

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Michelle Stinson City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Brandee Leary Librarian

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember MacLean. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- February 8th Farmers Market followed by the Library Grand Opening
- Upcoming Psychic Fair on March 21st & 22nd
- Men's basketball registration information
- Borderland product distribution on February 22nd

Councilmember McKee

- Recognized the Street Department for their efforts to keep the downtown area clean and ready for visitors

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month in the City of Winslow**

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, it was presented to Greg Hackler and Theresa Warren on behalf of Alice's Place. Mr. Hackler thanked the Council for their support.

B. Proclamation – Recognizing the Winslow High School Dance Line for Back-to-Back State Championships

*** This item took place prior to Mayor and Councilmembers Reports***

After Councilmember Crisp read the proclamation, it was presented to members of the Dance Line Team and their coaches who were in attendance.

C. Quarterly Report from Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally

Navajo County District I Supervisor Fern Benally provided an update regarding the broadband project stating that the project is on schedule to be completed in 2025. Supervisor Benally recognized the City Manager as an active participant on the project taskforce.

Supervisor Benally also provided a progress report regarding the technical design phase for the Winslow Levee project and discussed the Industry Day event for the project that was held in November.

Supervisor Benally discussed several economic development projects that included how the projects will be funded. In closing, Supervisor Benally thanked the city for allowing her to provide her quarterly update.

D. Quarterly Chamber Report Which May Include Visitor Center Statistics, Bed Tax Financial Information and Past/Future Event Update

Bob Hall, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, provided his report for the period October - December 2024 that included the number of visitors (local, in-state, out of state and foreign) for the period, the number of travel and relocation packs distributed, the number of brochures printed and distributed, website hits totaling 25,560 and tourism related emails received.

After detailing meetings and events that were held in the meeting room, Mr. Hall briefly discussed the advertising and promotion budget. Mr. Hall then provided information regarding the following activities from October - December:

- Halloween Parade in the Park
- Early voting assistance provided to Navajo County
- Business Expo Job Fair
- Community Christmas Tree lighting
- Annual Christmas Parade & Festival of Trees event
- First meeting of the Route 66 Centennial Committee meeting
- Upcoming Good Morning Winslow event on February 5th that will be hosted by the Fire Department
- Annual Chamber Dinner on March 14th

In conclusion, Mr. Hall responded to questions from the Council and discussed ROADTUNES that will bring a tune to life on a Winslow roadway.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include BEAD and Other Project Updates

The City Manager referred to Supervisor Benally's update regarding the BEAD project and provided additional information related to the sub-grantee application process. The City Manager reported that the old library closed on January 24th and announced that the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new library will take place on February 8th at 1:30 p.m.

The City Manager also provided updates on the progress of the 9/11 Memorial renovation, the Coopertown Park upgrades, the Triangle Park/Henderson Park project and the Hayden Walton Ramada project.

The City Manager then referred to the current legislative session and provided detailed information regarding the following bills that are

being closely monitored by city staff and the League of Arizona Cities & Towns:

- HB2221: defunding police department budgets
- HB2371: planning and home design restrictions
- HB2317: residential building material requirements
- HB2319: private property design regulations
- HB2118: transaction privilege tax rules on retail sales

Mayor Cano thanked the City Manager for detailing the proposed bills and the impact that they would have on municipalities. Mayor Cano also noted that she, along with other regional mayors, will be making a trip to Phoenix to meet with legislators regarding HCR2021 related to the proposed elimination of the current food tax.

B. Monthly Financial Report by Finance Director Which May Include Balances, Expenditures and Revenues in All Funds

After stating that the first half of the fiscal year has passed, the Finance Director provided information regarding city wide revenues and expenditures.

The Finance Director also expressed concern regarding the Wastewater Fund and stated that he is hopeful that the upcoming rate increase will increase revenues. The Finance Director and City Manager responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding both the revenues and expenditures in the Wastewater Fund.

C. Quarterly Report from Librarian Which May Include Information Regarding Statistical Information, Past Events and Announcements for Upcoming Events

The Librarian announced that the library is closed in preparation for the new library's Grand Opening, however all off-site programs will continue as scheduled. The Librarian also provided information regarding the Grand Opening on February 8th.

The Librarian referred to the calendar of events that is located on the city website and reminded citizens to check the location of various programs since some of them have changed due to the opening of the new library facility.

The Librarian briefly discussed upcoming events and, in response to a comment from Mayor Cano, encouraged participation in the Out of the Doghouse Program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the City Council Work Session of January 14, 2025 and the City Council Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Reappoint Member to the Municipal Property Corporation**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Job Order Contract Services with McCauley Construction and Trucking LLC for Ramada Installation at Hayden Walton Sports Complex**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1965 Declaring a Housing Emergency for the City of Winslow, Prioritizing Affordable Housing Within City Operations and Urging the State Legislature to Address the Impacts of Short-Term Rentals on the Supply of Housing for Arizona Residents**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Direction Regarding Proposed Amendment to Section 17.40.050 of the Municipal Code Related to Recreational Marijuana**

The City Attorney referred to previous direction from the Council to revise the code related to recreational marijuana by removing the dual licensing requirement and explained that this will loosen restrictions for dispensaries. The City Attorney clarified that the Department of Health will still oversee licensing of a dispensary.

The City Attorney noted that since the requirements are included in the city's zoning code, any amendments will need to go before the Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer prior to final action being taken by the Council.

At the request of Councilmember MacLean, the City Attorney explained that the current requirement for dual licensing requires that a dispensary must be a medical and a recreational marijuana facility.

After discussing the fact that this proposed amendment to the code could open up business opportunities, Mayor Cano made a motion to proceed with amending the code regarding recreational marijuana. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cake, however the City Manager stated that a motion is not needed for this item. Staff was directed to proceed with amending the code to remove the dual licensing requirement.

B. Discussion and/or Direction Regarding Sale of City Owned Properties

The City Manager discussed the list of city-owned property that was included in the packet and displayed several of the parcels on the screen. The City Manager stated that he is asking for direction from the Council regarding whether they would like to have the property put on the market and listed for sale/lease or have staff issue RFIs/RFPs with guidelines that would allow the city to specify the type of development that the city would like to see on the property. The City Manager further stated that there are parcels on the list that he would like to hold onto for possible development.

Throughout the discussion regarding the various parcels on the list, the City Manager responded to questions and comments from the Council.

Staff was directed to list the following parcels for sale:

- 103-15-224 (Berton & Second Street)
- 103-16-044C (Fleming & Douglas)
- 103-16-342 (across from Hubbell)
- 103-36-044 (Jefferson & Bauerbach)
- 103-36-116 (Madison Street)

Staff was further directed to issue RFPs for the following parcels:

- 103-14-229A (North Wilson Avenue)
- 103-14-236B (North Wilson Avenue)
- 103-69-007 (Santa Fe Subdivision)

C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Cancellation of March 11, 2025 City Council Meeting

The City Manager stated that staff is asking the Council to cancel the March 11th meeting due to Spring Break and the NLC Conference with the understanding that a special meeting could be called if necessary.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Mayor Cano, to cancel the March 11, 2025 City Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn into executive session under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and A(4) for discussion or consideration regarding employment of the City Manager including consideration of annual performance evaluation and contract review. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and A(4), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion or consideration regarding the employment of the City Manager, including consideration of annual performance evaluation and contract review**

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to move back into regular session. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *11th* day of *February*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk