

Minutes of the work session of the Winslow City Council held on February 17, 2026 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 (via Zoom), Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Ernie Cano Police Chief, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Kelley Ward Human Resources Director, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Brandee Leary Librarian, Kim Salazar Public Housing Director, Jennifer Evans Public Works Office Manager, Kelleen Haney Police Support Services Manager, Debbie Brown Accountant

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Tafoya. Roll call was taken and Councilmembers Cake and McKee were absent. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to excuse the absent members. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes. Councilmember McKee joined the meeting via Zoom at 4:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING

A. Explanation and Introduction

The City Manager explained that the city will be moving towards Priority Based Budgeting and briefly commented on the process for setting priorities. The City Manager further explained that since the Economic Development Director has been through this process by serving on the implementation team for the City of Flagstaff, he will be leading the presentation.

The Economic Development Director provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) that included reasons for using PBB, the three steps of PBB and how to start with PBB. The presentation also included detailed information regarding

creation of a program inventory for each city department and methods to utilize when determining what is, and is not, a program.

The Economic Development Director explained that the goal of PBB is to be able to ask why the city is in business, why the city is offering specific programs or services and how much does the city spend to provide them.

B. Priority Based Budgeting Program List

While referring to a slide showing an example program list for the City of Flagstaff Police Department, the Economic Development Director noted that there appears to be 110 – 115 programs and services that are provided by the City of Winslow.

Following the presentation, the Economic Development Director and the City Manager responded to questions from the Council, one of which was if there will be a reduction in staff related to this budgeting program.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

A. Brainstorming Exercise (Current & Future Services)

The Council, as well as members of staff that were present, were each tasked with making a list of five programs that the city currently offers. Once completed, the Economic Development Director discussed items that were included on the list and asked that each person list five services that they would like to see the city offer in the future.

B. Mapping Council Priorities

After stating that because municipalities are mandated to provide certain services, the Economic Development Director noted that those services are covered under the Higher Performing Governance priority.

The Council was then asked to brainstorm and provide five Key Community Priorities that will capture items from the previously provided lists. After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember MacLean provided the following list that the Council determined should be included as priorities:

1. Safe Community
2. Sustainable & Thriving Economy
3. Active & Healthy Quality of Life
4. Attractive, Livable Community
5. Proactive Infrastructure Enhancements

The Economic Development Director briefly commented on the five priorities and stated that the budget team will now take the programs that were previously established by staff and score them against the five priorities to determine funding allocations.

In closing, the City Manager thanked the Council and staff for their participation and stated that the priority themes will be applied to the upcoming budget process for further discussion at the work session in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 5:33 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 February 17, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24th day of *February*, 2026.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk