the plant. So everything has been controlled at the industries and at the head of the wastewater plant. But leaving the plant, we have been able to treat everything that they have discharged to us, yes.

DAVIS: Awesome. I know that I will say, the first time that I did a tour, I saw the water that was coming out and compared to now, it looks a lot different, so -- and that's a good thing, so. Yeah.

So keep up the good work. That's all my questions. That was a lot of questions. Thank you for the job. Thank you for being -- you prepared. You know your stuff, obviously.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: For the record, that was nowhere near 1,000 questions.

DOUGHERTY: I was ready. I was ready for 1,000.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think actually what I -- the only thing I want to add is that I'm glad you are asking the questions because the one thing that I've learned is that not all waste is the same kind of waste. There's degrees of waste and chemicals that is in that water.

And to know that we have checks and balances when it comes to testing and what's entering our plant -- because that's a -- going back to your example of flushing the toilet, doesn't matter what kind of waste, it's going to end up at a wastewater treatment plant. So that is a facility and an amenity that we have to protect. And so to do things like this and know that they're in place, brings me a lot of -- a sense of security, knowing that we're doing what we need to do as an organization.

And it's also a great learning opportunity. Had it not been for your questions -- there's a lot of new information that I learned just in the last couple of minutes. Even though they weren't 1,000 questions, they were well thought out and delivered questions. And I'm better for it because of it.

But I will entertain any other questions that might still be out there except for Jimmy. I'll come back to, you know.

Anything on this side?

Okay. Go ahead.

DAVIS: Thank you. I'll just make a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 630.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Vice Mayor's made a motion to adopt the ordinance.

GAMEZ: Second.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And we have a second by Council Member Gamez.

All those in favor, please signify by saying flush. Aye -- by saying aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed?

All right. City Clerk, motion is passed unanimously.

Great job, by the way, Mr. DOUGHERTY.

GAMEZ: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: It's very -- it's a skill that a lot of us don't have, to take something that is extremely complex and explain it in layman's term, where the average person can understand what they're talking about.

And like I started, I don't know what the heck I just read, but now, I have a much better grasp of what we're doing here as an organization. So we're better because of you also, Mr. DOUGHERTY . Thank you very much.

All right. We're going to move on to Item J, work study and presentations for discussion. Discussion regarding proposed parking lot upgrades to the city-owned property located at 9210 West Van Buren Street. I'm excited about this. I'm going to call up our Development Services Director.

Mr. Earp, you have the floor, sir.

EARP: Thank you, Mayor.

Members of Council, I'm calling up Arizona State University graduate, Chris Hamilton (ph.), City Engineer.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: That was an awesome introduction.

HAMILTON: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

I am here to discuss our parking lot that is across the street from Ahuevo. I think the

address is 9210. We have been working with management -- the Development Services Department has been working with management in trying to get the vision that we think came down from Council to develop this parking lot concept.

So we wanted to present the concept to you so that you guys can see what we've come up with. We got a couple items that we want to get feedback from you so that we make sure we're moving in accordance with what Council wants to see.

So if we could pull that up. Yep. Yep.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And not include the bridge.

HAMILTON: Okay. So in the top left corner, item A, you will see what we have as a bird's eye view of the new parking lot concept. We have permeable pavement on the east and the west side, and we're -- actually, all the parking stalls will have -- we're proposing to have permeable pavement under all the parking stalls, and then you'll have regular asphalt in the drive areas. We have colored concrete at each corner to kind of signify where we would like people walking.

We have developed -- in the center aisle, we have developed a drainage area, where we'll have some larger trees. Kind of on the north side there, you'll see -- you can see down in the lower right corner where E is. We have an area where we could have a food truck set up. And then we have an area set aside where we'll have -- where we can bring in some benches in any special event.

Then in item B, we've worked with the TIA Initiative, and we've brought some papel picado elements into the fence, so we've incorporated that into the fence. There's a -- there's -- we wanted to put a fence along that south side.

We know that there's an issue currently with people walking across the street in areas that they're not supposed to be walking across the street. So we're going to put a fence along that whole southern edge to try to discourage some of that, funnel people out to the two ends of the parking lot.

On the west end, there's already an existing crosswalk there where you can cross. And then on the east end, just a little further east, there's a crosswalk there as well. So we're going to try to help funnel people to those crosswalks and stop having people

crossing all over Van Buren.

We also mirrored that fence on the north side to screen away that alley that's there. We're going to look at paving that alley so that it can be a secondary ingress, egress from the parking lot.

One thing that's not clearly shown on here -- but we are going to do -- is we know that right next door is the facility that we have -- that the City has acquired to put in, like, a community center. We're going to have a pocket gate installed so that anybody -- if we have -- if we have the need for more parking here, we can open that gate and allow people to go back and forth between this parking area and the City's Community Center area.

One of the -- couple of the things that we're looking for direction for Council -- from Council on, we have some trees shown in here. You can see out on Van Buren in this concept. We have the pistache trees, which are the big trees that have the red flowers on them. And then inside the parking lot, we have more of the evergreen trees.

That's the concept that we're presenting.

One of the things we're curious about is, how does Council feel about that? Do we want a variety of trees, or would we prefer to see all the same kind of tree? What's our -- what would we like?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I'd like (indiscernible), and it's actually a really good application around concrete because the roots go deep. Sissoo trees, with time, is going to start to buckle some of our sidewalks.

So if you're going to put sissoo in the parking lot area, that's one thing. And there's other varieties you can put that have better root treatment, also. But the sissoo -- they stay pretty close to the surface. And so they grow really fast, and they create beautiful shade. But we also have to be practical about the infrastructure. Do we want broken concrete long term? No.

So I'm a big red push pistache. It'll create a little bit of color changes throughout the year on Van Buren.

On the inside, I think any variety for me would work. I mean, there's Brazilian chili

peppers. I mean, I'm not a big fan of the elms, but elms, another evergreen variety.

But what do you guys think, Council?

Yes, Vice Mayor?

DAVIS: I thought you wanted to suggest pecan trees.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I did, but somebody's going to pick them and get sick and sue us.

DAVIS: You're not --

ERIVES: And then it drops off oils. Yeah. And if you're doing a parking lot, the oils. Oh, okay.

DAVIS: You're not a wastewater expert, but you are a tree expert, right?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I am a tree expert. Yes.

DAVIS: That's one thing if you don't know about Mayor. He loves his trees, and he knows his trees. It's kind of -- it's kind of neat. You just walk around, and he can tell you, like, a million things about a tree.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Hug a tree. They love you.

DAVIS: So my questions are -- well, I have a couple of questions regarding safety.

So it is -- I love the idea of the wall that's going to push people to the crosswalks, but there's no sense with crosswalks that -- they're no good if no one stops for them.

So have we looked at maybe getting some of those lights where you press it, and it blinks, and you know, then you can cross the street?

I even seen at the last League of Cities conference -- they had these ones that, you know, they blink and blinks the red light, and everything stops. And then it -- like, it -- it kind of reminded me of Michael Jackson doing the moonwalk, maybe just because I just seen that movie.

But like, the light, like, follows you across the street. Like, it was really neat. It, like, illuminates the pedestrian walking across the street.

ERIVES: Oh, nice.

DAVIS: It turns off as soon as they get -- I mean, (indiscernible), right? So I'm just maybe something to look at because, obviously, there's a lot of traffic through here during the day.

I know before, like, Cafecito moved to their new location, trying to cross the street -- their parking across the street was a little dangerous. I might have almost gotten hit a couple of times. So we need to think about that.

The other thing is -- and I'm going to meet with staff later on about TIA and our mural festival that Council approved. One of my thoughts was to use that back wall, some of the space for that.

I mean, obviously, there's other sites around Van Buren that that can be on, but that was just something that I had in mind. So just something to keep in mind.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: How soon are you planning to do asphalt on that alley? Is that part of this project or a future project? Oh, it is part of this project. Awesome.

I like the metal plates, papel picado. I like the vibrant colors. I think the colors and the imagery -- image tree -- can't even speak today -- they complement the Paseo de Luces very, very well.

It has obviously safety concerns, but it also has a lot of esthetic concerns that are very positive. It's going to make that corridor really pop. The bright colors are going to be eye-catching and downright handsome. I think it's going to make the project look really, really good.

DAVIS: I think we're going to need some more art on there for sure.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Council Member Chavira?

CHAVIRA: I also like the papel picado. I think that adds just a whole lot of color and just vibrancy. I'm liking that. I like the idea of benches out there.

And trees, I don't know anything about trees. I just like them if they're green. So Mayor, you know he's going to know about greens.

But you know, low maintenance. I would say we don't want to add more work to the staff. Whatever vegetation we're looking at should probably be low maintenance.

And then Jimmy's right, we talked about having, like, art in an alleyway, and that would be a great segment into alleyway art for that particular alleyway that is just behind the parking lot. That'd be a cool place to start if we're going to pave it, too, and then it's already paved. And then we just work on that project. I know that's a separate project,

but it all goes together.

I love the concept. You guys did a good job.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I like the water harvesting with the swales and the permeable asphalt where, when it rains, the water will go right through it. And so it'll enter the -- our aquifers, and we don't have flooding issues. And when we have heavy rains, the water will have somewhere to go. I think that's brilliant.

But in general, I think it's great.

Clorinda?

ERIVES: Then I can see it just a little bit better. Is there any way that each picture can be displayed, like -- okay.

So A, I know you said that's the bird's eye view of the top, but I'm not sure which one is the actual parking lot. Like, I see the sidewalk; that's where pedestrians can walk and such. And then I see the fence that separates the pathway from -- but do you have something with what -- like, how many parking -- how many parking slots are -- will there be?

HAMILTON: Yeah. I believe there's between 60 and 70 parking spaces.

ERIVES: Wow. And so is there something that says, like, no overnight parking, so someone's not camping there? Is there something that says only for the certain restaurants? Or I can park my car and then walk to the high school?

Like, I'm just -- I'm just thinking of some other questions about the actual parking. If you could --

HAMILTON: Mayor, Councilwoman Erives, being that this is a public facility, we would allow parking any time of the day unless there was a change in our approach.

Because it's a public facility, you could park there any time of the day, and you could go anywhere you want within the corridor. I don't think we can restrict where -- who has access to it. Similarly, we wouldn't want to --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We --

HAMILTON: -- market, like, Ahuevo parking or Community Center parking. At this time, you know, everything's been open to the public.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

Jason?

EARP: Thank you.

Mayor, members of Council, Chris is correct.

So it's for all of downtown. Obviously, we know what restaurant uses it, but it's -- it'll be for all downtown. It'll be for events. We worked with Randy to still be able to have our stage there. Maybe some food mobile truck events, that kind of thing.

But we'll talk about how to -- with PD, how to enforce, like, overnight. I do that -- we do that now in other places. Yeah. So we will just work closely with PD to make sure that doesn't happen.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. We have to quick stop parking lots.

And depending on the type of use that might find its way there, may be smart to think about that upfront. And so in case we have uses in there that we really don't want, we can go ahead and lock those down, just like we do at Veterans Park. We close down that parking lot.

Mayor -- I'm sorry -- Council Member?

GAMEZ: I don't -- I'm -- (indiscernible), and I've got a place downtown, and there's trash -- actually, there's no trash cans for whatever reason. So you got to strategically put them out there so people can use it because they're not out there.

HAMILTON: Yeah. Mayor and Council Member Gamez, we will ensure that we have trash cans that are there. Our staff -- part of our staff would be to make sure the trash cans are getting emptied.

The other -- there's two other items that I kind of along that line that I want to make sure we point out that are going to be included, is that they are -- we're going to have EV charging stations for in the south east corner there, like, where that blue Mini Cooper-looking car is. So there will be two EV charging stations there. And then we also have -- strategically placed there are some --

What are those power stations called?

Sorry. Jason Harrington (ph.) is our landscape architect on this project, so.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Does it have lighting?

ERIVES: Lighting, yes. That was my question.

HAMILTON: So one of the things that I wanted to highlight -- and I don't know --

Is it on the next page, Jason, the festoon lighting?

HARRINGTON: Yeah. On the bottom of the plan view, there's some imagery that's representational of some of their inspiration. One of them was a charging station so that people could have special events there where you could plug something in and have this convenience outlet nearby, food trucks, and other things.

So they're tied to the grid system on the electrical network. So that would be a -- that would be one of the features that we have to offer, the convenience outlets that are part of it.

And then the comment about lighting is not presented in the imagery concept. There's going to be lighting safety lighting levels for each of the parking lots so that people use the parking lot have a level of security and comfort with that.

In addition, we have some decorative lighting called festoon lighting. That's that string lights with little (indiscernible) on it. And those are part -- they're concentrated over the central gathering area. We have some pavers that are replicating some of the streetscape (indiscernible). And we're using that as kind of a gathering space. If we want to have an outdoor dance, something like that, you've got this overhead lighting on string lights that need lights for (indiscernible).

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Any other questions, Council?

ERIVES: They're like -- I'm so sorry --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead.

ERIVES: Is there, like, a limit, so if a trucker wants to park his -- this 18-wheel truck trailer wants to park, and he wants --

HARRINGTON: Operations of the facility would be something that could be programmed. So we could say there might be (indiscernible) something (indiscernible) signage that says no parking or --

ERIVES: Okay.

HARRINGTON: -- no 18-wheeler.

So there will be something that law enforcement can help code compliance. If they say, hey, there's a sign that says you can't do this, it's pretty available.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Jason?

EARP: Yes.

Mayor, Members of Council, yeah, I just I was going to say that pretty much the same thing again. We'll work with Rudy (ph.). We'll work with some kind of design to block that.

And plus, there shouldn't be any semis going down Van Buren, at least not in Paseo de Luces. Unless they're delivering something to a business, then, you know, then they have to leave, so.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, I'm pro gates. Just to be clear, I think we need to have gates in case we ever need to shut that parking lot down for whatever reason.

And if you're going to incorporate gates, you might as well make them decorative and tied into the project. I'd hate for something to happen. And then we don't have the gates, and we have to figure that out at a later time.

Other comments? This side, you guys good?

Yeah, Clorinda?

ERIVES: Where do I go in? If I'm driving my car, is it that first street going towards that Mini Cooper; is that the entrance?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Where the guy's standing --

HAMILTON: One right here.

ERIVES: Okay. And then there's one going to be a separate entrance way closer to the corner? Okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And if they pave the alleyway they can exit to the back too. Yeah.

HAMILTON: I have one more request before we move on.

Can you scroll that a little bit to the right, so we can see that middle image? Yeah.

So right there in the middle, one of the other items that we wanted to really get feedback on is, as a part of this project, we've heard that we want to kind of rebrand

some of the Paseo de Luces down on Van Buren. So the landscape islands that we have currently in the Paseo, we have the DG with some small plants in there, and then we have the trees wrapped in the Christmas tree lighting.

So one of the concepts that we wanted to ask about was, we're considering changing that, taking all the plants out and putting in turf with up lights onto the trees so that there'd be a lot less maintenance and a lot less ability for us to have stuff going on in there.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Talking about artificial turf?

HAMILTON: Artificial turf. So you just have the artificial turf with the up lights. No other plants within those islands.

Or would Council rather see us maybe replace the existing planting with something else? From what I -- from what staff has heard, we want something that's smaller, more vibrant, more colors. Maybe we change the DG color and still maybe look into the up lighting. Or do we want to kind of stick with the theme that's currently there?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Me, personally, I think we have a really beautiful concept on Paseo de Luces as it exists. I'm okay with sage bushes or valentines or something that is colorful and flowers throughout the year -- or maybe once or twice. There's a lot of really good varieties here in Arizona.

But I wouldn't want to go too far away from what we have out there because that was a \$10 million investment. And to start doing pocket designs in certain parts of it, I think takes away from the greatness of the entire experience. I would rather be in line with what we started with initially so that that theme is carried out throughout this corridor as well. But that's just me.

Council?

Yes, Jimmy -- Vice Mayor?

DAVIS: I agree with that. I think it's an iconic, like, drive through, right? When you drive through, people know they're coming to Tolleson. I've actually had people from a city that likes to copy us, our neighbor.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Which one? There's a lot of them.

DAVIS: Avondale -- Avondale in particular this time. Their residents are, like, why can't we look like Tolleson, right? Like, so we want to keep that going.

Now, at the same time, there is room to, you know, supplement that with stuff like this, like this beautiful art and add pops of color, I think is great.

And if we're going to maybe -- you know, have we have to update those -- that lighting, right? Maybe putting something that can change colors, right, for different types of -- different parts of the year. You know, it can be blue for Autism month, or -- you know, that's all I'll say right now. But it can be lots of different colors for lots of different things. So I mean, maybe that's something we can we can look into.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Jason?

EARP: Thank you, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Members of Council.

I just have a quick question. So we get it on the planting area. But would you like to change the lights from the old Christmas lights, which constantly people unplugging them breaking them, even stealing them, and do up lighting, or just still keep with that concept and just stay on top of it?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I -- just really quick, I will say that, if we do that here, then we need to prepare to do it everywhere else. Not part of this project, but maybe we have a plan for the next two years to convert sections of downtown, so it's all the same at a certain point.

But again, this project I think, by design, is specific to the site. And so I'd be okay with making this the first phase and then moving into other areas as we improve downtown. Or for that matter, having an electrician come in and do all of them. But I don't want to see either/or. Whatever one -- whatever we decide today, the whole corridor should be illuminated in the same manner.

EARP: So Mayor --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Vice Mayor?

DAVIS: I was just going to ask, can you bring us some examples of different lighting and what that would look like? Because, I mean, we could say all day up lighting, that could look like a lot of different things or, you know -- so maybe if we have a couple different

things to choose from?

EARP: Yeah. The -- for example, right now, we have it in front of City Hall. And the reason why we picked that, we could change different colors. So Breast Cancer Month, you know, we do pink. And for whatever different holidays or functions, we could change the lighting.

You mentioned changing lighting earlier. So that was one of the things we thought of. We thought if we do -- start this one, just like you said, Mayor, as the --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Test site?

EARP: Yeah. Test site to do the up lighting, and if we like it, we have it in our budget and our CIP next year to do Van Buren, Paseo de Luces, redo it, and we can include that package.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. The other thing, too, is, I think, we have discovered very clearly that vandalism is a problem when it comes to the -- the direct plugs that are exposed. And anything that we can do to mitigate that, I think, is a benefit to all of us. Councilmember. Chavira. Sorry.

CHAVIRA: Yeah, I think it should be cohesive, as well. And I wouldn't be unopposed to turf, but it would be a change from what we have. So at least, if the plants are cohesive throughout -- and some kind of plant that -- I mean, all plants are going to take care, but maybe something that's more low-maintenance. Because right now, it's -- it's -- it's pretty high maintenance. And the lights themselves, we do have to change the lights. I don't think we have a choice of that. I think there's been so many -- so much vandalism and loss as it pertains to those lights. But it is Paseo de Luces, and we do, in fact, need and want lights out there, but it can definitely be a different type of light. It needs to be a different type of light.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And there are haters. There's other cities that wish they were us. There will always be other cities that wish they were us. But having said that, you're right. If we're going to (indiscernible) Paseo de Luces, let's celebrate it.

Vice Mayor.

DAVIS: How is it lit up out here? Because it gets -- it's --

HAMILTON: Uplights.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Out here, we have the LED uplights.

DAVIS: Uplights, and they can change colors, too, like -- because, I mean, it's really nice out here at night, so.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. And the --

DAVIS: And it's pretty bright, actually.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. It looks -- it's a safe corridor.

DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAVIRA: And that will tie in to our pedestrian bridges that are going to be lighted.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Absolutely. I will tell you, I thought when I first saw this that the -- the papel picado was a deviation from the corridor. But I'm okay with it because, I mean, we could -- we could define it based on two things. One is art, as an expression of art. Actually, three. One is it's an expression of cultura. And then more importantly than that, in this particular corridor, it's an expression of safety. We want people to cross where it's safe. And this, this fence, guides people to those exit points that are going to put them close to the -- the crosswalks. And so for that -- that reason, I think that makes a lot of sense. So even though it's different than the rest of the corridor, I think it complements it for all the right reasons. But that's probably the extent of what I would want to get away from the overall theme.

DAVIS: Great.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Clorinda.

ERIVES: Visually, seeing it kind of thing, my eyes are old, and I don't see any blue. Is there a reason that there's no blue or purple or pinks? Is it just that you -- because I'm a Dodger fan, I just want to make sure that there's something blue in there. And I'm not seeing something.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: (Indiscernible) maroon and gold.

ERIVES: But I didn't know, maybe -- are you trying to stay on a certain color palette? I don't know. Like, this is why my -- my question.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Can we make them all maroon and gold?

ERIVES: I'm just saying, you know, when I first see it --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We can add more color, yeah.

ERIVES: -- I see it more like a flag, like, a flag for different countries. And so I wasn't sure that papel picado -- maybe if you zoom in and -- is that yellow one, does it have, like, a medallion in it, the -- the celebrate one? Okay.

HAMILTON: And those graphics haven't been finalized --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Finalized?

HAMILTON: -- out.

ERIVES: Right, right, right.

HAMILTON: So there's still time to change and --

ERIVES: Oh, yes.

HAMILTON: We can do colors, and we can change out what the actual graphics look like. This is just in concept.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I like it; I really do. I think you've done a tremendous job, Chris. I could see the spark coming out in you. It's awesome.

Any other comments or questions for this project?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I like it.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You like it? All right.

Jimmy?

DAVIS: Yeah.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You like it? Esta bien?

DAVIS: It's in the right direction.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think you're definitely going down the right route. I like the lighting. I like the uplighting. And it's still budget season. We haven't finalized our budget, so if we wanted to look at maybe putting some money toward that, we can redo the whole thing. We just have to throw everything away and start from scratch. Our CEO is sweating, so maybe we have to wait.

HAMILTON: Thank you, Mayor and Council.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, guys. Appreciate your time. All right.

We're going to move on to item K, which is Mayor and City Manager report of current events. That's where we're at, right?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. For discussion, I'm going to begin with -- actually, I'm going to start with a comment, with something that's not on here. And that is a trip that we took to Rocky Point. So this won't take long. I promise this won't take long. So as some of -- most of you know, all council knows, we have a sister city arrangement with the City of Puerto Penasco, Rocky Point, Mexico. They had a mayor, and a great mayor, Mayor Castro, and he had -- he had been ailed with some medical issues, and they weren't getting better. And I don't know the specifics or the -- how bad they become, but needless to say, he had to resign his position. We had a great meeting with him, the chief and I did, about a year ago, I would say, maybe six -- a while back. And we had a great breakfast, great conversations, great possibilities. But unfortunately, due to health reasons, he resigned his position, which, of course, we wish him the best. And we had a new mayor -- Verdugo? Mayor Verdugo came in. And so we went out there, and we met with him to make a connection. And I walked away with the sense of somebody who was hungry for opportunities, somebody who wanted to honor the legacy of the relationship that we have started already, and somebody who definitely wants to move forward. Matter of fact, they gave us a big old basket. Mine didn't make it very far. My kids came over and opened it up, so I was hoping chief would bring his today. But it had everything in there -- everything in the basket was a product of Puerto Penasco, which is pretty cool, yeah. The carne seca was awesome. But anyways, it was a great meeting, and I just want to give you guys an update that we definitely have a partner in Puerto Penasco, and they're very excited about the possibilities. And so am I, especially after meeting the new mayor, so.

Chief, you want to add anything to that?

MENDOZA: Mayor, I -- thank you. I'll just add one thing for those who don't know, is that we are using a one of our digital billboards along I-10, and that was started before our visit, and they were very excited about that. It's one of the slides that -- that cycles

through. And it says -- it says Rocky Point, and it shows an aerial picture of Rocky Point. Basically, it's a tourism thing for them. And they -- they could not have been more excited. And they brought that up without us needing to bring it up. They were aware of it, and they were very excited about that, and we'll continue to use that, as well as many other mechanisms, to help promote them. And they're doing some things for us, too, which we'll talk about at a later date.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Thank you, Chief. All right.

Now, library department update. I'm going to kick it over to Library Director Carrico. How are we doing?

CARRICO: Great. Just left a good party. And we have a presentation to pull up.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Oh, you know what? There was something -- Reyes, I want to add this. And Jason. I know a while back we released a number of designs that symbolize different things in Tolleson. I think (indiscernible) worked on that. And I'm just thinking if you want to refer those as part of the, like, papel picado concept, maybe we incorporate some of that into it so that, if we're going to celebrate the new designs and it's symbolic of who we are as a community, then they're also included or embedded into this project. Sorry about that.

CARRICO: That's okay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead.

CARRICO: All right. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of council, and everyone gathered here tonight. I'm going to be talking to you about the library and some highlights that we have going on this fiscal year, as well as some focus that we're going to have for next fiscal year.

So the different focus areas that we're looking at for the library cover these objectives. We want to make sure that we have data-driven decision making across all of our services. We want to expand community access to emerging technologies. We want to make sure that we have operational efficiency so that we can serve more residents without increasing our staffing. And then also, we want equity-centered service redesign initiatives.

So the first project that we are highlighting this fiscal year is our Power BI dashboards. We are working hard on it this fiscal year. The project is to create filterable dashboards using library statistics. The impact it's going to have, and what I'm really pushing for, is that every single staff member in the library is able to use this tool so that, whatever area that they are working on, whether it's projects, whether it's our technology specialists, whether it's outreach, that they are practiced in seeing what the community is using to help them make decisions on what services to start, what services to change, what services to end, same with programs. And by doing a dashboard, it gives everybody access. It's not just one vendor sending us information. Right now, the status of this is it's in progress. We are building these dashboards. We are getting some vendor help for some of the gaps that we have in order to build and manage these dashboards. We wanted to align it with the council's core values in action. I think that data helps us tell our story loud enough. Anecdotes are wonderful, and they paint a great picture. They paint a picture of what the data is -- is -- the foundation of what's going on.

And then some of the planned metrics we have that we're going to be capturing, our building-use programs, our virtual services, circulation, outreach, passports, feedback. We have an annual state report that we give to the Arizona State Library.

This is an example of one of the dashboards that we're working on. It's still pretty primitive, but this is our gate counts. These gate counts are from October of '25 until today, until yesterday. That's when I pulled this. So we've had 72,000 people walk through our doors during that time. But a staff member can also click a filter and see, well, how many people in April. There was 10,075 last month, or 10,000.75 K last month. And then they're like, but I want to know about just Tuesdays, I have story time on Tuesdays, what are the numbers on Tuesdays. We had one thousand and five -- and six -- point 63 K come through on Tuesday. This is just one example.

DAVIS: Are the Tuesdays in April?

CARRICO: Yes, Tuesdays in April, this -- this last month. This is just one example, a primitive one. What is really great about this project is that we can talk to the staff. We

can talk to them about what they want to measure. And when we put it into a dashboard, we can take the information from anything -- the things that our vendors send us, reports that we run, things that staff input -- and we can create relationships between these data points, however they use them, so that two things that may not normally be measured together, a staff member can say, I need to measure that together, and allow them to manipulate the data, click on what they need to see specific hours, days, times, months, events. And as I said, this is what staff see right now. These are the different groups that we are working on. And basically, you just click on one of these categories. For instance, circulation, it will take you to our circulation dashboard, and it'll have all of the data there as staff use it.

The next project that I want to talk about is our maker lab. We have opened our T-Lab Maker Services. We really want to bring technology, creation tools, to the public. We are going to be bringing laser cutters, vinyl cutters, engravers, and 3D printers to the public. They will be able to book time on the machines, come to the library and use them. We will do orientations for safety and how to use them, get them acclimated, and then let them come into the space. It was really important to myself and my staff that people touch the machines. This kind of service exists in libraries in a lot of areas in the country, but it's a print service where they give you a file. The library staff will print it, and then they'll give it to you. In this case, we want to orient people on the machines, let them book time in our lab and use it, touch it, get familiar with it, because there's a component of access and learning that can't happen if it's just a print.

So right now, we're partially open. Our vinyl cutter and our laser cutter are open. That is being used right now. We started this this year. We've had our first classes in March, so we've had 12 people come through the class, and we've had 14 appointments so far. And here's just some pictures of the space, the T-Lab Maker space. Here's some pictures of the active machines, the vinyl cutter and the laser cutter. The laser cutter, we brought out to Tolleson Talks, whenever they held it in Human Services, so people can see what it does. And we can say, you could do this, too. We've actually had some people enroll in our classes from that.

And then that's just the laser cutter in action, creating a Stranger Things logo.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I'm glad you mentioned that, because that -- that just triggered my mind. When we had our last Tolleson Talks for the season, it was here in City Hall. And we had a raffle winner who I think got some kind of kitchen utensil.

CARRICO: And they were able to laser engrave or laser cutter, whatever they call it, on the actual kitchen tool, customize whatever they wanted on there, their last name or whatever it was. And it was -- it was really cool because it was interactive. Somebody got to win something, put their own personal message on there and take it home. So that was awesome.

The other two points I want to make, because I will forget, is I really like how you tied our core values and our priorities as an organization via council into your slides, because that's critical. We want to make sure that those are the things that we're pushing out. And numbers, the last thing is numbers matter. And you know, there's a time to talk, tell a story for the heart. And there's a time to tell a story through numbers. And the numbers tell you success rate, should we retain this program, should we replace it with something better for our community, or should we implement more classes of it because it's that popular. And only numbers tell -- tell us that. So I'm glad that you're focusing on the numeric side of it.

Councilwoman.

CHAVIRA: Are all these available free of charge?

CARRICO: The maker classes?

CHAVIRA: Yeah.

CARRICO: Yes. Everything at the library is available free of charge.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Council -- or Vice Mayor.

DAVIS: You're doing amazing programming. I mean, every time -- I'm just floored every time I see something new that you guys are doing. This is amazing. The Library on Wheels thing at the at Whoopee Days, that was fantastic. Like, and I know the -- the senior center probably has a similar issue where -- is space an issue that is --

CARRICO: Yes.

DAVIS: I think that we --

CARRICO: We are getting tight, yeah.

DAVIS: Yeah. We've definitely, you know -- this building is not that old. And I think that our two core programs that we've built the space around our -- have completely outgrown --

CARRICO: A happy problem, that we're being used that much.

DAVIS: I think that's something that we need to be proactive about, because we want those programs to continue to grow, our senior program and our library program. And so we've bought a lot of things recently. I don't know, maybe we need to turn something into a library and a new senior center, or something. But space is an issue, and that's a good thing.

CARRICO: Well, I'm glad you bring up space because the third current project is staff output efficiency. So this is actually a couple of years in the making. It is an infrastructure-forward project. It is something where we centralize workflows through 365 or products we use all the time. But we are using it to make sure that we can service more people with less staff. So we have added several new remote services and several new internal processes through this, and they're structured in a way that the load can be carried by all staff members or a selection of staff members. And we've structured in a way that we can respond to public requests for services within 24 hours of a business day.

This is -- council alignment would be Smart Cities and Aging in Place because the majority of these services are remote. So people who cannot get to the library or choose not to come to the library, we can service them, too. We've added nine public-facing services and five internal customer services with this.

And I'll just mention the metrics. We pulled metrics from the start of the fiscal year all the way until -- these run into February. We have made -- card registration is our largest by far. People can request a card. We will create the card. We will mail them the card and give them their card number and their PIN through email so that they have -- they have instant access and they never have to come into the library to use us. Two

hundred and fifty-five card registrations were made from February -- or from July to February. Thirty percent of those lived in the 85353 ZIP code district.

This is our website. I call it our other branch. This is the website where people can interact with it and not come to the building and still use valuable library services. It has our mission statement up front, providing opportunities to learn, play, create, and explore, para todos. And this is where people go to get those remote services.

And these are some of the services that they can encounter. Library card registrations is one of them. They never have to come into the library to get a full card. We can renew their cards from afar. Staff -- staff can get card registrations. They have a different process, but they never have to come to us, either. We will -- they will process their card and send it through the -- to the -- through interoffice mail. We have asked the staff for virtual library reference. We have author and creators who create their own books or media and want to be added to the collection. They can request it. We have collection requests if there's something they're missing. Even if it's, like, an E-book or an E-audio, we'll handle those. These are handled by the majority of staff online. And it allows our staff to, like, double in size. They can do a whole lot more. There's only 12 of us, myself included, and we have to find ways that we can be bigger than 12.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And maybe this already is in place and I missed it, but is it possible for me to get a virtual library card where I don't have to carry something physical, I can come in, I can be looked up by name and be able to check stuff out?

CARRICO: It's not a virtual library card, but you don't have to carry your library card. We can always look you up. You can just use a card number if you like. If you don't come to the library, we will mail you your physical card, but you never actually use it. You can use the library that -- the library card number that we send you. There are lots of ways to use your library card. As long as you can produce the number or prove who you are, you can take items and use our -- our services.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

CARRICO: And I have these separated because, on the right-hand side, those are services that might start virtually but end up here in the library. So just passport

questions, it's, like, a ask-the-staff virtual service, but specific to passports. We get lots of passports questions. And that's one way that people can get their answers. We have meeting room requests that went live very recently. We have interlibrary loan requests where we will look around the country to get a book that you are looking for, that we don't own, and they'll mail it to us. You can start that request online to come pick it up. And at the very bottom, that spans both -- we have comment cards because we do digital comment cards, and we also attach data points to this one so we can see how we're doing. So I'll group it in different areas, like customer service, our collection, the building. And people will mark what they're commenting about. And then we will attach a positive, negative, or neutral to it. So if someone's like, I love your story times, they're amazing, I have so much fun, I wish you had them on Saturdays, then that will be marked programs, and it'll be marked negative because we are missing a need. They need us on Saturday. So even though they're loving us, we're not -- we're not meeting a need. And that gives us a trend. When you look at the data, it gives us a trend on our areas. And if we're trending positive or negative, so that we can look in closer on the comments.

These are just some current library stats, our current year versus our prior year. As you were talking about, the squeeze on the space, it's because our usage is going up. All of the areas have a positive percentage except for maker space because it's the first year that it's open. And these are as of February. So these are going to be a little bit higher than they were in February.

And then finally, looking forward, one of the initiatives that we're going to be tackling in the next fiscal year is a Spanish-language equity initiative. So we would like to implement a comprehensive redesign of our library building, our signage, our programs, our services, our resources, our -- our procedures. We want to be more inclusive. We want to remove barriers to our Spanish-speaking community members and shift the library to encompass a true bilingual experience. We want to conduct an -- an audit of what it's like to come in and only use Spanish to find what you need, work on some improvements, and then conduct another audit to see how we did. The impact that we

would like to make is we want to remove the barrier of translation through staff members, or through devices, or through bringing a companion to use our library. We would like to reflect the Spanish language more prominently in the library so that the community members can see themselves.

We have a very high Spanish-speaking community here. We want to enable independent use of the library for a wider range of -- of patrons. If someone has to encounter a person to use the library, we've created a barrier, and they may not get the information they need. It might be sensitive information that they don't want to share with another person. So we want to make sure all the barriers are lifted. The council priority is -- are expressions of caring. And this is something that we would see at the end of the next fiscal year to see how we've done for adjustments.

That's my last slide, so I'm open for any questions, any concerns, any praise.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, I -- praise without a doubt. I mean, this is amazing work. And this is very clearly having a very positive impact on the residents of Tolleson and beyond. So I want to thank you and all your staff for the work that you've done thus far. This is good, that we're -- that we're moving toward numeric reporting. Again, it's -- I think it's critical. It's a critical part of public service and how we report our successes. And quite frankly, it's also a good tool to identify areas that are either no longer needed or we're not doing a very good job of.

I put deodorant on, just to be clear. It might be the coffee.

But I'm very impressed. Thank you very much for that work.

Council, questions or comments?

GAMEZ: They were great. It was good. Thank you. Good report with everybody.
(Spanish spoken).

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Councilmember?

ERIVES: No, I was just going to say I really like the Spanish-language initiative. So many times, our students are -- are young ones as they're coming in, right, might not always speak it, but they don't have the books to -- to facilitate that and just support it. But to be bilingual and biliterate, right, the high school has a program where you can have

dual -- on your high school diploma, you get both seals of -- seals of biliteracy. So we want our students -- because they're competing in this global market. If you can speak English and you can speak Spanish, man, your opportunities are tenfold.

Mayor, we just said we have a sister city partnership.

So here, preparing our youth for that job fair, like you were saying, someone coming in might find a barrier. But I'm also saying supporting someone in a second language, like, maybe third language. Who knows?

Thank you. This is beautiful. I like this beyond --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Councilmember Chavira?

CHAVIRA: Great job, Mandy. I mean, just coming into the library, the art, the -- the whole maker section there. What a beautiful thing. And you're doing a great job, and it's appreciated. Thank you.

CARRICO: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mandy.

Well, councilmember.

LABORIN: People come in there and get a passport with you, apply for a passport?

CARRICO: Yes. They can make an appointment, and we have a passport service.

LABORIN: I've been told that they can't get passport there, that they have to go to Avondale. And I'm going like, no, we have it in Tolleson, and I'm going, I'm -- maybe I'm giving them wrong information.

CARRICO: No. Yes, we definitely have a passport service. And it's actually open evenings and weekends, so outside of work hours for anyone who's needing that.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome.

Anybody else on this side? We're good?

This side? Vice Mayor?

DAVIS: Just one more time. I just want to say, keep up the great work. Your staff is doing amazing things. And you know, speaking of the library of things, you didn't talk (audio interference) so much going on in the library.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Did you see the art exhibit that was there today?

DAVIS: I definitely saw the -- the art gallery that, the TAG, the Tolleson Art Gallery that we have in there. The Sedona Center for the Arts is doing a fantastic job curating that, those exhibits. They're phenomenal, phenomenal.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: It was a great turnout.

CARRICO: It really was. And thank you for everyone who showed. And we do have a lot of programs and a lot of services. I did not touch on 100 of them. These are just the highlights. But we always invite people to come on in. Everything is free. The staff are friendly, and we'll probably find something you didn't know libraries did.

DAVIS: So if we can--

CARRICO: Thank you.

DAVIS: -- make sure that those gallery openings are always on our calendars, that -- that would be fantastic, because sometimes I miss those, and I don't want to miss them.

CARRICO: We don't have a large opening for all of them. We try to have a -- like, an artist program for each of them. And in this one, it's just one of the ones where we did a larger, wide range, because all the artists wanted to appear.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, it was a wonderful event, the smell -- the food smelled really good. The line was too big for me to get any, but I'm glad it was a really well-turned-out event.

So councilmember, do you still do the -- the reading thing, the book reading?

ERIVES: I haven't in a while, but summer's coming up, and so yeah, looks like --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, (indiscernible) that, we'll get an update on the road.

Yes.

ERIVES: I'm just even -- I don't know if you all had a chance to go out towards Veterans Park, because you have the library story time that goes along with the walk path.

CARRICO: We do encourage -- we have a story walk (indiscernible).

ERIVES: (Indiscernible) even another -- like, the library is, like, out of --

CARRICO: And that's

ERIVES: -- the walls of the library.

CARRICO: Story walk is in Spanish, not bilingual, just Spanish with an English audio QR

code, so.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Well, I'm impressed. I think you guys are doing tremendous work, and I think the council agrees with that.

Councilmember.

ERIVES: I've also done a story time with the fire department.

CARRICO: Yes.

ERIVES: (Indiscernible).

CARRICO: Fire department and the police station.

ERIVES: And the police. Okay. So yeah, lots of great things happening in the library.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think we should give her a round of applause and --

ERIVES: Yes. Thank you.

CARRICO: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay, let's move on to item number 2. We have Parks and Recreation Department update.

Director Babchuk, you have the floor, sir.

BABCHUK: Good evening, Council, Mayor, members of the council. Today, we'll be going over a few things on our initiative for the TASK program. We can get that presentation up. It'll be the Tolleson after-school. Which one -- I have, like, five or six of them, so hopefully you guys ate dinner.

Mandy, you still have dinner over there?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Go ahead, Vice Mayor.

DAVIS: I guess I just have a question about the agenda. How come these things are agendized under mayor and city manager's reports and not under, like, work studies and presentation? Because isn't that typically where those -- these types of items would go? I don't know. That's just where it seems like -- where they would go.

ZAMORA: It's not really a work study. It's a presentation, and it's about current events, so it could go either/or. Yeah.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Hit it.

BABCHUK: Awesome. Thank you, guys. So this is an update. In October of 2025, one of

our initiatives for Parks and Recreation was to move our after-school program away from the Parks and Rec Department facility over to the elementary school, especially at AZD and P.H. Gonzales. A little lag.

BABCHUK: So mainly, this was -- there's three reasons why. The first one was student-centered access and safety. It eliminated transportation barriers for working families. What we were doing was we were transporting kids from the elementary school over to the rec center. And that created, you know -- during traffic times, it's just a little bit of an anxiety having to transport kids, and -- and parents making sure, calling every ten minutes, making sure that their kids made it safe and on time. So we wanted to eliminate that worry for parents and make sure that, you know, the kids, students, remained in a familiar, secure school environment. It reduced the transitional risk between school dismissal and program start. There's always that, you know, teachers walking them to the van and them specifically getting on the -- the van and then us taking them to the rec center.

It also improved the daily attendance and participation consistency within those schools. So the parents already knew, the teachers already knew, that these kids that were already in the program were going to continue to be in the program. So they knew and were held accountable. And you know, the teachers were -- were able to tell them, like, hey, aren't you supposed to be in the rec -- or at the rec, you know, in the cafeteria. And so it -- everyone was held accountable.

The other one was increased family convenience. Parents no longer had to worry, again, about the transporting or who was going to pick up the child from the after-school program or from the rec center.

And it provides services where families were already familiar with drop-off, pick up. You know, we have a really good partnership with the elementary school and the IGA that we work hand in hand now. So if they have a question about TASK or they have a question about school, we really answer each other's questions. So they can go either way and ask questions for that.

This last one was the stronger school partnerships. It really did strengthen our

partnerships, and in a couple slides, you'll see that. It aligned with programming educational goals, so we follow the same rules.

It's just a continuation of school. And we preach those same rules that the kids are going through with the teachers. So we have all those same things. There's nothing new and nothing different.

Tolleson After School, so AZD -- currently, the numbers are up. So they were already at capacity at the 79. I think we're at, like, 85 now with a ten, total, waitlist. Average daily is at 70 now, which is about almost a 90 percent weekly average.

We're about 295 students per week, and we're utilizing every space we can for that program. We really see the need for it at AZD. Not saying that PH does, but PH -- we have a total of 48 registered now, no waitlisted. And our daily average is still 25.

So Mayor?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: So quick question. Does AZD have a 21st Century grant?

BABCHUK: They do.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. They also have one? Okay.

BABCHUK: Yep. And they run before school with that.

And again, we're using each space independently, but again, they've been gracious enough with the IGA and the partnership to give us classrooms for our STEM programs and arts and crafts and things like that. It's just not -- we're not just in the cafeteria or the playground. They're giving us space so we can work with the kids and provide those extra programming.

And Tolleson After School, so alignment with the City Council priorities, core value. The priorities are expressions of caring; places children in safe, most accessible environment possible; demonstrates responsiveness to family needs; and show proactive support for working parents.

And we get calls weekly just thanking our staff because it's helping them out so much. Especially with our summer coming up, and a lot of them -- we gave priority to our residents. And a lot of the nonresidents are bummed because they didn't get in. It's just, A, it's a reasonable price, and B, it's the same staff that the kids are used to already.

So that's a huge help right there.

We're leveraging city resources to break the cycle of poverty, directly supports academic success through structured after school engagement, provides enrichment homework support and positive mentorship, and reduces the risk of unsupervised after school hours.

So that's how TASK actually came about, was that our teen council saw the need for an after-school program because they were left home alone, and they were just roaming the streets. And they wanted more of a productive -- and that's how TASK really grew, is that the teen council came up with that name, and we ran with it. And here we are, I think it's almost 20 years later that we're still in it.

So greater crisis response capacity. Students remain in a familiar structure. Again, we're not having to worry about checking them in and out before and after they get off a van. We already know that they're supposed to be there. We're still doing the check in and check out process, but again, we're not transporting them during the height of traffic.

Encourages social connection and positive peer interaction, and then, again, strengthens -- what we're seeing, especially with PH Gonzalez, a lot of the grandparents are picking up the kids and are able to walk and pick up the kids from school and the program and then walk back home because it's in the neighborhood, so supports family direct within their community footprint.

I think that was it. Any questions for the TASK After School?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, no. That's great information. I love the numbers.

Obviously, participation has been going up. The partnership that we have with the school is paying great dividends. Literally, it's a one-stop shop. They get out of class, go straight into the after-school program. The parents can pick them up. It seems to me to be pretty seamless, which is a benefit to everybody, both school and the City, more importantly, to the families that we serve.

Vice Mayor?

DAVIS: Why do you think there's such a difference in the numbers between the two

schools?

BABCHUK: Honestly, I think it's the accessibility of them being able to pick up their kids in the neighborhood school because PHG is in the neighborhood, so parents are picking them up. Or grandparents are more able to pick them up from there, so you do have -- We do have a lot of nonresidents that are at AZD. If you look at the numbers, AZD has more nonresident versus resident. And PHG is more -- I think 99 percent of them are resident.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: You mentioned AZD has a before-school program. Do they also have an after-school program with their 21st Century grant?

BABCHUK: They do.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

BABCHUK: So -- and that does play a big part in it because they do have mariachi. They have band. They have all kinds of stuff.

DAVIS: Transporting them over to AZD, huh?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

BABCHUK: Yep. Yep.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, and I know PHG has a very good 21st Century grant. I'm required to say that because my wife is in charge of it, so --

BABCHUK: They do, and they use the after-school numbers as well because they'll all eat together.

And once they're done with 21st Century -- right now, we're just seeing the 40, but once the 21st Century trickles down, they'll come to the after-school program after that. So once either a sport ends or an event happens, then they'll come back to the after-school program.

DAVIS: Those particular grants, do we see that they're going to be around for a while? I know they've been around for a long time, but current administration likes to cut things. So is there a chance that those could be cut?

BABCHUK: It could be. We did see it get cut back in -- I want to say 2016 or '15. They lost that 21st Century grant, and then they had to reapply for it. And they didn't get it

for a few years, but they possibly could lose it, so --

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Any other questions from Council -- or comments? Council?
Oh, Clorinda?

ERIVES: What grade levels are we looking at when it comes to the after-school? Are these young, young kids?

BABCHUK: K through sixth grade.

ERIVES: K to six. Okay.

BABCHUK: K to six.

And you know, that being said, is that we did -- we were able to open up the rec center to be for a teen center now, so now, all seventh through twelfth graders -- and we're averaging probably about 150 to 200 kids a day there. I mean, everyone from the after-school --

ERIVES: Those get transported over, or they just --

BABCHUK: No, they walk from the high school.

DAVIS: Do we have -- I mean, I'm sure we do, but do we have some type of after-school programming happening at the rec center --

BABCHUK: Yep.

DAVIS: -- for kids who do not attend AZD or --

BABCHUK: We do, and it's an open-rec program, where they get to come in, whether we're, you know, giving arts and crafts. Ruben (ph.) is doing a great job with the teens, and he has a lot of activities going on there.

But then we also do have a lot of open gyms, and we're doing, like, volleyball and basketball camps and things like that as well for them.

DAVIS: A lot of kids go to charter schools, so you know --

BABCHUK: We're actually seeing a real big amount of kids driving in and using our facility right now, a lot of teens. So probably about a quarter of them are driving to our facility from other schools.

DAVIS: Wow.

BABCHUK: A lot of prep academy schools. It's good to see.

All right. Any other questions?

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Any other questions at this time? Comments? No?

Great job. And I think you have item number 3 as well.

BABCHUK: Yep.

So if we can pull up the Tree City USA presentation.

DAVIS: I guess.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yes, it is.

BABCHUK: So Tree City USA is a nationally-recognized program administered by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forestry Service and National Foresters within Arizona.

So the program honors cities and towns across that demonstrate a strong commitment to effective urban forest management and basically raising the canopies in our city, planting more trees, being more environmentally safe out there.

So it was established in 1976. Framework for communities to maintain and grow public tree canopies, again, within our cities, so we definitely see the need for that here, especially with the renovations downtown. People want to be downtown more. They want to enjoy the outdoors. And being so hot in Arizona, that's one of the best ways to combat the heat.

What does it mean to be a Tree City USA community? So to earn Tree City USA designation, a municipality has to meet some core standards. The first one is you have to adopt a public tree ordinance, and we came back last year to change some of the ordinances to fit our needs and to get on to the Tree -- to be a Tree City USA -- establish a community forest program with an annual budget; dedicate funding and resources to planning, maintaining, and managing public trees; and then observe and proclaim Arbor Day; conduct an annual Arbor Day celebration and proclamation to promote awareness and community engagement.

Last year, we planted over 25 trees at McNeel Park. That was one of our first events for Arbor Day, and then this year, we were able to go and plant a tree in memorial of one of the firefighters at the fire station. So we deemed that as one of our events, and then we

did proclaim Arbor Day last month.

So why does it matter for Tolleson? It shows that Tolleson is committed to being a responsible environmental stewardship; invest in long-term infrastructure and shade canopy growth; supports public health through urban cooling; enhances property values and neighborhood aesthetics; promotes sustainability and climate resilience; and engages residents in community beautification.

I definitely know that a lot more people take pride in McNeel Park now because we're getting calls, you know, when they see something not right. So if a tree falls over or kids are kicking a tree or pulling them down, we get the call right away.

How it aligns with the City of Tolleson core values is showing care for community, health, and environment. Trees reduce heat-related risks. We're investing in long-term infrastructure, and it's creating that shaded, walkable neighborhoods that we're all hoping for. So and we'll continue this, and every year, we'll continue to plant more and more trees.

So December 31st, 2025, we submitted our application in hopes of becoming or being recognized as a Tree City USA. In January we got the email saying that we were accepted, and we are recognized as one of 92 cities incorporated in Arizona. We are actually one of 27 out of the 92, sorry, that is recognized as a Tree City USA. So that's huge (indiscernible) --

So again, back in 2025, this is what they published and how, you know, they published this throughout all the cities that are there. And they made a big event out of it.

So we definitely, in the works with our park superintendent, Oracio (ph.), really got this going. It took about two years. It was a long process, but it's well worth it. And now, we have an ordinance that we can kind of refer back to and be able to kind of grow our canopy and community.

So what's next? So every year -- kind of show you -- every year, we get to put our dates that we are a Tree City USA, so we have a plaque that I'd like to present to council. And this is our first year.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Where are we going to display that?

BABCHUK: I believe in the display case out front, and then we do have our first-year certificate, recognizing the City of Tolleson as our first Tree City USA award in 2026. I'd also like to -- and we also have our street signs.

Back down.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Don't worry, Jimmy. He's got it. You're good.

BABCHUK: We got the new (indiscernible) from --

ERIVES: Nice.

BABCHUK: (Indiscernible) here out in the streets.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Park -- the new park.

BABCHUK: Yep.

ERIVES: Awesome.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Major corridors.

BABCHUK: But today, recognized as a Tree City USA city, we still have some work that we need to do.

Again, on that last slide, you saw that we still need to, again, proclaim an Arbor Day celebration proclamation, which the mayor does. And then we still have to make sure that we're spending the \$2 per capita per resident here, which we do automatically, which is pretty low. And Mayor knows because Phoenix is one.

And then just to continue to monitor and refine the City of Tolleson tree ordinance, so I think we we're on the right path, and we have a good team behind us. So I foresee us being a Tree City USA for a very long time.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, all I can say is that I am personally very happy to see that our community is a Tree City USA.

As a certified arborist, I think there's a lot of benefits of trees, and anytime that trees and humans get together, joy is endless. But I will say that, also, one of the things that we have to look at is maybe creating an inventory of sorts so that -- it's good that we're planting new trees, but we're also needing to replenish trees that have lived their life or were destroyed. I hate to say it, but the public can be pretty mean, or hit by a vehicle or what have you, so we continue our inventory growth.

And Tolleson has always been a very -- has a very strong history of agriculture, to include the pecan trees that were mentioned earlier. They may not be pecan trees moving forward, but there's certainly other varieties that we can celebrate and plant. So I just want to commend you for the effort. I know it's not an easy effort. I've been a part of Tree City USAs for my main employer for a number of years, and it's an endeavor.

So to be able to say that we are Tree City USA, one of 27 communities in Arizona, it's an incredible accomplishment. So I want to definitely commend you for all your work and your staff.

BABCHUK: Thank you.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, let's give him a round of applause.

ERIVES: That's awesome. (Indiscernible).

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: And I would also say that the private sector loves Tree City USA, so nurseries would be willing to donate trees. I think some of the landscape companies that are out there, the bigger ones, would be willing to create volunteer opportunities for their folks to come out and plant them, teach a class on proper techniques on how to plant a tree, the do's and don'ts, and that kind of stuff.

So I think there's great opportunity for us to expand partnerships when it comes to nonprofits and for profits and the private sector in general.

BABCHUK: Absolutely, Mayor.

And we do work with one nonprofit. Their name is drawing a blank right now, but if there's any resident that wants a tree planted at their home, they'll come donate the tree and plant it for free and tell them how to take care of it as well.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Awesome.

BABCHUK: That's where we got the 25 trees free, donated, and planted by volunteers for that.

So if anyone's wanting a tree or, you know, want to learn about trees, we definitely have those opportunities for them.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: I think that's great.

Other comments from council? I'm the only -- I'm the only tree comment?

Yeah. Let's take a picture. Let's see that.

ERIVES: That's awesome.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: One of the big Tree City signs. And then whoever wants to take a picture, I'll make it a beautiful picture.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Just jump on top here. You want to hold it, Randy?

BABCHUK: No, no.

ERIVES: Where's the other stuff, though? The plaque? Yeah. The certificate. Ta-da.

DAVIS: Make it symmetrical.

ERIVES: Then we can wear camouflage.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Right?

ERIVES: Yay.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: All right. Now that we got this out of the way, this might be a stupid tree joke, but I think the only thing left is to make a motion to adjourn so that we can all leave. No?

GAMEZ: Don't move.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: We got a motion to adjourn?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Adjourn.

ERIVES: Wait.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Was that a Chief Good thing? That was a George joke?

DAVIS: Gavel to adjourn now.

MAYOR RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We're going to gavel. We are now adjourned. You're all free to leave.

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 MAY 12, 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 May 6, 2026 to May 19, 2026.

MEETING DATE: May 26, 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 May 6, 2026 to May 19, 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:

None

City of Tolleson**Checks Recorded****Check Dates: May 6, 2026 to May 19, 2026****PAYMENTS OVER \$10,000**

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE
CHASSE BUILDING TEAM INC	\$1,896,812.21	102462	5/8/2026
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$316,124.88	187669	5/19/2026
FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$154,947.37	187624	5/14/2026
ADVANCED SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$145,395.58	187581	5/7/2026
SAN TAN FORD AUTO PARTNERS LLC	\$82,752.36	187644	5/14/2026
SAN TAN FORD AUTO PARTNERS LLC	\$82,752.36	187645	5/14/2026
ASR CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC	\$68,697.53	187614	5/14/2026
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$59,122.00	102528	5/18/2026
LYFT, INC.	\$46,588.52	102514	5/15/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$37,839.65	187611	5/14/2026
MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$35,015.16	187637	5/14/2026
SOLENIIS LLC	\$33,470.64	102502	5/12/2026
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	\$31,956.98	102484	5/12/2026
WEST YOST & ASSOCIATES INC	\$30,252.25	102538	5/18/2026
FSL HOME IMPROVEMENTS	\$23,450.00	187675	5/19/2026
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$21,072.50	187677	5/19/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$20,400.00	187666	5/19/2026
ADAPTIVE ARCHITECTS INC	\$18,952.00	187665	5/19/2026
SUNRISE ENGINEERING LLC	\$18,711.00	102535	5/18/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$14,647.20	187611	5/14/2026
TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17	\$14,600.00	187583	5/7/2026
ARIZONA COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES INC	\$14,497.90	187611	5/14/2026
GHD INC	\$14,193.75	102469	5/8/2026
LEA-ARCHITECTS LLC	\$13,409.77	187677	5/19/2026
ASR CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC	\$13,208.31	187614	5/14/2026
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$13,000.00	102528	5/18/2026
CAPITAL PUMP & EQUIPMENT LLC	\$12,480.00	102461	5/8/2026
FLYERS ENERGY LLC	\$11,207.41	102512	5/15/2026
ARIZONA STATE TREASURERS OFFICE	\$10,124.99	187686	5/19/2026
ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY	\$10,000.00	187582	5/7/2026

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County for the Hand-in-Hand Program

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: George Good , Chief of Social Impact

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Human Services Department is requesting approval of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the City of Tolleson and Maricopa County, administered by its Human Services Department, for the Hand-in-Hand Program to continue homelessness outreach and support services in the West Valley region through June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

On September 23, 2025, the Mayor and Council approved Resolution No. 2621 authorizing the City to enter into an IGA with Maricopa County for participation in the Hand-in-Hand Program. The program was established to provide coordinated outreach, case management, housing-focused assistance, and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness, particularly in wash and canal areas throughout the West Valley.

The original Agreement term was effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and included a City contribution of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2026.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed First Amendment extends the Agreement term through June 30, 2027, and provides continued funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2027. The Hand-in-Hand Program allows participating jurisdictions to collaborate with Maricopa County and regional partners to provide outreach services seven days per week to individuals experiencing homelessness in areas that may otherwise be difficult to access.

Services provided through the program include outreach and engagement, case management, transportation assistance, referrals to shelter and housing resources, and coordination with local service providers. The First Amendment also updates administrative provisions within the Agreement, including County contact information and insurance requirements.

Participation in the program supports the City’s ongoing efforts to address homelessness through regional collaboration and coordinated service delivery.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The City’s contribution for Fiscal Year 2027 is \$5,000 and is included in the Human Services Department budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Maricopa County for the Hand-in-Hand Program and adoption of Resolution No. 2644.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Res 2644 First Amendment to Maricopa County Human Services Department IGA for Hand in Hand Program 05 26 26

RESOLUTION NO. 2644

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLLESON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, CONTRACT NO. C-22-22-120-X-01, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TOLLESON AND MARICOPA COUNTY, ADMINISTERED BY ITS HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FOR CASH REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$198,804 TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS AND TO MOVE THEM CLOSER TO ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson (“City”) and Maricopa County (“County”), through its Human Services Department, previously entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Hand-in-Hand Program pursuant to Resolution No. 2621 adopted on September 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into the First Amendment to extend the Agreement term through June 30, 2027, provide continued funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2027, and update certain administrative provisions related to the Agreement.

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 First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Maricopa County, administered by its Human Services Department, for the Hand-in-Hand Program 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 the First Amendment 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 26th 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. 2644

[First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement]

See following pages.

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE
 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN
 MARICOPA COUNTY
 ADMINISTERED BY ITS
 HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
 AND
 THE CITY OF TOLLESON

- I. Maricopa County (“County”), administered by its Human Services Department, entered into a financial Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) with The City of Tolleson (“Subrecipient”) on or about October 3, 2025. The purpose of the Agreement is to establish coordination between the Parties through expansion of homelessness services in West Valley Cities adjacent to Wash and Canal areas (e.g. Agua Fria, Skunk Creek, and New River) to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness in remote areas that would otherwise not be accessible. The City provided the County with \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 for services under the Agreement. The Agreement term is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The City and the County collectively are referred to as the “Parties.”

- II. The Parties agree to enter into this Amendment No.1 to amend the Agreement as follows:
 - A. Extend the Agreement term identified on page 1 of the Agreement, in accordance with section 4.0 Amendments, from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, Fiscal Year 2027.

 - B.
 - 1. In Paragraph 5.0 Funding, revise Attachment A - Budget, incorporated into the Agreement, to provide the County funding for Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount of \$5,000.

 - 2. In Paragraph 10.0 (Notices), update County point of contact for the Agreement as follows:

County:
 Name: Erin Cochran
 Title: Homeless Initiatives Program Supervisor
 Maricopa County Human Services Department
 234 N Central Avenue, Suite 3000
 Phoenix, AZ 85004
 Telephone: 602-372-0731
 Email: erin.cochran@maricopa.gov

 - 3. Revise and replace Paragraph 15.0 (Insurance) with the following:

15.0 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each Party is a Public entity and shall provide the other Party with a Certificate of Self-Insurance equal to the types and amounts specified below:

General Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000

- 15.2 Within ten (10) calendar days following execution of this Agreement, the City shall furnish the County, to the persons listed

in Paragraph 10.0 (Notices), with valid and complete Certificate(s) of Insurance, or formal endorsements as required in the form provided by the County, issued by the City, as evidence that policies providing the required coverage, conditions and limits as required by this Agreement are in full force and effect. Such certificates shall identify this Agreement number and title.

15.2.1 In addition to the above, the City shall provide a copy by mail to the following and Certificate holder shall be identified as:
Mail COI to:
Maricopa County
c/o Risk Management
301 W Jefferson St., Suite 910
Phoenix, AZ 85003

15.3 Cancellation and Expiration Notice:

15.3.1 Applicable to all insurance policies required within the insurance requirements of this contract, City's insurance shall not be permitted to expire, be suspended, be canceled, without 30 days prior written notice to Maricopa County. Such notice shall be sent directly to Maricopa County Human Services Department, Workforce Development Division and shall be mailed, or hand delivered to 234 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix Suite 3000, AZ 85004, or emailed to the Human Services representative noted in the Contract.

III. Section II above contains all the changes made by this Amendment No. 1. The Agreement is amended to incorporate the changes contained in this Amendment No. 1. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect as executed by the Parties. This Amendment No. 1 is subject to and incorporates the provisions of A.R.S. § 38-511.

IV. The Parties have authorized the undersigned to execute this Amendment No. 1 on their behalf, and it shall be effective upon approval and signature by both Parties.

[Signatures contained on the following page]

ATTACHMENT A: BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2027

HAND IN HAND- TOLLESON - ANNUAL BUDGET				
NUMBER OF POSTIONS	POSITION TITLE	SALARY PER POSITION	TOTAL SERVICE COST	CITY OF TOLLESON COST
5	Street Outreach Case Managers	\$59,690.20	\$298,451.00	\$5,000

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Purchase Agreement with PVS DX, Inc. for 99% Chlorine Supply

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jamie McCracken, Utilities Director

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Utilities Department is requesting approval of a Purchase Agreement between the City of Tolleson and PVS DX, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of 99% chlorine utilized in wastewater treatment operations.

BACKGROUND:

The City utilizes 99% chlorine as part of its wastewater treatment process to ensure compliance with environmental and operational requirements. The City issued a request for quotes for the supply of liquid chlorine and received two responses. The originally awarded vendor was unable to fulfill the City's operational requirements; therefore, staff evaluated the remaining responsive and responsible bidder and determined that PVS DX, Inc. is qualified to provide the required chemical supply services.

The proposed Agreement provides for the purchase and delivery of liquid chlorine on an as-needed basis through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to three additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties and subject to annual budget appropriations.

DISCUSSION:

Under the Agreement, PVS DX, Inc. will provide 99% chlorine for use in the City's wastewater treatment operations. The Agreement is structured as an indefinite quantity and indefinite delivery agreement, allowing the City to procure chemicals as operational needs arise.

The Agreement establishes an annual aggregate compensation limit not to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year. Deliveries, quality standards, inspection requirements, indemnification provisions, and termination clauses are included to protect the City's operational and financial interests. The Agreement also includes standard City contractual provisions related to appropriations, insurance and indemnification, conflict of interest compliance, and state statutory requirements.

Approval of this Agreement will ensure continued availability of necessary treatment chemicals required for uninterrupted wastewater treatment plant operations and regulatory compliance.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding for the purchase of 99% chlorine is included within the Utilities Department operating budget. The annual aggregate amount under the Agreement shall not exceed \$250,000 and will be subject to annual budget appropriations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Purchase Agreement between the City of Tolleson and PVS DX, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of 99% chlorine for wastewater treatment operations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05 26 26 UT - Chemical Purchasing Agreement - PVS DX, Inc. - End Date 06 30 27

**PURCHASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TOLLESON
AND
PVS DX, INC.**

THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is between the City of Tolleson, an Arizona municipal corporation (the “City”) and PVS DX, Inc., a Michigan corporation (the “Vendor”) (collectively, the “parties”), is hereby entered into and shall be effective on the last signature date set forth below (the “Effective Date”).

RECITALS

- A. The City desires to purchase liquid chlorine (99%) (the “Chemical”) for use in wastewater treatment.
- B. City issued a request for quotes for Chemical and received two responses.
- C. The original awarded vendor was unable to fulfill requirements, so the City desires to enter into an agreement with second lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- D. The City desires to enter into an Agreement with the Vendor for the Chemical.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing introduction and recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, the following mutual covenants and conditions, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and the Vendor hereby agree as follows:

1. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective from last date signed below June 30, 2027 (the “Initial Term”), unless terminated as otherwise provided herein. After the expiration of the Initial Term, this Agreement may be renewed for up to three (3) successive one-year terms (each a “Renewal Term”) if (A) it is deemed in the best interests of the City, subject to availability and appropriation of funds for renewal in each subsequent year, (B) at least 30 days prior to the end of the then-current term of the Agreement, the Vendor requests, in writing, to extend the Agreement for an additional one-year term and (C) the City approves the additional one-year term in writing (including any price adjustments), as evidenced by the City Manager’s signature thereon, which approval may be withheld by the City for any reason. The Vendor’s failure to seek a renewal of this Agreement shall cause the Agreement to terminate at the end of the then-current term of this Agreement; provided however, that the City may, at its discretion and with the agreement of the awarded Vendor, elect to waive this requirement and renew this Agreement. The Initial Term and any Renewal Term(s) are collectively referred to herein as the “Term.” Upon renewal, the terms and conditions of this

Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. By consenting to a Renewal Term in any manner, Vendor shall be deemed to affirmatively assert that (i) the City is not currently in default, nor has been in default at any time prior to the Renewal Term, under any of the terms or conditions of the Agreement and (ii) any and all Vendor claims, known and unknown, relating to the Agreement and existing on or before the commencement date of the Renewal Term are forever waived.

2. Purchase of Chemicals. This is an indefinite quantity and indefinite delivery Agreement for Chemicals. The City does not guarantee any minimum or maximum number of purchases will be made pursuant to this Agreement. Purchases will only be made when the City identifies a need and proper authorization and documentation have been approved. For purchase(s) determined by the City to be appropriate for this Agreement, the Vendor shall provide the specific Chemical to the City in such quantities and configurations as may be agreed upon between the parties, in the form of a written invoice, quote, Chemical order or other form of written agreement describing the Chemical to be delivered (each, a “Chemical Order”). Each Chemical Order shall (i) contain a reference to this Agreement. A Chemical Order submitted without referencing this Agreement will be subject to rejection. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that a Chemical Order containing unauthorized exceptions, conditions, limitations, or provisions in conflict with the terms of this Agreement, other than City’s project-specific requirements, is hereby expressly declared void and shall be of no force and effect.

2.1 Inspection; Acceptance. Chemicals are subject to final inspection and acceptance by the City. Chemicals failing to conform to the requirements of this Agreement will be held at the Vendor’s risk and may be returned to the Vendor. If so returned, all costs are the responsibility of the Vendor. Upon discovery of non-conforming Chemicals, the City may elect to do any or either of the following by written notice to the Vendor: (i) waive the nonconformance or (ii) bring Chemicals into compliance and withhold the cost of same from any payments due to the Vendor.

2.2 Packing. No extra charges shall be made for packaging or packing Chemical unless authority is expressly incorporated into the Chemical Order. Vendor shall be responsible for safe packing that conforms to the requirement of carrier’s tariffs. All shipments must carry the correct quantity, including clear identification of individual components of a multi-part shipment (i.e. 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.), product identification, Chemicals Order number, receiving address and product department plainly marked on all packages. Cars or trucks must be loaded to minimum weight requirements to ensure lowest rate unless otherwise specified or shipper will be charged with excess freight that the City is required to pay.

2.3 Deliveries. Time is of the essence. Chemicals and equipment are for delivery not later than 30 days after receipt of a Chemical Order. The City reserves the right to cancel and reject the goods upon default by Vendor in time, rate or manner of delivery. The City also reserves the right to refuse shipments made in advance of the receipt of the Chemical Order. Vendor shall make deliveries inside to the location designated by the City.

2.4 Quantity. The quantity of goods ordered must not be exceeded or reduced without the City's permission, in writing, except in conformity with acknowledged industry tolerances. The City reserves the right to adjust the quantities as necessary to meet its needs.

2.5 Freight. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, all delivery terms are FOB Destination and are to be prepaid. All other freight charges are to be prepaid and charged on the invoice. If a cash discount is not permitted on freight charges, then specific notation of this must be shown on the invoice. Vendor shall retain title and control of the goods until they are delivered and the City has accepted delivery. All risk of transportation and all related charges shall be the responsibility of the Vendor. All claims for visible or concealed damage shall be filed by the Vendor. The City will notify the Vendor promptly of any damages to the goods and shall assist the Vendor in arranging for inspection. Vendor must be notified of any damage within 30 days of delivery.

2.6 Shipment Under Reservation Prohibited. Vendor is not authorized to ship goods under reservation, and no tender of a bill of lading will operate as a tender of the goods. The City shall only be obligated to pay for goods actually received, unless prior payment has been specifically approved, in writing prior to shipment, by the City Procurement Officer or authorized designee.

2.7 Federal Tax Exemption. As a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, the City is exempt from federal excise tax.

2.8 Waiver. Waiver by the City of a condition in any shipment shall not be considered a waiver of: (A) any other provisions of this Agreement or (B) that condition for subsequent shipments.

2.9 Cancellation. The City reserves the right to cancel any Chemical Order within a reasonable period of time after issuance. Should a Chemical Order be canceled, the City agrees to reimburse the Vendor but only for actual and documentable costs incurred by the Vendor due to and after issuance of the Chemical Order. The City will not reimburse the Vendor for any costs incurred after receipt of the City notice of

cancellation, or for lost profits, shipment of product prior to issuance of Chemical Order or for anything not expressly permitted pursuant to this Agreement.

3. Compensation. City's payments to the Vendor, if any, shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$250,000.00 for each fiscal year, for the Chemical at the rates that shall be agreed upon by the parties. If an entire fiscal year does not fall within the Term of this Agreement, the aggregate compensation limit for that partial year shall be reduced to an amount equal to the compensation limit multiplied by a factor having as its numerator the number of days in the partial fiscal year and as its denominator the number three hundred sixty-five (365).

4. Payments. The City shall pay the Vendor monthly, based upon acceptance and delivery of Chemicals, and upon submission and approval of invoices. Each invoice shall (i) contain a reference to this Agreement and (ii) document and itemize all Chemicals delivered and accepted to date. The invoice statement shall include a record of Chemicals delivered in sufficient detail to justify payment. Additionally, invoices submitted without referencing this Agreement will be subject to rejection and may be returned.

5. Price Warranty. Vendor shall notify and give the City the benefit of any price reductions before actual time of shipment. However, if the City authorizes shipment prior to the specified shipment date, the City shall have the advantage of any price reduction prior to the specified shipment date.

6. Quality Warranty. The standard manufacturer's warranty will apply to the goods purchased under this Agreement. In addition, Vendor expressly warrants that all goods furnished under this Agreement shall conform to the specifications, appropriate standards, and shall be new and free from defects in chemical or workmanship. Vendor warrants that all such goods shall conform to any statements made on the cylinders or labels or advertisements for such goods and that any goods will be adequately contained, packaged, marked and labeled. Vendor warrants that all goods furnished hereunder will be merchantable, and will be safe and appropriate for the purpose which goods of that kind are normally used. If Vendor knows or has reason to know the particular purpose for which City intends to use the goods, Vendor warrants that goods furnished will conform in all respect to samples. Inspection, testing, acceptance or use of the goods furnished hereunder shall not affect the Vendor's obligation under this warranty, and such warranties shall survive inspection, testing, acceptance and use. Vendor's warranty shall run to City, its successors, and assigns. Vendor shall comply with all industry standard quality standards.

7. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Vendor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and each council member, officer, employee or agent thereof (the City and any such person being herein called an "Indemnified Party"), for, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including, but not

limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs and the costs of appellate proceedings) to which any such Indemnified Party may become subject, under any theory of liability whatsoever ("Claims"), insofar as such Claims (or actions in respect thereof) relate to, arise out of, or are caused by or based upon the negligent acts, intentional misconduct, errors, mistakes or omissions, in connection with the delivery of goods in the performance of this Agreement, including, but not limited to claims or demands arising from (A) accidents occurring on the premises of the City, whether or not caused by the negligence of the Vendor, its agents or employees, or the negligence other than the sole negligence of the City, its agents or employees or that of any other person, firm or entity, (B) claims and demands on account of infringement, or alleged infringement, of any patent, copyright, trademark, trade name, or any other intellectual property right in conjunction with the manufacture or use of any product purchased under this Agreement and, upon written request, Vendor will defend at its own cost and expense any legal action or suit against the City involving any such alleged infringement, and will pay and satisfy any and all judgments or decrees rendered in any such legal actions or suits and (C) damages to persons or property resulting from defects in chemical or workmanship.

8. Termination; Cancellation.

8.1 For City's Convenience. This Agreement is for the convenience of the City and, as such, may be terminated without cause after receipt by Vendor of written notice by the City. Upon termination for convenience, Vendor shall be paid for all undisputed services performed to the termination date.

8.2 For Cause. If either party fails to perform any obligation pursuant to this Agreement and such party fails to cure its nonperformance within 30 days after notice of nonperformance is given by the non-defaulting party, such party will be in default. In the event of such default, the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause and will have all remedies that are available to it at law or in equity including, without limitation, the remedy of specific performance. If the nature of the defaulting party's nonperformance is such that it cannot reasonably be cured within 30 days, then the defaulting party will have such additional periods of time as may be reasonably necessary under the circumstances, provided the defaulting party immediately (A) provides written notice to the non-defaulting party and (B) commences to cure its nonperformance and thereafter diligently continues to completion the cure of its nonperformance. In no event shall any such cure period exceed 90 days. In the event of such termination for cause, payment shall be made by the City to the Vendor for the undisputed portion of its fee due as of the termination date.

8.3 Conflict of Interest. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of A.R.S. § 38-511. The City may cancel this Agreement without penalty or further obligations by the

City or any of its departments or agencies if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating this Agreement on behalf of the City or any of its departments or agencies is, at any time while this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement is in effect, an employee of any other party to this Agreement in any capacity or a Vendor to any other party of this Agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

8.4 Gratuities. The City may, by written notice to the Vendor, cancel this Agreement if it is found by the City that gratuities, in the form of economic opportunity, future employment, entertainment, gifts or otherwise, were offered or given by the Vendor or any agent or representative of the Vendor to any officer, agent or employee of the City for the purpose of securing this Agreement. In the event this Agreement is canceled by the City pursuant to this provision, the City shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover and withhold from the Vendor an amount equal to 150% of the gratuity.

8.5 Agreement Subject to Appropriation. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of ARIZ. CONST. ART. IX, § 5 and A.R.S. § 42-17106. The provisions of this Agreement for payment of funds by the City shall be effective when funds are appropriated for purposes of this Agreement and are actually available for payment. The City shall be the sole judge and authority in determining the availability of funds under this Agreement and the City shall keep the Vendor fully informed as to the availability of funds for this Agreement. The obligation of the City to make any payment pursuant to this Agreement is a current expense of the City, payable exclusively from such annual appropriations, and is not a general obligation or indebtedness of the City. If the City Council fails to appropriate money sufficient to pay the amounts as set forth in this Agreement during any immediately succeeding fiscal year, this Agreement shall terminate at the end of then-current fiscal year and the City and the Vendor shall be relieved of any subsequent obligation under this Agreement.

9. Miscellaneous.

9.1 Applicable Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona and suit pertaining to this Agreement may be brought only in courts in Maricopa County, Arizona.

9.2 Amendments. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by persons duly authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the City and the Vendor.

9.3 Provisions Required by Law. Each and every provision of law and any clause required by law to be in this Agreement will be read and enforced as though it were included herein and, if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party, this Agreement will promptly be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.

9.4 Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable to the extent that any provision or application held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect any other provision or application of this Agreement which may remain in effect without the invalid provision or application.

9.5 Entire Agreement; Interpretation; Parol Evidence. This Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter, and all previous agreements, whether oral or written, entered into prior to this Agreement are hereby revoked and superseded by this Agreement. No representations, warranties, inducements or oral agreements have been made by any of the parties except as expressly set forth herein, or in any other contemporaneous written agreement executed for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to its plain meaning, and no presumption shall be deemed to apply in favor of, or against the party drafting this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that each has had the opportunity to seek and utilize legal counsel in the drafting of, review of, and entry into this Agreement.

9.6 Rights and Remedies. No provision in this Agreement shall be construed, expressly or by implication, as waiver by the City of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim of default or breach of this Agreement. The failure of the City to insist upon the strict performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise or delay the exercise of any right or remedy provided in this Agreement, or by law, or the City's acceptance of and payment for services, shall not release the Vendor from any responsibilities or obligations imposed by this Agreement or by law, and shall not be deemed a waiver of any right of the City to insist upon the strict performance of this Agreement.

9.7 Attorneys' Fees. In the event either party brings any action for any relief, declaratory or otherwise, arising out of this Agreement or on account of any breach or default hereof, the prevailing party shall be entitled to receive from the other party reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable costs and expenses, determined by the court sitting without a jury, which shall be deemed to have accrued on the commencement of such action and shall be enforced whether or not such action is prosecuted through judgment.

9.8 Liens. All chemicals or services shall be free of all liens and, if the City requests, a formal release of all liens shall be delivered to the City.

9.9 Offset.

A. Offset for Damages. In addition to all other remedies at law or equity, the City may offset from any money due to the Vendor any amounts Vendor owes to the City for damages resulting from breach or deficiencies in performance or breach of any obligation under this Agreement.

B. Offset for Delinquent Fees or Taxes. The City may offset from any money due to the Vendor any amounts Vendor owes to the City for delinquent fees, transaction privilege taxes and property taxes, including any interest or penalties.

9.10 Notices and Requests. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (A) delivered to the party at the address set forth below, (B) deposited in the U.S. Mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, to the address set forth below or (C) given to a recognized and reputable overnight delivery service, to the address set forth below:

If to the City: City of Tolleson
 9055 West Van Buren Street
 Tolleson, Arizona 85353
 Attn: Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

With copy to: Pierce Coleman PLLC
 17851 North 85th Street, Suite 175
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85255
 Attn: Justin S. Pierce, City Attorney

If to Vendor: PVS DX, Inc.
 10900 Harper Avenue
 Detroit, Michigan 48213

or at such other address, and to the attention of such other person or officer, as any party may designate in writing by notice duly given pursuant to this subsection. Notices shall be deemed received (A) when delivered to the party, (B) three business days after being placed in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed, with sufficient postage or (C) the following business day after being given to a recognized overnight delivery service, with the person giving the notice paying all required charges and instructing the delivery service to deliver on the following business day. If a copy of a notice is also given to a party's counsel or

other recipient, the provisions above governing the date on which a notice is deemed to have been received by a party shall mean and refer to the date on which the party, and not its counsel or other recipient to which a copy of the notice may be sent, is deemed to have received the notice.

9.11 Israel. Vendor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of this Agreement that it will not engage in a “boycott” of goods and services from Israel, as that term is defined in A.R.S. § 35-393.

9.12 China. Pursuant to and in compliance with A.R.S. § 35-394, Vendor hereby agrees and certifies that it does not currently, and agrees for the duration of this Agreement that Vendor will not, use: (1) the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People’s Republic of China; (2) any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People’s Republic of China; or (3) any vendors, subcontractors or suppliers that use the forced labor or any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People’s Republic of China. Vendor also hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officials, employees, and agents from any claims or causes of action relating to the City’s action based upon reliance upon this representation, including the payment of all costs and attorney fees incurred by the City in defending such as action.

9.13 Conflicting Terms. In the event of any inconsistency, conflict or ambiguity among the terms of this Agreement, the Proposal, any City-approved invoices, and the RFP, the documents shall govern in the order listed herein.

9.14 Non-Exclusive Agreement. This Agreement is entered into with the understanding and agreement that it is for the sole convenience of the City. The City reserves the right to obtain like goods and services from another source when necessary.

9.15 Disengagement. In the event the Agreement is terminated by either party, Vendor agrees to confer back to the City all of its data, in usable and normalized format, within 30 days of notice of termination. There shall be no charge for the return of City data to the City.

9.16 Survival. The obligations of Vendor under this Section shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date and year last set forth below.

“City”

CITY OF TOLLESON,
an Arizona municipal corporation

Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

Date

ATTEST:

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Justin S. Pierce, City Attorney

“Vendor”

PVS DX, INC.,
A Michigan corporation

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Date

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Third Amendment to Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Border States Industries, Inc. for Maintenance, Repair and Operation Equipment, Supplies, Materials and Services

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jamie McCracken, Utilities Director

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Utilities Department is requesting approval of the Third Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Border States Industries, Inc. for Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) Equipment, Supplies, Materials and Services utilized by the Utilities Department.

BACKGROUND:

On April 30, 2025, the City entered into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Border States Industries, Inc. for the purchase of Maintenance, Repair and Operation Equipment, Supplies, Materials and Services. The Agreement allows the City to procure operational materials and related services necessary to support the Utilities Department's infrastructure maintenance and daily operations.

The Agreement has previously been amended and remains in effect. The proposed Third Amendment will increase the annual aggregate compensation amount and extend the term of the Agreement.

DISCUSSION:

Border States Industries, Inc. provides a variety of Maintenance, Repair and Operation products and related services used by the Utilities Department to maintain and operate utility infrastructure and systems. The additional funding authority is necessary to accommodate increased operational needs and anticipated purchases during the extended contract term.

The Third Amendment increases the annual aggregate amount from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and extends the Agreement through April 30, 2027. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The annual aggregate amount under the Agreement will increase by \$100,000, for a new annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000. Funding for purchases under this Agreement is included within the Utilities Department operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Third Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Border States Industries, Inc. for Maintenance, Repair and Operation Equipment, Supplies, Materials and Services, and authorization for the City Manager to execute and deliver the Amendment.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05 26 26 UT - Third Amendment to CPA - Border States Industries Inc - End Date 04 30 27

**AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TOLLESON
AND
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.**

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT (this “Amendment”) between the City of Tolleson, an Arizona municipal corporation (the “City”) and Border States Industries, Inc., a North Dakota corporation, (the “Contractor”), (collectively, “the parties”), is hereby entered into and shall be effective on the last signature date set forth below.

Note: Amendment changes are noted with additions in **bold** font and deletions in ~~strikeout~~ font.

RECITALS

A. The City and the Contractor entered into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement on April 30, 2025, as amended (collectively, the “Agreement”) to provide Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) Equipment, Supplies, Materials and Services (“Materials and Services”). A copy of the Cooperative Contract is on file with the City Clerk’s office and is incorporated herein by reference.

B. The City has determined that additional Materials and Services (the “Additional Materials and Services”) are necessary.

C. The City has determined that it wishes to extend the term of the Agreement.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing introduction and recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, the following mutual covenants and conditions, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

1. The parties agree to amend Paragraph 8 Term of the Agreement, as follows:

8. Compensation. The City shall pay Contractor for the Term and for each an annual aggregate amount not to exceed ~~\$150,000.00~~ **\$250,000.00** for the Materials and/or Services at the rates that shall be agreed upon by the Parties.

2. Effect of Amendment. In all other respects, the Agreement is affirmed and ratified and, except as expressly modified herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Non-Default. By executing this Amendment, the Contractor affirmatively asserts that (i) the City is not currently in default, nor has it been in default at any time prior to this Amendment, under any of the terms or conditions of the Agreement and (ii) any and all claims,

known and unknown, relating to the Agreement and existing on or before the date of this Amendment are forever waived.

4. Conflict of Interest. This Amendment and the Agreement may be canceled by the City pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the date and year last set forth below.

“City”

CITY OF TOLLESON,
an Arizona municipal corporation

Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

Date

ATTEST:

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Justin S. Pierce, City Attorney

“Contractor”

BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.,
a North Dakota corporation

By: _____

Name: _____

Its: _____

Date

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: Public Involvement Plan for the City of Tolleson General Plan Update

MEETING DATE: May 26, 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 the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the City of Tolleson General Plan Update. The PIP establishes the framework for public outreach, community engagement, and stakeholder participation throughout the General Plan Update process.

BACKGROUND:

Arizona Revised Statutes § 9-461.06 requires municipalities to readopt or update their General Plan every ten years and requires the adoption of a written Public Involvement Plan prior to the update process. The City of Tolleson initiated the General Plan Update process in April 2026 to update the existing General Plan originally adopted in 2014. The updated General Plan will establish a contemporary community vision, goals, policies, and implementation strategies that will guide future growth, development, infrastructure, and City services.

The Public Involvement Plan outlines the methods and strategies that will be used to ensure broad public participation throughout the planning process. The Plan is intended to provide meaningful opportunities for residents, businesses, property owners, community organizations, and stakeholders to participate in shaping the City's future vision and priorities.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Involvement Plan includes a comprehensive public engagement program designed to promote inclusivity, transparency, and community participation throughout the General Plan Update process. The outreach strategy includes bilingual engagement opportunities, public workshops, listening sessions, community questionnaires, community drop-in events, a dedicated project website, and ongoing communication through social media and other outreach platforms.

The Plan also establishes the Project Team, Technical Advisory Committee, and Community Advisory Committee, which will provide technical expertise, community feedback, and guidance throughout the update process.

The General Plan Update process is anticipated to occur over approximately 13 months, culminating with public hearings before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council in Spring 2027. Public participation activities are anticipated to occur between June and December 2026.

Approval of the Public Involvement Plan will allow staff and the consultant team to proceed with the public engagement process in compliance with State statutory requirements.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding for the General Plan Update and associated public outreach activities is included within the approved Development Services Department budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Public Involvement Plan for the City of Tolleson General Plan Update.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05 26 26 Public Involvement Plan for Tolleson General Plan Update



Planning Tolleson's Future *Together*

Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

May 2026

CITY OF TOLLESON
General Plan Update



Public Involvement Plan

May 2026

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OVERVIEW

The City of Tolleson initiated an update to the existing *City of Tolleson General Plan 2024* originally adopted by City Council in 2014. The update will establish a contemporary community vision, goals, policies, and implementation tasks for Tolleson's growth and provision of City services. Regular updates of the general plan are required every 10 years in accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. § 9-461). As Tolleson's primary policy document, the predominant purpose of the update process is to confirm the general plan remains relevant, responds to new opportunities, and addresses challenges facing the City.

The main objective of the *Project Team* is that the general plan will be built on a considerably broad and thorough community engagement program. Throughout this process, community participants will have the opportunity to learn about the primary policy areas of the plan; hear from other community members; provide comments and feedback on existing plan elements, new considerations, and strategies; identify challenges they are currently facing and explore potential opportunities.

To propel the community engagement program efforts, this **Public Involvement Plan** (PIP) describes the activities and community outreach methods that will be utilized to engage the public and attract a broad audience to participate in the General Plan Update (GPU). The PIP will:

- Comply with Arizona statutory requirements.
- Introduce the *Project Team* and establish committees.
- Define participation strategies.
- Provide an anticipated participation timeline.

The PIP is a dynamic document that will evolve, adapting tools and techniques to meet community needs. Events and activities may be added throughout the planning process to engage more residents, property owners, and businesses in Tolleson. The purpose is to capture the community's interests, remarks, comments, and opinions and gather contextual data effectively. This data will play an important role in guiding the *Project Team's* approach to developing a plan that accurately reflects the overarching interests of the community.

The GPU will be derived from a public participation and input process in which community feedback is used to develop the community-informed vision statement, goals, policies, maps, and implementation actions.

GENERAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 9-461.06 require that a municipality readopt or update its general plan every ten years. Furthermore, A.R.S. § 9-461.06(C)(1) requires that the governing body (the City of Tolleson’s City Council) adopt a written PIP that provides:

- the broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives;
- the opportunity for written comments;
- public hearings after effective notice;
- open discussions, communication programs, and information services;
- and consideration of public comments.

Statutorily, the required policy areas that the GPU will address include land use and circulation (transportation). Additional optional elements, such as growth area, housing, recreation, open space, environment, water resources, and cost of development, may be included as the *Project Team* delves further into the process.

During the GPU process, a city must also consult with, advise, and provide an opportunity for official comment by public officials and agencies; school districts; adjacent entities, including public utility companies; civic and professional organizations; property owners; and residents. This PIP meets the statutory requirement to promote meaningful, inclusive, and productive public engagement, providing practical, early, and continuous notification and participation opportunities from all geographic, ethnic, and economic areas within the City of Tolleson throughout the entire GPU process, culminating in City Council adoption.



Tolleson’s Evolving the World Sculpture, Source: City of Tolleson



PROJECT TEAM AND COMMITTEES

Project Team

The *Project Team* includes key City of Tolleson staff members and the consultant team. Led by Logan Simpson, the consultant team includes representatives from Elliot D. Pollack & Company and Kimley-Horn. Many support staff from the City of Tolleson and the consultant team will also be lending their expertise through the GPU process.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be comprised of City representatives from various departments that will provide technical input as subject matter experts. The TAC members will review and comment on the content of the GPU as it is prepared. The TAC members will also participate in technical interviews, plan audits, and public events. Some of those departments include:

- Development Services
- Fire
- Parks & Recreation
- Polic
- Government & Public Affairs
- Utilities
- Finance

Project Team	
Chris Hamilton	City Project Manager, Project Engineer
Brett Harris	Building Official
Jason Earp	Development Services and Economic Development Director
Nico Gasca	Public Affairs
Jacqueline Ochoa	Public Affairs
Terri Hogan, Logan Simpson	Project Manager
Laney Corey, Logan Simpson	Assistant Project Manager
McKayla Dunfey, Logan Simpson	Innovation Lead
Rick Merritt, Elliot D. Pollack & Company	Housing, Cost of Development, and Economic Growth Lead
Chris Joannes, Kimley-Horn	Transportation and Infrastructure Lead
Ryan McKell, Kimley-Horn	Transportation and Infrastructure Support



Public Involvement Plan

Community Advisory Committee

The *Community Advisory Committee* (CAC) will be comprised of a select, diverse group of Tolleson community members. The CAC will be asked to provide their input and perspective throughout

Boards and Commissions

Throughout the GPU process, the *Project Team* will present to and solicit feedback and direction from the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. Early and continuous involvement of elected and appointed officials is critical to the GPU effort. Kick off meetings with both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council are planned for May 2026, and regular updates will be provided throughout the project. Public hearings are anticipated to be held with the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission in Spring 2027. Comments and considerations from other city boards may be sought, and updates will be provided by staff throughout the various points during the GPU.



the GPU, and they will have the opportunity to review and comment on the plan's content as it is prepared. Up to three meetings will be held with the CAC at strategic project milestones. A kickoff meeting with the CAC will take place in July 2026.

Community Groups

All community members and interest groups will be invited to participate throughout the GPU process. The following list provides a general outline of the types of groups that may be engaged throughout the process. During the Summer of 2026, it is anticipated that members of these groups will be interviewed, as described in the *Listening Sessions* section of this report.

Community Groups		
City Elected Officials, Boards & Commissions	Chamber of Commerce	Businesses, Employers, Landowners, Developers
State, Federal, County, and other Local Agencies	Special Districts and Utilities	HOAs / Retirement Communities
Educational Institutions	Non-Profit Groups	Youth Groups
Health Organizations	Sports and Cultural Facilities	Faith Based/ Cultural Groups



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STRATEGIES

Public participation is a key component of an inclusive and comprehensive planning process. Meaningful input from the community provides valuable direction to inform the GPU’s vision, goals, and policies, and ensures that the City and the *Project Team* hear and respond to the community's needs and desires.

Engagement best practices that will be employed include:

- Inclusivity: Use of varied methods of communication to reach all community segments.
- Transparency: Clearly defined purposes and possible outcomes of engagement opportunities.
- Follow through: Close the engagement loop by sharing the input collected and how it was used in the GPU.

Unique Project Branding

Using the City's style and branding guidelines, the *Project Team* will create a unique look and feel that will be used throughout the GPU to promote uniformity and familiarity with the plan. The branding and tagline will be used on all promotional materials and takeaways to help propel the GPU by keeping community members aware of the plan from the beginning to the end of the update process.

City Logo:



Project Name: Tolleson General Plan Update

Project Tagline Considerations:

- Plan Tolleson
- Tolleson Together
- Tolleson Tomorrow
- Tolleson POP (Plan for our People)
- Tolleson PATH (Planning for All, Today & Hereafter)
- Tolleson FOCUS (Family, Opportunity, Community, Unity, Strength)

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Inclusive Engagement

The *Project Team* believes that all community members should have a voice in the GPU. The following includes anticipated events and techniques that are intended to engage as many community members as possible throughout the process. Specific details of these activities will be broadly advertised and published on the City website and *Project Website* as well as city social media.

- **ENGAGEMENT TRACKING:** Demographic and geographic information will be collected throughout the GPU process to gauge participation. Using this information and an engagement tracking tool, the City can adjust engagement tools to target groups or areas that may be underrepresented in responses.
- **UNDER-REPRESENTED ENGAGEMENT:** All engagement notification materials will be translated and distributed in English and Spanish, and Spanish translation will be available for events. Additionally, collaborating with civic organizations, youth groups, student governments, and children in after-school programs, recreation, and summer camps will amplify the voices typically left behind in planning processes.
- **COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS:** *Community Ambassadors* are individuals within the community who will serve as liaisons, willing to assist in the process, spread the word about GPU community engagement to their networks, and act as a familiar introduction between the *Project Team* and community groups. Members of both the TAC and CAC will be asked to be *Community Ambassadors* in their networks or circles of influence and the *Project Team* will seek additional *Community Ambassadors* throughout the process.
- **DEDICATED BILINGUAL PROJECT WEBSITE:** Public engagement activities and all project documents will be accessible on the dedicated *Project Website*. The City's website and social media will also provide links and GPU information. The GPU website will launch in May 2026 and will include community event details, feedback opportunities, interactive mapping, questionnaires, quick polls, and more. The consultant team will maintain the website, while City staff members will coordinate the information on the City's website and social media.
- **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:** Building on the website's layout, regular updates will be provided in both written and digital forms, detailing project progress to increase awareness and encourage community engagement. A bilingual informational brochure will be completed in May 2026 and made available digitally on the website as well as in print for distribution at various venues and community events. Additional materials, such as flyers, newsletters, videos, social media posts, etc., will help the *Project Team* increase awareness and support for the GPU. Local media news releases, all City social media platforms, and E-lists will also be used to advertise public events and solicit public participation and comments.
- **ONLINE BILINGUAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE:** The digital questionnaire will be developed concurrently with community workshops and events to garner targeted, quantifiable feedback. Links to the questionnaire will be included on the *Project Website*, available at community events, and distributed through email lists and social media. The questionnaire will be drafted in May 2026 and distributed in June 2026.



Public Involvement Plan

- **LISTENING SESSIONS:** A series of up to sixteen (16) in-person and virtual one-on-one and group interviews or *Listening Sessions* will be held in summer 2026. The sessions will consist of an informal interview designed to encourage community members to share their perspectives on challenges and opportunities for Tolleson. The information shared will become the foundation for the GPU. Varied community members and interest groups will be invited to participate. The *Project Team* will compile a broad list of potential community groups and stakeholders, which will evolve throughout the GPU process as additional groups are identified.
- **INNOVATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY:** The *Project Team* will use social media and the City's website for meetings and input notifications. In addition, the *Project Team* will update the *Project Website* with notifications of meetings and input opportunities such as pop-up events. Additional innovative technology utilization options include 2D and 3D mapping, ArcGIS Urban, ArcGIS StoryMaps for the existing conditions memo, infographics, and renderings, and modeling to help the Community better visualize ideas. This technology is anticipated to be utilized throughout the entire process.
- **BILINGUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Following the launch of the *Project Website* and initial community questionnaires and interviews, two in-person interactive workshops with multiple in-person and virtual sessions for each will be held in summer 2026. These workshops will build on each other and are intended to provide direction on the community's vision, goals, and desired growth scenarios for the City. These workshops will be held at different times and locations with virtual and in-person options and

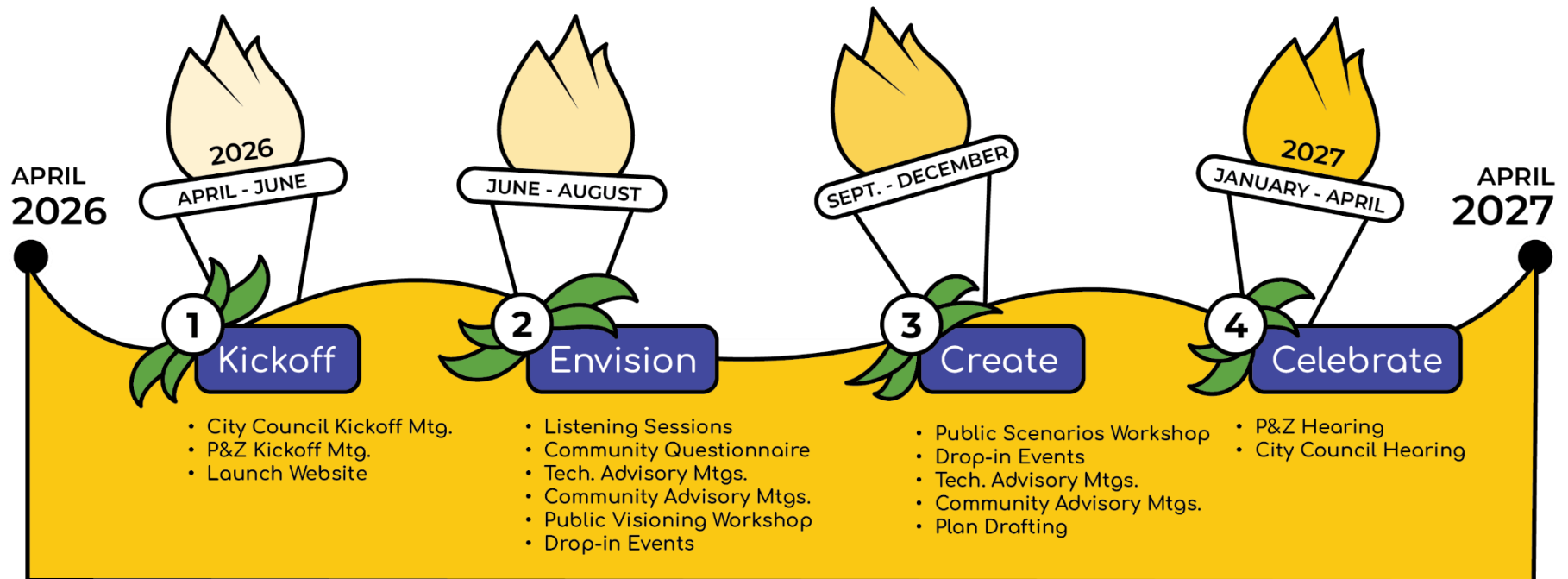
available Spanish translation to ensure broad and accessible participation.

- **COMMUNITY DROP IN EVENTS:** In addition to the community workshops, potential drop-in events, such as community festivals and events, will be utilized as additional opportunities to gather input and share information on key topics during the GPU. The following events are anticipated to be attended during the GPU and will be advertised on the *Project Website* as they are confirmed:

Planned Community Drop-In Events (Subject to Change)
4th of July Celebration July 3, 2026
Tolleson Talks September 24, 2026
Community Trunk or Treat October 16, 2026

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIMING

The GPU process was initiated in April 2026, with an anticipated 13-month timeline culminating with final adoption hearings in Spring 2027. Throughout the GPU process, community members will have numerous opportunities to participate, and each GPU public event will be broadly advertised. Public participation events and activities will be held between June and December 2026 as depicted in the schedule graphic. This timeline is fluid and will evolve in response to the needs of Tolleson’s community.



CITY COUNCIL REPORT



SUBJECT: First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Dearborn Life Insurance Company for Employee Life and Disability Insurance Benefits

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Wendy Jackson, Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director

REVIEWED: Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

PURPOSE:

The Employee Resources Department is requesting approval of the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Dearborn Life Insurance Company for employee life and disability insurance benefits. The Amendment extends the Agreement term through July 1, 2027, and increases the compensation amount to support continuation of services.

BACKGROUND:

The City entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Dearborn Life Insurance Company on September 26, 2024, for the provision of employee life and disability insurance benefits. The Agreement established terms and conditions for providing insurance coverage to eligible City employees.

The First Amendment modifies the Agreement by extending the term through July 1, 2027, and updating the compensation provisions. Dearborn Life Insurance Company has confirmed that renewal rates for the upcoming coverage period will remain unchanged through July 1, 2027.

DISCUSSION:

The First Amendment revises the Agreement term to continue services through July 1, 2027, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the Agreement provisions. In addition, the Amendment replaces the compensation section to increase the total compensation amount from \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for services provided under the Agreement.

The renewal analysis provided by Dearborn Life Insurance Company indicates there will be no changes to the current insurance rates for life, accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D), short-term disability, and long-term disability coverage during the renewal period ending July 1, 2027. This continuation of rates assists the City in maintaining stable employee benefit costs while continuing comprehensive insurance coverage for employees.

Approval of this Amendment will ensure uninterrupted employee insurance benefits and continued partnership with Dearborn Life Insurance Company.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding for employee insurance benefits is included in the Employee Resources Department budget. The Amendment establishes a compensation amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the term of the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Dearborn Life Insurance Company for employee life and disability insurance benefits.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05 26 26 ER - First Amendment to PSA - Dearborn Life Insurance Company - End Date 07 01 27

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TOLLESON
AND
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (this “First Amendment”) between the CITY OF TOLLESON, an Arizona municipal corporation (the “City”) and DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois licensed insurance company, (the “Contractor”), (collectively, the “parties”), is hereby entered into and shall be effective on the last signature date set forth below.

Note: Amendment changes are noted with additions in **bold** font and deletions in ~~strikeout~~ font.

RECITALS

A. The City and the Contractor entered into a Professional Services Agreement on September 26, 2024 (the “Agreement”) to provide life and disability insurance benefits (“Services”). The terms of the Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

B. The parties desire to amend the Agreement to extend the Term of Agreement.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing introduction and recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, the following mutual covenants and conditions, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

1. The parties agree to amend Paragraph 1 Term of Agreement as follows:

1. Term of Agreement. ~~This Agreement shall be effective as of the effective date and shall remain in full force and effect for two years thereafter (the “Initial Term”), unless terminated as otherwise provided in this Agreement.~~ **This Agreement shall be effective on the last signature date set forth below and shall remain in full force and effect until July 1, 2027 (the “Term”), unless terminated as otherwise provided in this Agreement.**

2. The parties agree to amend Paragraph 13.14 of the Agreement as follows:

With copy to: Pierce Coleman PLLC
7730 East Scottsdale Road, Suite 105
17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 175
Scottsdale, Arizona ~~85260~~85255

3. The parties agree to replace Paragraph 3 Compensation as follows:

“3. Compensation. The City shall pay Contractor a price not to exceed \$225,000 for Services as set forth in the Fee Proposal, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.”

4. Effect of Amendment. In all other respects, the Agreement is affirmed and ratified and, except as expressly modified herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Non-Default. By executing this First Amendment, the Contractor affirmatively asserts that (i) the City is not currently in default, nor has it been in default at any time prior to this First Amendment, under any of the terms or conditions of the Agreement and (ii) any and all claims, known and unknown, relating to the Agreement and existing on or before the date of this First Amendment are forever waived.

6. Conflict of Interest. This First Amendment and the Agreement may be canceled by the City pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S).]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this First Amendment as of the date and year last set forth below.

“City”

CITY OF TOLLESON,
an Arizona municipal corporation

Reyes Medrano, Jr., City Manager

Date

ATTEST:

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Justin S. Pierce, City Attorney

“Contractor”

DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
an Illinois licensed insurance company

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date

EXHIBIT A
TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TOLLESON
AND
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

PROPOSAL AND RATE GUARANTEE TO BE ATTACHED AFTER EXECUTION.

Dearborn Life Insurance

- Initial RFQ 2024
- Awarded 2-year contract effective July 1, 2024
- Plan Enhancement Basic Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (ADD) coverage for full-time employees at one time (1x) salary minimum \$50,000 up to \$100,000
- Contract includes City paid Short Term Disability (STD), Long Term Disability (Public Safety), and employee voluntary life products
- No increase to premium
- Extending the contract through June 2027

TOLLESON FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

2026

APRIL

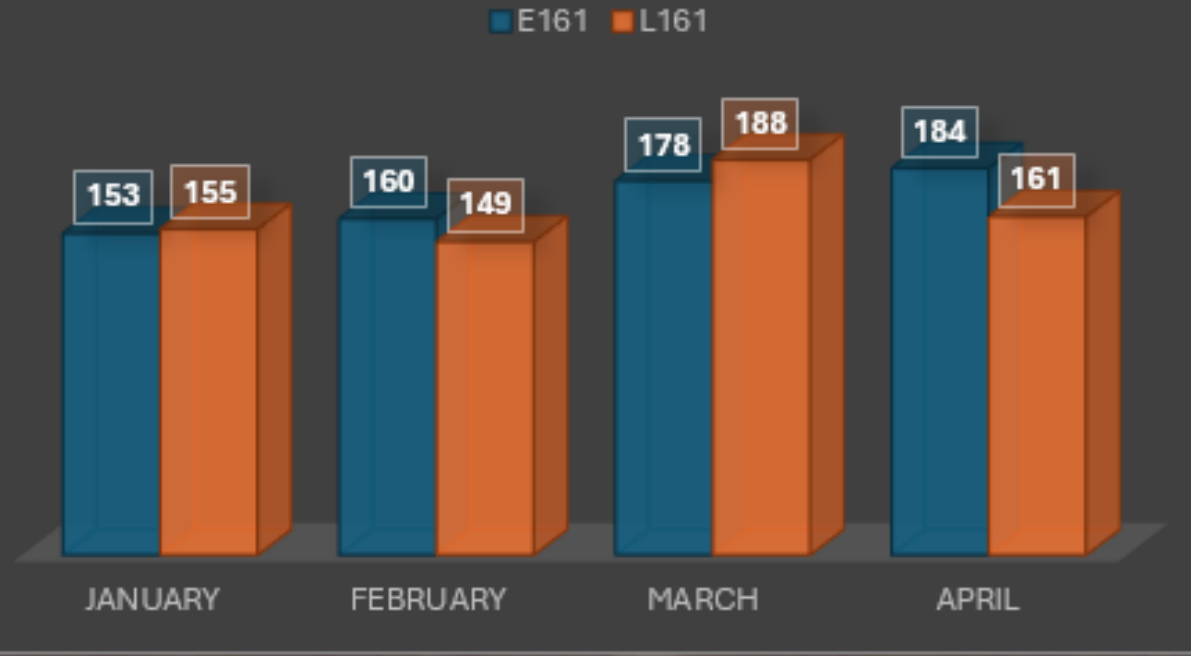


OPERATIONS

April Call Volume

For April, Engine 161 responded to 184 calls, while Ladder 161 and Ladder Tender 161 responded to a combined total of 161 calls. Full staffing was maintained throughout the month; therefore, the LA unit was not placed in service.

CALLS PER MONTH (2026)



OPERATIONS

Personnel (as of 04/30/2026)

FTEs

- Firefighters – 15 / 1 vacant
 - 2 applicants in pre-hire, on track to start academy in Sept. 2026
- Engineers – 6 / 1 vacant
- Captains – 6 / 0 vacant
- Battalion Chiefs – 3 / 0 vacant



- **10 Fire employees attended Orange Frog Training**
- Four members attended the FDIC International 2026 conference, participating in seven days of advanced classroom instruction and hands-on training alongside approximately 35,000 firefighters from over 60 countries.
- Two members attended four days of training at Avondale Fire & Medical's new fire training grounds to enhance operational readiness and interagency coordination.
- Tolleson Firefighter Recruit, Adrian Topete, successfully graduated from the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center Fire Academy. (pictured above)
- Participated in a city-wide Emergency Operations Training at the Tolleson Police Department, focused on operational coordination and preparedness.
- Crews participated in a Mattress Fire Drill on April 8 at 9310 W. Buckeye Road involving BC161, E161, and L161.

OPERATIONS

Significant Incidents

- Engine 161 responded to the department's first snake removal call of the year at Manheim Auto Auction, providing safe removal and reinforcing seasonal snake safety awareness for the community.
- Crews responded to a cement truck rollover accident on the I-10 and Loop 101 on-ramp requiring emergency mitigation and traffic coordination.
- Engine 161 and Ladder 161 responded to an apartment fire near 87th Avenue and McDowell Road.
- BC161, Engine 161, and Ladder 161 responded to a commercial building fire at Winland Foods near 99th Avenue and Buckeye Road.
- BC161 and Ladder 161 assisted Avondale Fire & Medical crews on a working structure fire near 99th Avenue and Catalina Drive.
- BC161, Engine 161, and Ladder 161 assisted Phoenix Fire Department crews on a working fire near 7200 W. Buckeye Road.
- Tolleson crews also assisted Phoenix Fire on a vehicle extrication incident near 99th Avenue and Camelback Road.
- BC161, Engine 161, and Ladder 161 assisted Goodyear Fire Department crews on a second-alarm commercial building fire near 150th Avenue and McDowell Road.

OPERATIONS

EMS



- In recognition of Drowning Prevention Month, the Tolleson Fire Department hosted and participated in a large-scale drowning prevention drill on April 13 in partnership with Banner Estrella Medical Center, the Tolleson Police Department, Tolleson Parks and Recreation, and AMR. The drill focused on coordinated emergency response and public education related to water safety.
- Tolleson Fire Department hosted and participated in Safe Baby Haven training exercises on April 24 in partnership with the Arizona Safe Baby Haven Foundation, Banner Estrella Medical Center, and AMR Ambulance to reinforce awareness and emergency response procedures associated with Arizona's Safe Haven laws.
- The department launched a Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) pilot program during the month of April, providing coverage on the UASI West Region calendar, issuing multiple intelligence bulletins, and responding to two TLO-related calls for service. The program is intended to support regional intelligence-sharing efforts.

COMMUNITY

Outreach & Special Events



- Tolleson Fire Department hosted the second Cadet Combine on April 4, led by Captain McCalla and Engineer Egurrola, with 15 participants attending. The Cadet Program continues to support firefighter recruitment and mentorship opportunities.
- Personnel participated in the annual Whoopee Daze 5K Run and Parade on April 11. Ladder 161 was decorated with Autism Awareness ribbons in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.
- Fire Fighters showed their support for Autism Awareness Month by wearing their Autism shirts proudly.
- We joined our city in the annual Autism walk.

RECOGNITION

- During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week on April 16, department personnel recognized the dedicated dispatch professionals at Tolleson Dispatch by delivering Crumbl Cookies as a gesture of appreciation for their critical role in emergency response.



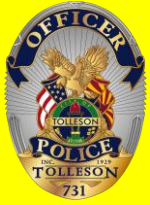
- During National Library Week on April 16, personnel visited the Tolleson Library to recognize and thank library staff for their service to the community.



MAY EVENTS

- Battalion Chief Will Burner will be the guest reader for the Library's Story Time at the Fire Station.
- Leadership Day at Country Place Leadership Academy
- Mother's Day Celebration at the Senior Center
- Field Days x 2 at Country Place Leadership Academy
- Kindergarten Water Day at P.H. Gonzales Elementary
- EMS Week May 17 - May 23
- STEMI / Stroke Resuscitation Training
- EMS Safety Day with Banner Estrella Hospital
- EMS for Children Day with Banner Estrella Hospital
- Save-A-Life Day CPR Event with Banner Esrella Hospital
- Banner EMS Recognition Lunch
- EMS Open House at Fire Station 161, May 20, 5 p.m.- 8 p.m
- City Manager Update May 27
- Grand Opening Frank-Norata African Market





Tolleson Police Department

Monthly Report | April 2026



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Mission, Values, and Staffing

Mission of the Tolleson Police Department

The Mission of the Tolleson Police Department is to build strong community relationships and take the criminal element off the streets of Tolleson. These two things are not mutually exclusive; it's not one or the other.

**We will achieve our mission through a
commitment to these values:**

Be Nice

Dedicated to Service

Committed to Teamwork

Pride in Everything We Do

Uncompromising Integrity

Fair & Equitable Practices

The Tolleson Police Department is committed to treating everyone fairly and equitably. Continuing these practices, along with the community policing model, will continue to enhance our trust and partnership with the Tolleson community.

Total Staffing Summary Current		
Total Authorized Sworn		39
Current Operating Sworn		31
Officers in FTO Training		5
Police Recruits		2
Vacancies		1
Total Authorized Non-Sworn		27
Current Operating Non-Sworn		27
Total Authorized PD Positions		66
Sworn Staffing by Assignment		
Assignment	Assigned	Assignment Vacancies
Police Chief (1)	1	0
Assistant Police Chief (1)	1	0
Lieutenant (2)	2	0
Sergeant (4)	4	0
Investigations Sergeant (1)	1	0
Police Officer (20)	14	6
Investigations Detective (4)	3	1
Community Action Team (2)	1	1
Traffic Enforcement Officer (2)	2	0
School Resource Officer (1)	1	0
Civic Center Officer (1)	1	0
Officers in Field Training	5	N/A
Police Recruit	2	N/A
Total (39)	38	N/A
Non-Sworn Staffing		
Assignment	Assigned	Assignment Vacancies
Support Services Manager (1)	1	0
Administrative Assistant (1)	1	0
Communications Manager (1)	1	0
Communications Supervisor (2)	2	0
Communications Operator (16)	16	0
Police Records Clerk (2)	2	0
Property / Evidence Tech. (2)	2	0
Police Assistant (2)	2	0
Total (27)	27	0



Persons, Property, and Society Crime Data

Persons Crimes					
Type	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Homicide Incidents	0	0	0	1	+100.00%
Robbery Incidents	1	0	4	4	0.00%
Sex Offense Incidents	3	0	6	1	-83.33%
Aggravated Assault Incidents	7	2	15	14	-6.67%
Simple Assault Incidents	16	12	51	42	-17.65%

Property Crimes					
Type	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Burglary/Breaking & Entering Incidents	3	0	8	5	-37.50%
Vehicle Trespass & TFMV Incidents	3	4	18	14	-22.22%
Stolen Vehicles	5	6	17	25	+47.06%
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	12	7	29	30	+3.45%
- Recovered Tolleson	4	4	8	6	-25.00%
- Recovered Other	8	3	21	24	+14.29%
Shoplifting Incidents	17	29	93	138	+48.39%
All Other Theft Incidents	5	10	32	35	+9.38%

Society Crimes					
Type	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Drug/Narcotic Incidents	8	3	34	22	-35.29%
Weapons Incidents	4	2	21	16	-23.81%

Crash Data

Motor Vehicle Crashes					
Crash Type	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Fatal	0	0	0	1	+100.00%
Injury	9	14	41	41	0.00%
Non-injury	18	28	103	109	+5.83%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	27	42	144	151	+4.86%

Pedestrian / Bicycle Involved Crashes					
	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Pedestrian	1	0	2	1	-50.00%
Bicycle	0	0	0	0	0.00%

Traffic Safety Data

Traffic Safety Metrics					
	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Traffic Stops	232	357	1019	1139	+11.78%
DUI Arrests Felony and Misdemeanor	12	11	56	33	-41.07%
Speed Citations	44	85	217	254	+17.05%



On April 8, TPD hosted the West Valley Speed and Distracted Driving Task Force. The Task Force officers made 73 traffic stops, resulting in 43 speeding citations, 1 reckless driving citation, 2 criminal speeding citations, 2 distracted driving citations, and 4 vehicle impounds and 1 aggravated DUI arrest.



Calls for Service and Dispatch Data

Calls for Service Phone Call Summary (Dispatch Phones Only)

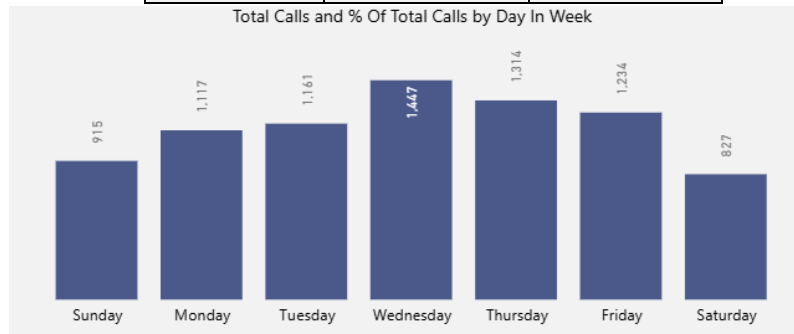
- Total calls processed by Tolleson Police Communications in April 2026: **8015**
- Calls transferred to Phoenix Fire Dispatch System: **352**
- Text to 911 Received – **4**

NENA (National Emergency Number Association) Standards:

- Ninety percent (90%) of all 9-1-1 calls SHALL be answered within fifteen (15) seconds. **99.21%**
- Ninety-five (95%) of all peak hour 9-1-1 calls SHOULD be answered within twenty (20) seconds. **99.52%**

RESPONSE TIMES

Response Time Averages		
Priority	2025	2026
1	2:42	2:41
2	6:05	6:54
3	10:00	6:56



Dispatch Incident Distribution

Agency	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Tolleson PD	1328	1509	5539	5669	+2.35%
El Mirage PD	2861	3100	10333	11329	+9.64%
Tohono O'odham PD	435	644	1646	2445	+48.54%
Total	4624	5253	17518	19443	+10.99%

Top 5 Call Natures for Citizen Initiated Calls for Service – Tolleson PD Only – April 2026

1. Suspicious Activity (94)
2. Welfare Check (64)
3. Unwanted Guest (56)
4. Theft (42)
5. Disturbance (40)

Special Circumstances Data

Time Stamp	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Possible Drug/Alcohol Overdose	1	0	4	5	+25.00%
Narcan Deployments	1	0	6	5	-16.67%
Narcan Saves	1	0	5	5	+0.00%
Vagrancy Calls for Service	13	4	61	12	-80.33%

Special Unit Activity

CAT (Community Action Team)

Response Type	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Cases Opened	3	0	8	1	-87.50%
Cases Closed	2	3	8	4	-50.00%
Arrests Made	6	5	19	8	-57.89%

- 5 Arrests were from felony and misdemeanor warrants along with a new charge of Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm resulting in one (1) seized firearm

*During the month of April, the Community Action Team detective was assigned as a Field Training Officer.

Drone Deployments / Mobile Field Force Deployments

Response Type	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Drone Deployments	17	10	27	53	+96.30%
Mobile Field Force Deployments	N/A	0	N/A	2	N/A

In addition to drone deployments during calls for service, the drone team provided aerial footage during Whoopee Daze and held a training day. The TPD Tactical Operations Unit (TOU) held a building clearing with a shield training with Salt River PD.

Police Assistant Activity (Civilian Staff)

Response Type	April		YTD		
	2025	2026	2025	2026	% Change
Code Enforcement	34	52	131	193	+47.33%
Animal Related Calls	87	80	296	321	+8.44%
Parking Violations	62	91	295	260	-11.86%
Total	183	223	722	774	+7.20%

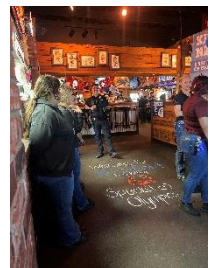
Thank You!!!



April 5-11, 2026 was Property and Evidence Professionals Week. Thank you **Eva and Kaisa** for keeping our Property and Evidence Division professional and up to standards. Keeping track of all of those items is an important task and you two have proven that you are up to that task!!!

April 12-18, 2026 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Our amazing Communications Operators / Dispatchers work hard to keep our officers safe and are there for the community during some of their most trying times. Thank you to **Denise, Alyssa, Maryela, Johnny, Stephanie, Jazmin, Azyra, Yoxira, Jessica, Alisha, Maritza, Jasmine, Brianna, Annalee, McKena, Adam, Erik, Tarah, Lisa, and Amanda!!!**

And April 22, 2026 was Administrative Professionals Day; THANK YOU to **Kristi, Chastity, and Ana** for keeping everything in order and making sure our PD runs like a well-oiled machine!!!



On April 15, TPD participated in a Tip-A-Cop event at Texas Roadhouse, with all proceeds benefitting the Special Olympics. This was as much fun for the officers as it was for the community. Thank you to **Tarah** for setting this up and her "employees"



Ofc. Mamy, Ofc. Palomera, Ofc. Henderson, Ofc. Lemus Becerra, Ofc. Toledo, Ofc. Ruiz, PA's Becca and Ken, Comm Mgr. Lisa, Support Services Mgr. Amanda, and Lt. Garrett for showing the public the softer side of the law enforcement profession!!!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Please join us in welcoming our newest Officers after graduating with WVLETA Class #7!!! From left to right, **Sergeant Erden Jakupi, Officer Vernon Henderson, Officer Eric Lemus-Becerra, Officer Angela Palomera, Officer Mian Mamy, and Chief Rudy Mendoza.** Congratulations and we look forward to watching you serve the citizens of Tolleson for many years to come!!!



WHOOPEE DAZE

In addition to setting up and staffing the traffic control and security for this year's Whoopee Daze 5K Run, Parade, and Event, members of the Tolleson Police Department staffed a Police Department table which offered event goers the opportunity to experience a drone flying simulator, impairment goggles, or just hanging out with an officer!!!



Upcoming Events

- May 4 – Open Enrollment for Benefits Begins
- May 11 – May 17 – National Police Week
- May 15 – National Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 16 – VFW Post 6310 Grand Opening
- May 17 – May 23 – Emergency Medical Services Week
- May 22 – Hispanic Leadership Forum Charity Golf Tournament
- May 25 – Memorial Day (Holiday)
- May 27 – City Manager’s Update
- May 27 – CIVICtank
- May 28 – Frank-Norata African Market Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
- June 2 – Library Family Night at Cafecita

Data was retrieved from Tolleson PD CAD and RMS on May 8, 2026. RMS data only displays reports that are completed and approved unless otherwise noted.

