



CITY OF TOLLESON

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**TOLLESON CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACTION MINUTES
TOLLESON CIVIC CENTER
9055 WEST VAN BUREN STREET, TOLLESON, AZ 85353
ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 840 6967 9194
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
6:00 PM**

Doors open to Council Chambers at 5:45 PM for public seating. The public may be asked to temporarily relocate if an executive session occurs. The public will be invited back into Council Chambers when the Council returns from executive session.

Members of the public may also participate in the meeting via [Zoom Webinar](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84069679194) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84069679194>) with a computer or cell phone.

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 Development Services Director Earp, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Davis.

C. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Juan Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Jimmy Davis, Council Member Clorinda Erives, Council Member Adolfo Gámez (participated remotely), Council Member Linda Laborin, and Council Member Cruzita Mendoza.

Not Present: Council Member Christine Chavira

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

City Representative: City Attorney Jon Paladini



D. FINAL CALL TO SUBMIT SPEAKER REQUESTS

All citizens and interested parties wishing to speak before the Council regarding non-agenda items or during a public hearing shall fully complete a Speaker Request Form and submit the form(s) to the City Clerk prior to the meeting being convened. Citizens must complete one form for each item they want to address. Speaker Request Forms are located at the entrance of the Council Chambers. For Zoom participants, click the chat button, and enter your name and the item you would like to address. Submissions should be made no later than the Mayor announcing the “Final Call to Submit Speaker Requests”. All speakers will be limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise noted by the Mayor. Speakers are not required to disclose their identities or personal information. You may also submit an online speaker request form at <https://www.tolleson.az.gov/speakerrequest> at least one hour prior to the meeting.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

This is the time for the public to comment on non-agenda items. Members of the Council may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01.H, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to (1) responding to criticism; (2) directing staff to review the matter; or (3) asking that a matter be put on a future agenda.

F. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND PROCLAMATIONS – FOR DISCUSSION

1. American Red Cross and City of Tolleson Blood Drive on Saturday, August 29, 2026 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM at the Tolleson Civic Center. – George Good, Chief of Social Impact
2. Proclamation honoring Viviana Martinez, a Tolleson native and Tolleson Union High School graduate, in recognition of her outstanding athletic achievements, including representing the United States on the USA Softball National Team, contributing to The University of Texas Women's College World Series National Championship program, and inspiring the next generation of female athletes through her dedication, perseverance, and excellence. – Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez
3. Proclamation declaring September 2026 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, joining all those who are battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives to the disease, their loved ones, and our state’s dedicated healthcare professionals in raising awareness, advancing public education, and embracing hope for earlier diagnoses, improved treatments, and ultimately a cure. – Rachel Sackett, National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
4. Proclamation declaring August 31, 2026 as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Tolleson to honor the lives lost to overdose, support individuals and families affected by substance use disorders, promote recovery, and raise awareness of overdose prevention and response resources. – George Good, Chief of Social Impact

5. Introduction of New Employee:
Utilities Department – Abraham Zazueta Higuera, Utilities Worker
Employee Promotion:
Human Services Department – Juan Chavarin, promoted from Senior Center Program Assistant to Human Services Technician

G. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing – Soliciting comments from interested parties in reference to a proposed ordinance amending the Tolleson Zoning Code, Chapter 12, Land Usage, Article 12-4, Zoning, by amending Section 12-4-9 (Definitions and Terms), Section 12-4-41 (Uses Permitted in the C-1 Zoning District), and Section 12-4-42 (Uses Subject to Use Permit in the C-1 Zoning District). The proposed amendment would permit neighborhood grocery stores/carnicerias in the C-1 Zoning District and would allow convenience markets, gas stations, and regional grocery stores in the Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) Zoning District subject to approval of a use permit. (Ordinance No. 631 N.S.)

The public hearing opened at 6:21 PM and closed at 6:25 PM.

Council Action: Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 631 N.S. of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Tolleson Zoning Code, Chapter 12, Land Usage, by amending Article 12-4, Zoning, Section 12-4-9 (Definitions and Terms), Section 12-4-41 (Uses Permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) Zoning District), and Section 12-4-42 (Uses Subject to Use Permit in the C-1 Zoning District); providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability. (Development Services Department)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 631 N.S.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Erives. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

2. Public Hearing – Soliciting comments from interested parties in reference to a proposed ordinance amending the Tolleson Zoning Code, Chapter 12, Land Usage, Article 12-4, Zoning, Downtown Tolleson Commercial Office Residential Entertainment (CORE) District, Section 12-4-93 (Land Use), to permit regional grocery stores in the CORE Zoning District subject to specified conditions, including a maximum gross retail floor area of 50,000 square feet. (Ordinance No. 632 N.S.)

The public hearing opened at 6:26 PM and closed at 6:29 PM.

Council Action: Adopt/Deny Ordinance No. 632 N.S. of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, amending the Tolleson Zoning Code, Chapter 12, Land Usage, by amending Article 12-4, Zoning, Downtown Tolleson Commercial, Office, Residential and Entertainment (CORE) District, Section 12-4-93, Land Use, permitting regional grocery stores in the CORE Zoning District; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability. (Development Services Department)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 632 N.S.; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

H. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Items on the Consent Agenda are of a routine nature and are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council Members may pull items from Consent if they would like them considered separately.

1. Approve Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2026 and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2026. (City Clerk Department)
2. Approve Claims and Bills Report for the period of July 8, 2026 to August 18, 2026. (Finance Department)
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2661 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, approving a Power Distribution Easement from the City of Tolleson to the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District for the transmission and distribution of electricity, communication signals, and data in connection with the City of Tolleson Aquatics Center and Retail Building near 83rd Avenue and Van Buren Street; and authorizing the execution and delivery of said Easement. (Development Services Department)
4. Approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Metron Farnier, LLC for essential components, equipment, parts, and related services for the City's water meter systems, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Vendor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$400,000 for parts and services. The Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2027, and may automatically renew for up to four successive one-year terms. (Utilities Department)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 4; the motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

I. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve/Deny the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Tolleson and Veolia WTS Solutions USA, Inc. for essential parts, equipment, supplies, components, and related services for the Electrodialysis Reversal (EDR) Water Treatment Facility, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Vendor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$800,000 for parts and services. The Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2031. (Utilities Department)

Vice Mayor Davis moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement; the motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

2. Approve/Deny the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Tolleson and McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. for Citywide Water Resources Treatment services on an as-needed basis, and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. The City shall pay the Contractor an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for services. The Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until April 7, 2027. (Utilities Department)

Council Member Gámez moved to approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

3. Approve/Deny payment of \$2,524,592 to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the City's construction contribution and construction overage for the Tolleson Pedestrian Bridge System over Van Buren Street at 96th Avenue, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement previously approved by Resolution No. 2593. (Development Services Department)

Council Member Erives moved to approve the payment of \$2,524,592 to the Arizona Department of Transportation; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – 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. Employee Resources Department Update – Wendy Jackson, Deputy City Manager/Employee Resources Director
2. Information Technology Department Update – Wendy Jackson, Deputy City Manager

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

1. The Tolleson Public Library will be closed Wednesday, October 21, through Friday, October 23, 2026, to accommodate the replacement of furniture throughout the facility.

L. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion to go into executive session.

Vice Mayor Davis moved to convene into executive session at 7:32 PM; the motion was seconded by Council Member Laborin. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Mayor Rodriguez – Aye

Vice Mayor Davis – Aye

Council Member Erives – Aye

Council Member Gámez – Aye

Council Member Laborin – Aye

Council Member Mendoza – Aye

2. Convene into an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7) to discuss and consult with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the lease of City-owned property.

M. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

Mayor Rodriguez reconvened the public meeting at 8:40 PM.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 and A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Tolleson City Council and to the general public that the Council of the City of Tolleson will hold a meeting open to the public. Council Members of the City of Tolleson will attend by telephone/video conference call.

Note: The City Council of the City of Tolleson, by a duly passed motion, may vote in public session to adjourn to executive session on any agenda item in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03 for legal advice from the City Attorney.

Arizona law prohibits any City resource, including staff time, equipment, and anything of value to influence an election. This prohibition applies to Call to the Public at the Council Meeting. You may discuss a City issue but do not “advocate” for a specific candidate or ballot measure. Additionally, soliciting petition signatures or campaign contributions or distributing campaign materials is prohibited on City property. The City appreciates your efforts to help the City comply with state law and avoid using taxpayer monies to influence an election.

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LA CIUDAD DE TOLLESON SE ESFUERZA PARA HACER TODAS LAS REUNIONES PÚBLICAS ACCESIBLE PARA INDIVIDUOS CON DISCAPACIDADES. Con al menos dos días laborables de previo aviso, se pueden proporcionar adaptaciones en esta reunión para personas con discapacidades visuales, auditivas o del habla, incluido un transcriptor, letra grande, un intérprete, un dispositivo de asistencia auditiva, etc. Llame a la Secretaría Municipal al (623) 936-7111, o los usuarios de TTY pueden marcar 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Arizona (AZRS), para solicitar un alojamiento para participar en esta reunión pública. La Ciudad hará todo lo posible para satisfacer cualquier solicitud de último minuto.

City of Tolleson**Checks Recorded****Check Dates: July 8, 2026 to August 18, 2026****PAYMENTS OVER \$10,000**

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$64,251.37	188295	8/6/2026
CITY OF PHOENIX	\$49,398.06	188354	8/13/2026
MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$32,525.57	188303	8/6/2026
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION	\$30,000.00	188350	8/13/2026
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF ARIZONA	\$29,051.06	188217	7/23/2026
ARIZONA STATE TREASURERS OFFICE	\$28,541.75	188384	8/18/2026
VINCERE PHYSICIANS GROUP PLLC	\$27,240.00	188181	7/23/2026
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA	\$22,653.28	188276	8/4/2026
LOGAN SIMPSON DESIGN INC	\$18,833.27	188361	8/13/2026
JYCHELLE & ROGELIO GUTIERREZ	\$17,648.27	188258	8/4/2026
VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC	\$16,011.77	188256	7/30/2026
HD SUPPLY, INC	\$15,707.99	188250	7/30/2026
TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.#17	\$12,650.00	188324	8/11/2026
FRANKLIN STRIPING INC	\$12,111.31	188259	8/4/2026
AED EVERYWHERE INC	\$10,054.73	188374	8/18/2026
ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY	\$10,000.00	188265	8/4/2026