

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on August 26, 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, Vice Mayor MacLean, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Ernie Cano Acting Police Chief, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director (via Zoom), Sandra Knight Recreation Manager

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Travis Udall referred to a neighboring community that is going through turmoil and thanked the Council for their leadership and the unity that they share. Mr. Udall also thanked the Council for their service and urged them to stay the course with courage during difficult times.

Chief Duran requested that a moment of silence be observed for Flagstaff Firefighter Paul Sanders.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Ink Fest event on October 11th & 12th

- Youth Football & Cheer Program movie night at the theater on August 27th at 5:30 pm
- Rotary/St. Mary's food distribution on August 28th
- Blood drive in memory of Ady Leonard on August 27th
- Garden tool swap at the Community Garden on September 6th
- Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm

Councilmember McKee

- Recognized Public Works employee Felicia Gonzales for working in the early morning hours to remove standing water in the downtown areas from recent rains
- Also extended appreciation to Joel Panana for his hard work keeping the downtown area clean

Vice Mayor MacLean

- Alice's Place Murder Mystery fundraiser on September 6th
- Friends of the Library Book Sale September 12th – 14th
- Standin' on the Corner Festival the last weekend in September
- Car Show the first weekend in October

Mayor Cano

- Thanked Peter & Debbie Cake for supporting the community through use of the theater
- Provided information regarding the Apache & Navajo County Mayor & Councilmembers Association meeting hosted by the city in July

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Crisp requested that discussion regarding use of the shooting range by the Gun Club be included on a future agenda.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Presentation by Winslow Rotary Club Related to Donation of Six New Garbage Cans

Project Chairman Lawrence Kenna explained that the donation of six garbage cans to the city by the Rotary Club was a result of a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation Route 66 Association. Mr. Kenna

introduced rotary members who were in attendance and recognized others, including Library Programs Coordinator Danie Brunett and Public Works Director Tim Westover, that assisted with design and placement locations for the new cans.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Grant Updates and Possible Municipal Code Amendments

The City Manager provided detailed updates regarding the following projects and grants:

- Downtown restrooms
- CDBG All Access Playground
- Fiscal Year 26 Earmark for Fire Department medical equipment
- T Mobile Hometown Grant for construction of food truck court on First Street & Kinsley Avenue
- Two grants submitted for the farmers' market and one for the business incubator

The City Manager also provided information regarding a section of the code related to a Commercial Alarm System Program and stated that a work session is scheduled for September 9th to discuss code changes to the city's fireworks ordinance.

After referencing the onsite meeting with the Council that took place in June at the cemetery, the City Manager commented on the action plan that was developed to address issues that were discussed at the meeting. A work session has been tentatively scheduled for October 14th to further discuss the new policies, procedures and enforcement guidelines.

At the request of Mayor Cano, the City Manager discussed the 9/11 Park renovations.

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

The Finance Director noted that since July is the first month of the fiscal year, no year-to-date totals will be provided. The Finance Director highlighted information from his written report that included Citywide revenues and expenditures, General Fund revenues and

expenditures, HURF Fund revenues and expenditures and Enterprise Funds (Water, Sanitation and Wastewater) revenues and expenditures.

The Finance Director also provided information related to the city's cash and investments and responded to a question from Vice Mayor MacLean regarding the levee fund.

C. Quarterly Report by Recreation Manager Which May Include Information from Past Events and Announcements for Upcoming Events

The Recreation Manager noted that it was a very busy, successful summer and thanked the Council for continuing to support the Recreation Department and their events. The Recreation Manager also announced that Summer Intern Nicole Gonzales was recently hired as the new Recreation Supervisor.

The Recreation Manager reported that 22 teams have signed up for the Co-Ed Volleyball season and highlighted upcoming events including Disco Night at the Route 66 Plaza on September 20th, a free Suns Basketball Clinic and the Parade in the Park on October 31st.

D. Quarterly Report by Police Chief Which May Include Highlights from Divisions within the Police Department, Statistics and Community Engagements

Prior to highlighting information from his written report covering the months of April - June 2025, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet, the Acting Police Chief thanked everyone at the Police Department for their hard work and service to the city.

The Acting Police Chief discussed community events that took place during the quarter that included the Special Olympics Torch Run, working with the family of Ady Leonard to establish a high school scholarship in her name and the Cops n/ Bobbers event at Clear Creek.

General Stats for the quarter included the following:

Patrol

Calls for service – 3,143

Citations – 159

Warnings – 103

Reports – 288

Arrests - 290

Records Division

County Attorney Reports – 89

Fingerprinting – 40

3511 Hearings - 11

Public Records Requests – 82

In closing, the Acting Police Chief discussed the department's newest officer, who recently graduated from the Academy, and two new employees in Dispatch. The Acting Police Chief also responded to a comment from Councilmember McKee regarding education that officers provide during traffic stops.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Cano noted that Item E is being pulled from the agenda and will come back at a future meeting. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item E. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor MacLean and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, 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 July 22, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Liquor License Application for Circle K #9585 Located at 1702 North Park Drive**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Award Bid for Hayden Walton Sports Complex Playground Improvements and Authorize City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1980 Authorizing an Application to the Arizona Smart Fund for a Grant for Design and Other Engineering Services and Submission Pursuant to Title 28, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes; and Declaring an Emergency**
- F. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Settlement Agreement with Purdue Pharma L.P. & Sackler Family Related to Opioid Settlement**
- G. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Settlement Agreement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun Zydus Related to Opioid Settlement**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding November and December City Council Meeting Schedule**

The City Manager discussed the November and December meeting schedule and advised that staff is recommending that the November 11th and December 23rd meetings be cancelled with the understanding that a special meeting can be called if necessary.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to cancel the November 11 & December 23, 2025 regular meetings. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor MacLean and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Sixth Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement Between City and Atlas Global Development Group, LLC to Extend the Close of Escrow from August 31, 2025 to February 28, 2026

The City Manager referred to the fifth amendment that was approved by the Council at their last meeting extending the close of escrow to August 31, 2025 and stated that Atlas is now asking for a six-month extension so they can work to resolve energy supply issues.

The City Manager and City Attorney provided information regarding details of the extension including the removal of the I-40 parcel for the proposed Tradeport hub. Atlas has 30 days to identify an alternate location either within the 1,200 acres or other properties that Atlas already owns. The city will have the option of accepting the alternate property or remove approximately 300 acres from the purchase agreement.

The City Attorney stated that since there have been several extensions, the city will want to receive updates from Atlas to make sure that progress is being made. The City Attorney also requested that if the Council is in favor of approving the extension that the motion include “to approve in final form as approved by the City Attorney.”

Further discussion included clarification from Mayor Cano and the City Manager that there will be a large buffer between Southside and Coopertown and any future development on the property that is being purchased by Atlas.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Vice Mayor MacLean, to approve the sixth amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the City and Atlas Global Development Group in final form as approved by the City Attorney. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor MacLean and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to adjourn to executive session. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes. The City Attorney stated for the record that the mayor has a conflict of interest on item B so she will leave for that item and will not participate in the discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and (3), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion with the City Manager regarding his employment; the purpose of the executive session is a bi-annual review of goal progress and to determine if additional resources are needed**
- B. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and (3), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion or consideration regarding employment of a Police Chief and legal advice regarding the recruitment process**

Mayor Cano did not participate in the meeting after the Council returned from executive session

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ABOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

After returning from executive session, Vice Mayor MacLean read the following statement:

We have had a great and productive discussion. We want to express our confidence in Mr. Cano as Interim Police Chief. We feel that he is a very strong candidate. We hope that Mr. Cano will continue to serve our city as the

Interim Chief as we internally reassess the ordinance pertaining to employment procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Mayor MacLean and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, 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 August 26, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of *September*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk