

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on April 8, 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 MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Crisp

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Kelley Ward Human Resources Director, Kim Salazar Public Housing Director, Jason Sanks, Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer (via Zoom)

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Pastor Erna Snukis from the First Methodist Church. Following the invocation, Mayor Cano reminded citizens that anyone interested in offering the invocation can sign up on the city's website.

Roll call was taken and Councilmember Crisp was absent. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, 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 McKee

- Department of Correction Torch Run on April 11th

Mayor Cano

- Community meeting on April 23rd regarding starting a Boys & Girls Club in Winslow
- WHS Dance Line fundraiser where Easter Bunny will come hide eggs in your yard
- Hospital Week activities on May 9th
- Planting of tree to celebrate Arbor Day on April 25th

Councilmember Tafoya

- Grand March and Prom on April 26th
- Rotary Quiz event on April 12th

Councilmember MacLean

- Encouraged citizens to check the community calendar on the city's website

A member of the audience provided information regarding a bazaar at the Methodist Church on April 12th.

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Proclamation – Proclaiming April 5 – 11, 2025 as Week of the Young Child**

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, the City Clerk advised that the proclamation will be sent to the organization that requested it.

B. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

After Councilmember McKee read the proclamation, it was presented to members of Alice's Place that were in attendance.

C. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of April as Fair Housing Month

After Councilmember MacLean read the proclamation, it was presented to the Public Housing Director.

D. Quarterly Court Report Which May Include Justice Court and Municipal Court Case Filings by Category

Judge Little provided his report covering the months of January – March 2025. The report included the number of cases filed in both the Justice Court and the Municipal Court for the following:

Civil & Criminal Traffic	Criminal Petty Offense
Local Ordinance	Criminal Misdemeanor
Criminal Felony	Parking Violations
Initial Appearances	Small Claims
Civil Lawsuits	Eviction Actions
Order Protection/Harassment	Search Warrants

After responding to a question from Mayor Cano, Judge Little referred to the warmer weather and reminded citizens to keep their pets secured to avoid dog bite incidents.

E. Quarterly Old Trails Museum Report Which May Include Discussion of Museum Operations, Hours, Staffing and Events

Ann-Mary Lutzick, Director of the Old Trails Museum, highlighted the following information from her written report that was included in the packet:

Publications/Public Programs/Outreach

- Annual History Highlight event on April 19th
- *Past and Present: Winslow*
- Winter OTM eNEWS
- Facebook Page
- 2024 Visitation Statistics

Governance & Operations

- Old Trails Museum Building
- The Vault Project

At the conclusion of the report, Mayor Cano recognized the museum volunteers. In response, Ms. Lutzick stated that there are numerous ways for citizens to volunteer.

F. Presentation from Rotary Club Which May Include Past and Upcoming Activities and Events

Rotary President Kristy Armijo stated that the Rotary Club is widely known for their food distribution events that are held on the fourth Thursday of every month. Ms. Armijo commented on additional

Rotary programs, including the Backpack Program and the School District Appreciation Breakfast.

After discussing the criteria for the club's Rotary Citizen of the Year Award, Ms. Armijo introduced members of the club that were also in attendance. The Citizen of the Year Award was then presented to City Manager David Coolidge.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

This item took place following Council Consideration and Possible Action

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion or consultation with the attorney or attorneys of the public body for legal advice; or to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding pending or contemplated litigation or settlement discussions conducted to avoid or resolve litigation; or discussion regarding negotiations with members of a tribal council

- (1) *State of Arizona ex rel. Kristen K. Mayes vs. Fondomonte Arizona, LLC*, Case No. CV2024-035721

CONSIDERATION OF ANY ITEM ON THE EXECUTIVE SESSION PORTION OF THIS AGENDA, WHICH THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO TAKE ACTION UPON IN OPEN SESSION

After returning from executive session, Mayor Cano made a motion to authorize Brown and Brown Law Offices, P.C. to file a Motion to Intervene and to do all else legally necessary and in the best interests of the City in the case: *State of Arizona, ex rel. Kristin K. Mayes vs. Fondomonte Arizona, LLC*, Case No. CV2024-035721. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cake and passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

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
- SCR1014: income tax rate; reduction; surplus
- SB1229: starter home restrictions

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

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

The City Manager also discussed Federal funding earmarks for fiscal year 26 and stated that the following four projects will be submitted for funding with the hope that at least one will be funded:

- Wastewater Main Upgrade (highest priority)
- Downtown Stormwater Drainage Project
- Police Department Vehicle Upgrade
- Fire Department Wildland and Water Rescue Station

In response to a request from Councilmember MacLean at the last meeting, the City Manager provided a detailed report of the status of all capital projects.

At the conclusion of his report, Councilmember MacLean thanked the City Manager for the capital projects update. Councilmember MacLean and the City Manager thanked the Public Works Director and his crews for their work to get the projects done.

B. Zoning Hearing Officer Status Report Regarding Conditional Use Permit Review for January – March 2025

The Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer provided a report covering the following CUPs for January – March 2025:

1. 723 North Apache Avenue – Outpatient Clinic for Harmony and Wellness LLC behavior health services
2. 821 Transcon Lane – Roping Arena at DeWitt Ranch Supply Store

With regard to outpatient clinic, the Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer reported that it is unknown if the clinic is conducting business at this time. The Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer also reported that operations for the roping arena are in compliance with the conditions of their CUP.

C. Quarterly Economic Development Update Which May Include Program and Development Updates and Business Development & Expansion Grant Recipients

The Economic Development Director referred to the NLC Conference and provided an update on funding to support the Lindbergh Parkway expansion based on meetings held in Washington with key staff from Senators Kelly and Gallego and Representatives Crane and Stanton's offices.

The Economic Development Director also provided information related to the Site Selector's Guild conference that he recently attended and announced the five businesses that received various award amounts during the inaugural round of the Business Retention and Expansion incentive.

Additional updates included the status of the Wilson Street properties and the Airport Development Plan Request for Proposals, the proposed sell of the former Bashas' building and interest in property along Mike's Pike from multiple buyers and developers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Tafoya, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve the Consent Calendar as written. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, 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 March 25, 2025 and the City Council Executive Session of March 25, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Appropriation to the 2025 Because We Care Committee**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Little League Agreement for the 2025 Season**

- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1970 Repealing Resolution No. 1887 Related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1971 Approving a Lot Split for Real Property Identified as Navajo County Assessor Parcel Number 103-26-001B Located in the 1600 Block of North Park Drive and Zoned in the Commercial District**
- G. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1972 Authorizing the City to Accept Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) Loan**
- H. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1427 Amending Chapter 2.22 of the Municipal Code Related to the Arts Council Membership and Annual Report & Budget; and Section 17.96.020 Related to the Historic Preservation Commission Membership**
- I. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1429 Authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney to Take All Necessary Steps to Acquire Navajo County Assessor Parcel Nos. 103-17-013C, 103-17-013A and 103-17-104D, all Located on West First Street, for City Use**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Assistance for Rotary Club Quiz**

After Rotary President Kristy Armijo explained that Quiz Night will raise money for high school student scholarships, there was discussion regarding the request. Ms. Armijo also responded to questions from the Council.

In response to a question from Mayor Cano, Councilmember MacLean stated that the current balance in the special events account is \$3500. There was additional discussion regarding both in-kind items and monetary assistance for the event.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to make a \$500 monetary donation to the Rotary for their scholarships, as well as two McHood Park annual passes and four family swim passes. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

B. Discussion and/or Direction Related to Authorizing Sale of City-Owned Parcel, Navajo County Assessor's Parcel No. 103-17-015 Located at 110 West First Street, to Dixon Oates, an Individual

The City Manager referred to Ordinance No. 1429 that was approved on the Consent Calendar and explained its relation to selling this parcel to allow access to the dwelling located at 110 West First Street. The City Manager also responded to questions from the Council and direction was given to proceed with selling the property at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, 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 April 8, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *22nd* day of *April*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk