CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST as of June 13, 2014

Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
4/15/2014	Weiers	Update on Northern Avenue approach to the Loop 303	Mayor Weiers stated he was approached by several business owners who expressed major concerns about the entrance on Northern Avenue to the Loop 303 to the north. Mayor Weiers would like staff to work with MAG, and other agencies, to obtain options to improve access.	Scheduled for June 17 workshop	Cathy Colbath	Pending staff evaluation. Staff will present at a workshop on June 17.
4/1/2014	Martinez	Research short term rental requirements during Super Bowl	CM Martinez and CM Chavira are concerned about short term rentals and issues or concerns during the Super Bowl.	Pending future workshop	Jon Froke and Sam McAllen	Staff members have reviewed existing city codes and regulations related to short term rental of residentially zoned properties; currently there is no restriction concerning the length of occupancy related to residential properties. Additional research has been conducted to determine if/how other cities may be addressing similar situations within their jurisdiction. The staff team will be meeting with the City Attorney's Office to review possible implications associated with a possible Zoning Ordinance interpretation or with a change to our Zoning Ordinance. Staff will provide an update on research associated with short term rental homes, often know as vacation rental homes, in residential neighborhoods at a future workshop. The Zoning Ordinance does not define long term and short term residential.
4/1/2014	Alvarez	Diversity on city staff	CM Alvarez requested a discussion regarding diversity at the city. In the past, there were events that celebrated diversity; however, due to budget constraints, those events have been cancelled.	Scheduled for August 5 workshop	Jim Brown and Kristen Krey	Pending staff evaluation. Staff will present at a workshop on August 5.

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5/20/2014	Knaack	Research Council discretionary funds	VM Knaack would like to know how other cities use Council discretionary funds. VM Knaack stated guidelines need to be studied and accepted. There are too many questions and Council needs concrete guidelines for discretionary funds. VM Knaack stated discretionary funds should be used for the right things and she is concerned about the gift clause.	Scheduled for August 5 workshop	Kristen Krey	Pending staff evaluation. Staff will present at a workshop on August 5.
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4/1/2014	Sherwood	Traffic signals - change flashing timing	CM Sherwood requested Transportation and the Police Department research changing the timing for traffic signals to flash at 10 p.m. instead of midnight.	Complete	Cathy Colbath	Referred to staff for evaluation. Memorandum sent on June 5.
8/20/2013 and 01/07/2014	Sherwood	Review Tohono O'odham casino issue	New Council should take a fresh look at all of the issues regarding the casino. No official discussions since 2009. Need a new dialogue with all of the stakeholders to review the issues and start new conversations. CM Hugh and CM Chavira agree that the city needs to start a new dialogue with TO. VM Knaack would like a meeting with TO and all parties involved with a impartial facilitator. On 1/7, CM Alvarez requested the city make a decision on the casino issue and is requesting the city vote on it. CM Alvarez does not want any more money spent on legal fees.	Complete	Michael Bailey	At the 03/18 Workshop, the majority of Council directed staff to begin negotiations with the Tohono O'odham Nation and for the City Attorney's Office to draft a resolution in opposition of H.R. 1410 for Council consideration at a future voting meeting.
4/1/2014 and 4/15	Alvarez	Update on urban irrigation changes	CM Alvarez wanted information on the proposed changes the Water Services Advisory Commission was considering. At the 04/15 workshop, CM Alvarez stated the irrigation item was tabled and said there still needs to be further discussion and she wants to learn more.	Complete	Craig Johnson	City Manager tabled this item following the Water Services Advisory Commission meeting. Council was notified on March 13 via e-mail. No further action is being taken at this time. Staff notified the Commission and neighborhood representative that this item had been tabled. Memorandum sent on June 10.