

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on March 25, 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 Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya (via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, David Brown Water Rights Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Kelley Ward Human Resources Director, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Pastor Fred Harris from the First Baptist Church. Roll call was taken and Councilmember Cake was absent. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

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

- Details of Pickleball Clinic on April 26th
- Upcoming informational sessions for Farmers Market vendors
- Last Second Saturday Bazaar on April 12th
- Prom Closet event

- Fourth Annual Arts Festival at Route 66 Plaza on April 26th
- Farmers Market Opening Day on April 26th
- Borderland produce distribution on April 26th
- Quiz Night hosted by the Rotary Club on April 12th

Councilmember McKee

- Narcan training hosted by Navajo County on April 16th

Mayor Cano

- Recognized Councilmember Crisp and the Farmers Market Manager for serving on the panel at the recent Farmers Market Conference
- Highlighted information from the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. that she, Councilmembers McKee and Tafoya, and the Economic Development Director attended

Councilmember Tafoya

- Referred to the National League of Cities Conference and thanked the Economic Development Director, who was integral in meetings held with the city's lobbyist and several Arizona legislators

Councilmember MacLean

- Rotary food distribution on March 27th
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Recreation Department on April 12th

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Presentation of Employee Service Awards

The Human Resources Manager announced the employees who were receiving awards and presented them to those who were in attendance.

B. Quarterly Northland Pioneer College (NPC) Report Which May Include Update on the 2025-2030 Strategic Planning Process, Introduction of New NPC President and Little Colorado Campus Activities

Mayor Cano noted that the Executive Director of NPC Friends & Family could not be at the meeting to provide her report and announced that registration is now open for summer courses that are being offered at no cost.

C. Quarterly Hospital Report Which May Include Update Regarding Little Colorado Medical Center (LCMC) Activities

After stating that several members of LCMC staff participated in the Walk the Dog Program today (March 25th), CEO Travis Udall, thanked the Mayor & Councilmembers for their dedication to public service. Mr. Udall also commented on the hospital's efforts to gain community trust and stated that the hospital has been experiencing growth and volume increase.

Mr. Udall discussed the confusion related to Medicare and Medicaid cuts and provided the status of the purchase of a new MRI machine. Mr. Udall then provided updates on new programs that are now available, including Pain Management, the Tele-Stroke Program and the Behavioral Health Clinic, and also reported that the wait time in the ER has decreased by one hour.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn to executive session. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (4) & (6), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body for legal advice; to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding contemplated litigation or settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation; or negotiations with members of a tribal council for discussion and direction to counsel regarding the Little Colorado River (LCR) Adjudication (Apache County Superior Court – *In Re: The General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Little Colorado River System and Source (CV 6417, CV 6417-200, CV 6417-201, CV 6417-202,*

***CV 6417-300, CV 6417-400)* and status of Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Right Settlement Agreement and pending legislation related thereto, ongoing negotiations with the Tribes, potential involvement in other water rights litigation and any other legal issues regarding the City's water supply**

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Project and Legislative Update

The City Manager's legislative update included information regarding the following proposed bills:

- HCR2021: municipal food tax
- SB1208: home consumption items; tax exemption
- SB 1318/SCR1014: income tax rate; reduction; surplus
- HB2118: sourcing; business location
- SB1229: starter home restrictions
- SB1353: municipal development; permits; review

The City Manager then provided detailed updates regarding the following grant funded projects and programs:

- New water tank
- Pocket Parks and 9/11 Park Renovations (on hold due to funding freeze)
- Ramada project and accessibility upgrades to Tom Harris Field
- Farmers Market Grant

In conclusion, the City Manager commented on the recent freeway closures due to weather conditions and stated that a meeting has already been scheduled with ADOT to discuss appropriate adjustments to make next winter's closures more efficient.

The City Manager also responded to comments from Mayor Cano, who expressed the need to include notifications to stranded motorists when the freeway is closed. Councilmember MacLean requested that a report showing the status of approved capital projects be provided to the Council.

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

The Finance Director began by stating that two-thirds of the fiscal year has passed. The Finance Director then highlighted information from his written report for the month of February that included city wide revenues and expenditures, as well as General Fund, HURF Fund and Enterprise Funds revenues and expenditures and stated that the city remains on track to finish the fiscal year within expected parameters.

At the request of Councilmember MacLean, the Finance Director explained why some of the funds appear to be operating in the red.

C. Quarterly Report by Fire Chief Which May Include Department Overview and Incident Response & Special Operations

The Fire Chief referred to his written report included in the packet and explained that the Fire Department is an “all hazards fire department” which means they are dispatched to not only structure fires and hazmat incidents, but also to medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, water rescue and recovery, power lines down and public lift assists.

After explaining the key responsibilities of the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division, the Fire Chief commented on recent and ongoing construction projects and discussed the 911 call report for the 2024 calendar year. Incident response and special operations for the quarter included a vehicle recovery from Clear Creek, a major motor vehicle accident within city limits and a major house fire in downtown Winslow.

Councilmember McKee thanked the Fire Chief for providing informative and transparent reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember MacLean requested that Item J be pulled for discussion. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item J. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers 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 Regular Meeting of February 25, 2025 and the City Council Executive Session of February 25, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Reappointment of Members to the Arts Council**

- D. Discussion and/or Action to Declare Vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Purchase of Ford F150 for Animal Control**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Award Bid and Approve Payment for 2025 Street Maintenance Project**
- G. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Winslow and Navajo County for the Provision of Election Services**
- H. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Contract Between the City of Winslow and Yavapai County for Use of Home of My Own Designs & Plans**
- I. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1967 Approving a Property Split for Real Property Identified as Navajo County Assessor's Parcel Number 103-54-001C Located at 729 West Mike's Pike and Zoned in the Commercial District**
- J. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1426 Amending Section 17.40.050 of the Municipal Code Related to the Regulation of Licensed Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Testing Facilities**

The City Attorney referred to the adoption of Ordinance No. 1357 in 2020 to amend the city code related to the use of recreational marijuana and explained details of the city's current dual license requirement. The City Attorney also explained details of Ordinance No. 1426 to remove the dual license requirement that is being presented for consideration based on previous direction from the Council.

The City Attorney clarified that a Conditional Use Permit, which is heard by the Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer, would be required if an operator was interested in opening a recreational marijuana facility. Councilmember MacLean stated that he would like for the dual license requirement to remain in the code. Councilmember Crisp referred to the potential economic development impact of removing the requirement and stated that not having a facility is harming patients who benefit from the use of medical marijuana.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Crisp, to approve Item J, Ordinance No. 1426. Motion passed with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes and Councilmember MacLean voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers 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 March 25, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *8th* day of *April*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk