

Minutes of the work session of the Winslow City Council held on May 8, 2025 at 4:00 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Kelleen Haney Police Support Services Manager, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Jennifer Evans Public Works Office Manager, Kelley Ward Human Resources Director, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Brandee Leary Librarian

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

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 26 BUDGET

The City Manager referred to the fiscal year 26 budget book that was provided to the Council and staff directors and read the budget message into the record. Highlights from the budget message included that the budget reflects the city's commitment to establishing Winslow as an economic development friendly community while maintaining the attractive qualities of a culturally diverse rural community and tourist destination. The budget message also included information regarding revenue constraints and economic uncertainty in the market and how the city is preparing for the anticipated impact of decreased revenues.

The budget book also included the following items that the City Manager discussed in detail:

- City Organizational Chart/FTE Listing
- Fiscal Year 26 Budget Proposal that included detailed fund accounting for:

General Fund (Major Fund), Airport, Enterprise Funds (Water, Sanitation & Wastewater), Fleet Maintenance, Highway User Revenue Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Grants Fund

- Fiscal Year 26 Fee Schedule Changes
- Fund Balance/Long Term Debt Summary

The City Manager explained the information shown on the Fund Balance Impact Summary which shows projected fund balances for each fund for both fiscal year 2025 and 2026. Information was also provided for the Long-Term Debt for fiscal year 2026 for the Water Fund, Wastewater Fund and the Capital Fund and amounts and term dates for various equipment leases.

Throughout the discussion regarding the budget book information, the City Manager responded to questions and comments from the Council. There was discussion regarding a suggestion to consider closing the indoor pool during the summer months to reduce costs and bringing Clear Creek water to the ballfields.

A break was observed from 5:55 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

After reconvening from the break, the City Manager presented specific information regarding proposed changes to the Fee Schedule that included Building Permit Fees, Community Services Fees, Development Services Fees, Fire Department Fees and Public Works Fees. The City Manager stated that solid waste collection rates have not been increased since 2019 and explained that staff is recommending a 5% increase to those rates. The City Manager and Public Works Director also responded to questions regarding the new septage disposal fee in Schedule 5 (Development Services Fees).

At the conclusion of his presentation, the City Manager stated that the tentative budget is scheduled for adoption on May 27th. Mayor Cano expressed the need to educate citizens regarding the various fee increases. There was also discussion regarding the suggestion made earlier in the meeting to xeriscape the new section of the cemetery in an effort to reduce costs.

Councilmember MacLean expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff for making the effort to reduce their budgets by 20%. There was a brief discussion regarding the goal to maintain the city's current staffing level.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Tafoya, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 6:50 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 work session of the Winslow City Council held on May 8, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of *May*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk