

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on September 23, 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 MacLean, Councilmember McKee,
Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp

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

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Raymond Lucero spoke about the recent code change regarding appointment of the police chief and requested that the City Attorney read the Arizona Constitution as it relates to conflicts of interest at the next meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember McKee

- Standin' on the Corner Festival this weekend (September 26th & 27th)
- Car Show the first weekend in October
- Ink Fest the following weekend

- Car seat safety event provided by Navajo County Public Health on September 24th

Councilmember Tafoya

- Rotary/St. Mary's food distribution on September 25th

Mayor Cano

- Installation of Road Tunes on East Third Street near the 9-11 Memorial Garden
- Halloween Parade in the Park on October 31st

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Salazar referred to comments at a recent council meeting regarding drainage issues and requested that a tour of the problematic areas and a work session be scheduled to discuss preventative measures.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

After Mayor Cano read the proclamation, it was presented to members of Alice's Place who were in attendance. Heather Pruett, Vice President of the Board, referred citizens to Facebook for details of specific events being held in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Pruett also discussed the importance of Alice's Place and thanked everyone who attended their Murder Mystery fundraiser on September 6th.

B. Presentation of Audit Report for FYE 06/30/24 by City's Auditor

Before providing a summary of the city's audit results for FYE 06/30/24, Michael Lauzon, Audit Partner at HeinfeldMeech, thanked city staff for their support and assistance during the audit process.

Mr. Lauzon then provided a PowerPoint Presentation detailing audit requirements outlined in both the City Charter and State Statute. The presentation included information regarding the importance of the audit, the audit process and audit methodology from both the financial and federal side.

Mr. Lauzon discussed various reports issued as a result of the audit, including the Annual Financial Report and the Single Audit Report, and commented on the Financial Internal Control Deficiencies, as well as the Federal Internal Control Deficiencies. Mr. Lauzon reported that the city has submitted corrective action plans for the deficiencies based on auditor recommendations and is in the process of implementing them.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Lauzon responded to questions and comments from the Council.

C. 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.

D. Quarterly Hospital Report Which May Include Update Regarding Little Colorado Medical Center Activities

After congratulating the city on a good audit, Travis Udall, Little Colorado Medical Center CEO, commented on the importance of the hospital having a strong community presence by partnering with other organizations.

Mr. Udall stated that new hospital beds and mattresses have been purchased and reported that there has been a significant rise in OB and baby deliveries. Mr. Udall noted that the hospital will continue to prepare and strengthen in anticipation of federal and state cuts that may occur in the coming years.

In closing, Mr. Udall thanked the Fire Chief for his support during the recent loss of two Timber Mesa EMTs.

Mayor Cano stated that she would like to meet with Mr. Udall to further discuss the challenges that are expected in the coming years. Mr. Udall thanked the Council for their confidence and support and discussed the need to gain the trust and respect of patients.

E. Presentation by Sustainability Partners Regarding Alternative Financing

Andrew Myers, Infrastructure Partner for Sustainability Partners, began by stating that Sustainability Partners (SP) is a public benefit company that helps cities and towns meet their critical infrastructure needs in a long-term sensible way.

Mr. Myers provided a PowerPoint Presentation that included information regarding Sustainability Partners that was founded in 2016 and is headquartered in Chandler. Customers include states, municipalities, hospitals, schools, universities, HOAs and utilities. SP currently has hundreds of millions of dollars in essential infrastructure projects under management across the country.

The presentation also included detailed information regarding SP's "Infrastructure as a Service - A Modern Approach to Infra Funding" approach and what is included in their Master Utility Service Agreement. After discussing asset capabilities, a list of partners and case studies/examples, Mr. Myers responded to questions and comments from the Council.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include the Establishment of The Arizona Energy Promise Taskforce

Before providing his report, the City Manager thanked staff, as well as Elias Jouen, for their work on the audit. The City Manager provided an update on the Route 66 Centennial Project and stated that the hope is that the design will be completed soon so that construction can begin.

The City Manager also provided additional information regarding the installation of Road Tunes on East Third Street and discussed details of National Public Lands Day that takes place on September 27th.

The City Manager then referred to the executive order signed by the governor on September 15th establishing the Arizona Energy Promise Task Force stating that the intent is to address the need to meet increased energy demand for growth. The City Manager provided details of the executive order that will be carried out by the Office of Resiliency and noted that the city has asked to have a seat on the task force.

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

After stating that today (September 23rd) is his one-year anniversary with the city, the Finance Director highlighted information from his written report for the month of August. The report 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.

In conclusion, the Finance Director reported that income and expenditures are within expected variances for all funds.

C. Quarterly Economic Development Update Which May Include Program and Development Updates

The Economic Development Director reported that Atlas is moving forward on issues related to energy/power for their project and staff is also working with them to identify a new site for the GLD Trade Port.

The Economic Development Director also provided project updates that included timelines for the opening of the Ace Hardware and construction of the new Circle K truck stop and the Hampton Inn. The city is currently working with a housing developer that plans to create a 270-unit subdivision that will address some of our housing needs.

The Economic Development Director discussed his attendance at the upcoming Commercial Real Estate Conference in Palm Springs, the Semi-Con West Summit in Phoenix and the AAED Fall Conference in Prescott Valley.

Additional information that was provided included recent grant submissions, the continuation of the Stage One contract to provide entrepreneurial and small business support for the city and funding available for the next round of the Business Retention & Expansion Incentive Program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to approve the Consent Calendar as read. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers 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 September 9, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting of September 9, 2025 and City Council Executive Session of August 26, 2025**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Job Order Contract Services with McCauley Construction and Trucking LLC for the Cemetery Expansion Paving Project**

- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1983 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Infrastructure Grant Project No. 3-04-0052-028-2025**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1984 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Improvement Program Project No. 3-04-0052-029-2025**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1985 Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Purpose of Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Auditor General**
- G. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1439 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Identified as Navajo County APN 103-36-116 to Mary Alice Hayes**
- H. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1440 Repealing Ordinance No. 1437 Related to the Sale of Real Property to Thomas Joseph Curtis and Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Identified as Navajo County APN 103-36-044 to Ronald E. Lucero and Sylvy Galvan de Lucero**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion and/or Direction Regarding City Logo

Since Councilmember MacLean requested that this item be included on the agenda, he began the discussion by referring to his previous suggestion to add some components to the current logo. Councilmember MacLean stated that there is nothing pertaining to the railroad, Route 66 or Standin' on the Corner and those are all things that Winslow is known for.

There was discussion regarding feedback on social media when the original suggestion was made. Further discussion included comments from members of the Council regarding the change, as well as the cost involved. The City Attorney also provided information regarding the requirement to have a city seal and stated that there is nothing that stops the city from having multiple logos for various uses.

The City Manager referred to various aspects involved with creating a new logo and stated that since it comes with a heavy cost, funds would need to be included in next fiscal year's budget if the Council decides

to proceed. It was the consensus of the Council to not proceed with the design of a new logo at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers 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 September 23, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *14th* day of *October*, 2025.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk