

Minutes of the special meeting of the Winslow City Council held on November 18, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember Jackson (via Zoom), Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember Nelson (via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Cake

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager

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

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion and/or Action Related to Resolution No. 1884 Urging the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission to Establish a Legislative District to Keep Rural Arizona Together

Councilmember Jackson apologized to the Council and staff for calling a special meeting regarding this item and explained that he did not feel that the Council was informed enough to make a decision at the regular meeting where this item was first discussed.

Councilmember Jackson referred to the alternative map presented by Senator Allen at the November 9th regular meeting and stated that he agreed that the Redistricting Committee took a hard look at Northern Arizona when the new maps were drawn up. Councilmember Jackson expressed concern that our community of interest may be different than that of some the communities that have adopted a resolution in support of a 5+ Eastern Counties District. Councilmember Jackson expressed further concern over the competitiveness of the regions included in the district.

Mayor Cano reflected on the fact that when the item was first presented that it seemed like a good idea to support the proposed map due to the fact that it supports rural communities but stated that once you delve into the issue in more depth, there are further issues to consider.

At the request of Councilmember Crisp, clarification was provided that the proposed district does not change Navajo County boundaries. Councilmember MacLean stated that he has done research on the redistricting maps and has both pros and cons to the changes.

The City Manager referred to the fact that Winslow is a city and not necessarily a rural Arizona jurisdiction and it does not do service to split up Navajo County. The City Manager pointed out that Winslow is a border town and it is incumbent upon the city to continue to work with our border communities.

Based on an inquiry from Councilmember Jackson, the City Manager confirmed that the Council can make an alternative recommendation if they desire to do so. There was discussion regarding whether the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe are in favor of the proposed districts.

After further discussion regarding the various versions of the maps and endorsement options that are available to the Council, Councilmembers MacLean and Crisp expressed their hesitation to endorse an item that they have not fully researched.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Crisp, to not approve Resolution No. 1884. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

Councilmember Jackson referred to comments made by Councilmember Crisp and urged citizens and members of the Council, as individuals, to take a look at the maps and provide comments before the deadline. The City Manager provided further information regarding the hearing dates and noted that both the November 30th and December 1st public hearings can be attended virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Winslow City Council held on November 18, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

City Clerk