

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on March 10, 2026 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 Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Tafoya

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF:**

David Coolidge City Manager, Matt Schiumo City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Daniel Hendrix Finance Director, Ernie Cano Police Chief, Caleb Davis Police Commander, 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 Councilmember MacLean. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Vicki Schafer referred to an email she sent to the Council regarding a post by Dan Lupien that implied that a data center was already in the works for Winslow and spoke regarding the lack of response from the Council. Ms. Schafer also commented on the impact of data centers and encouraged the city to hold a public forum where residents can ask questions and voice their concerns.

Kim Gould, President of Friends of the Library, encouraged citizens to donate books for their annual book sale and announced dates when they could be dropped off at the front of the library.

Heather Pruet, Vice President of Alice's Place Board, announced details of their bazaar scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

**A. Current Events and Announcements**

The following events and announcements were made under this item:

Councilmember Crisp

- Free showing of The Lorax at the theater on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Recreation Department on April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Farmers Market update

**B. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS****A. Presentation Regarding the 2026 Navajo County Community Health Assessment**

Ciera Hensley, Navajo County Public Health Department Deputy Director, presented a PowerPoint Presentation outlining details of the 2026 Navajo County Community Health Needs Assessment Survey that is open from February 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> and covers the following categories:

- Physical, mental and social health
- Access to healthcare
- Substance use and mental health
- Social determinants of health

The presentation included information regarding the 2023 Health Assessment and reasons why the survey is important. Partners who support the community health improvement project include Summit Healthcare, Navajo County Public Health Services District, LCMC and ChangePoint.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Hensley asked for community support by encouraging participation in the survey and being involved with the community health improvement planning process. Ms. Hensley also responded to questions from the Council.

**B. Presentation Regarding Second Annual Astro Pageant**

Randall Sahmie, President of the Little Colorado River Valley Astronomers Club, provided information regarding the club that recently became a 501c3. Mr. Sahmie also announced that monthly star parties will resume at the Homolovi Observatory in April and provided information regarding the Second Annual Astro Pageant which is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Funds that are raised from

the event will go toward the expansion of the observatory at Homolovi State Park that will include sidewalks and lighting.

Mr. Sahmie discussed details of the event where participants consisting of two age groups choose any subject matter for their science project. Information and flyers regarding the pageant were distributed to the Council and Mr. Sahmie and Board Treasurer Cheri Sahmie responded to questions and comments from the Council.

Mayor Cano stated that Council funding has already been allocated to other events but suggested that Mr. Sahmie reach out to Navajo County for assistance. In response, Mr. Sahmie invited members of the Council to volunteer by showing up and speaking to participants or serving as a pageant judge.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Legislative and Project Updates**

The City Manager discussed the status of the following bills:

- HB2290: TPT; sourcing; business location; receipt
- HB2946: municipalities; counties; development fees
- HB4030/HCR2052 rates; fees; taxes; increase; moratorium

The City Manager also provided a detailed update on the Winslow Levee project and advised the Council that the city will be piggybacking on another agreement to get this year's Street Improvement Project moving sooner and at a lower cost.

In conclusion, the City Manager reported that confirmation has been received from the contractor that the Downtown Restrooms Project will begin in two weeks.

### **B. Zoning Hearing Officer Status Report Regarding Conditional Use Permit Review for January - March 2026**

The Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer provided a report covering the following CUPs for January – March 2026:

1. 821 Transcon Lane (Roping Arena) – Allow a roping arena for DeWitt Ranch Supply in the Commercial (C) zoning district

The Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer noted that the roping arena is still in use and a storage container that may require an additional CUP has been placed on the site. The Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer further noted that staff will reach out to the property owner regarding the container.

**C. Quarterly Report by Fire Chief Which May Include Department Overview, Project Updates and Emergency Response Highlights**

After stating that he is here to provide the highest-level of service to both internal external customers, the Fire Chief commented on two recent agreements that have been executed related to fire department calls. The Fire Chief explained that Winslow is an “all hazards fire department” that responds to various types of calls including medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and downed trees and power lines.

The Fire Chief highlighted information from his written report including details of the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division to provide public education, plans reviews, fire hydrant inspections and Fire Code enforcement. The Fire Chief also discussed new construction projects, on-going inspections and emergency responses.

Councilmember McKee thanked the Fire Chief for the knowledge and talent that he has brought to both his department and the community. Mayor Cano commented on the basketball game between the Fire Department and the Public Works Department on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember MacLean requested that Item E be pulled for discussion. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item E. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, 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 February 24, 2026**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve I-40 Response Agencies Group Multi-Agency Master Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Agreement**

- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1446 Amending Sections 5.13.050 and 17.40.040 of the Municipal Code Related to Operational Standards and Zoning Provisions for Mobile Food Vendors**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1447 Amending Section 17.40.040 of the Municipal Code Related to Drive-Through Services for Marijuana Dispensaries**

At the request of Councilmember MacLean, the City Manager provided background information regarding recreational marijuana and explained the intent of this ordinance that will amend the code to allow drive-through services for marijuana dispensaries. Councilmember MacLean stated that he is not in favor of the amendment and there was further discussion regarding the proposed change.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Crisp, to approve Ordinance No. 1447. Motion passed with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes and Councilmember MacLean voting no.

- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1990 Repealing Resolution No. 1988 and Vacating, Abandoning and Extinguishing All of Its Interest in Real Property Described as Navajo County APN 103-26-001C to Circle K Stores, Inc.**

#### **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. Annual Review and Discussion Regarding Section 17.40.050 of the Municipal Code Related to Recreational Marijuana**

The City Manager stated that this item is brought to the Council on an annual basis to determine if there is any new legislation in place that would result in changes needing to be made to the code. The City Manager also referred to the change made via Ordinance No. 1447 that was just approved by the Council and stated he does not think additional changes are needed since the city mimics state law related to recreational marijuana.

It was the consensus of the Council that no additional changes are needed at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and

Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Salazar and Tafoya voting yes.

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Mayor

Attest:

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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 March 10, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 2026.

**Suzy Wetzel**  
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City Clerk