CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gámez called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gámez, Vice Mayor Farr, Council Members Laborin, Mendoza, and Rodriguez were present. Council Members Erives and Espinoza arrive shortly after start of Work Study.

Also Present: City Manager Reyes Medrano Jr., Assistant City Manager John Paul Lopez, City Attorney Scott Ruby, Chris Hagen City Clerk, Shaunna Lee-Rice Deputy City Clerk

Department Directors: Jason Earp Field Operations Director, George Good Fire Chief, Stephen Holliday Information Technology Director, Joy McClain Community Services Director, Mario Rochin Chief Building Official, Larry Rodriguez Police Chief and Brian von Allworden City Engineer

Absent: Steven Baumgardt Finance Director, Mark Berrelez Utilities Director, Wendy Jackson Human Resources Director, Paul Magallanez Economic Development Director, and Diana Quezada Magistrate

PRESENTATION – FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Discussion of plan includes funding recommendations for the coming fiscal year, and set priorities for the following funded programs over the next five years:

City Manager Medrano, Jr. addressed Council advising that in order to support HUD dollars required to participate for future fiscal years, 2010-2014. Manager Medrano Jr. presented the staff report and recommendations through a Power Point, “attached here within becomes part of the minutes.” There was a discussion regarding the participation in the last Consolidated Plan, which was low and a survey was not done, there were only Public Hearings conducted. Past accomplishments and projects made possible by CDBG and HOME funds were discussed. In total 149 surveys were completed and presented, of those 70% were Tolleson residents.

Manager Medrano Jr. advised this is a draft and must be completed and approved by Council and submitted to Maricopa County by October 1, 2009.
a. Community Development Block grant (CDBG)

1. 2010 Fire Ladder Truck
2. 2011 Street Improvements
3. 2012 Demolition (commercial)
4. 2013 Business Façade Improvements
5. 2014 Drainage

b. HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

1. 2010 Housing Assessment
2. 2011 Rehabilitation
3. 2012 Demolition/Reconstruction (abandoned homes)
4. 2013 Rehabilitation
5. 2014 Rehabilitation

There was discussion about recipients of grants multiple times. This was an acceptable practice in the past, but it is no longer permitted. The process for choosing homes for rehabilitation is a process. The applicant must meet the criteria, and if so, they are placed on the list. Qualification is determined once funds are allocated to the City. There is a requirement that the recipient must live in the home for a specified amount of time and make sure their insurance on the home is current.

The Fair Housing survey results were discussed. General consensus amongst Council supporting staffs recommendations. There was further discussion regarding possibly moving up projects based upon funding opportunities. There was discussion about bringing back Tolleson Pride Day and working on the above demolition/abandoned homes.

This item will be voted on by Council at the Regular Council meeting later today, September 22, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gámez adjourned the Work Study at 6:06 P.M.

APPROVED:

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ADOLFO F. GÁMEZ, MAYOR
ATTEST:

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SHAUNNA LEE-RICE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TOLLESON, ARIZONA HELD ON THE 22nd OF SEPTEMBER, 2009 FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

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SHAUNNA LEE-RICE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK