

Minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on April 26, 2022 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 Boyd (via Zoom), Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Jon Paladini City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Brandee Leary Librarian

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

Neil Traver, Arizona Public Service Division Manager for Northeastern Arizona, provided an update on APS' broadband project to extend fiber optic cable in northern Arizona.

Randy Therio, pastor of the Multiply Church, stated that he would like to make himself available to business owners and the city, if interested, by providing a workshop that he offers on how organizations can give volunteers a paycheck. Pastor Therio also stated that he loves Winslow and would like to serve and contribute to the community in any way that he can.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp announced details of the following events:

- Old Trails Museum's Fifth Annual Antique Appraisal Fair on July 9th
- Plant & Seed Exchange on April 28th hosted by Sweetland Community Garden & the Library

- Start of Farmers Market season on May 7th with new procedures in place for vendors
- St. Mary's/Rotary food distribution on April 28th
- First Annual Arts Festival on April 30th hosted by the Arts Council

Councilmember MacLean announced that volunteers are needed for the Reading Buddies Program at the Library every Monday in June and July from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. Councilmember MacLean also announced that Moana will be showing at the Outdoor Pool on June 7th.

After commenting on a recent meeting that she and Councilmember Nelson had with the Mortenson team, who are part of the wind farm project, Mayor Cano announced the following:

- The 50th anniversary of Take It Easy celebration scheduled for April 30th
- The HGTV premiere of Winslow on Home Town Kick Start on May 1st and Watch Party at the Winslow Theatre
- A free showing of La Bamba on May 5th at the Winslow Theatre (this is the first in a summer series of free movies sponsored by the city)

Councilmember Nelson announced information regarding the Business Expo scheduled for April 30th at the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Nelson also announced details of a charity event scheduled for May 14th at the Route 66 Plaza with all proceeds going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming April 2022 As National Donate Life Month

After Mayor Cano read the proclamation, members of the Donor Network of Arizona, including Winslow native Ashley (Gilliam) Siegel, thanked the Council for the proclamation and spoke regarding the importance of organ donation.

B. Presentation Regarding Arizona Public Service Fire Mitigation Efforts

Neil Traver, Division Manager for APS, spoke regarding the current fire north of Flagstaff and discussed their Wildfire Safety and Fire Mitigation Plan which consists of the following five parts:

- Integrated Vegetation Management Program
- Protocols During Elevated Fire Conditions
- Line Inspections & Public Safety Patrols
- Defensible Space Around Poles Program
- Customer Communication

Councilmember Crisp thanked APS staff for being present on an annual basis to provide this information to the public.

C. Presentation from Navajo County Regarding Proposed Redistricting Maps

Deputy County Attorney Jason Moore provided a legal background regarding the redistricting process which is required every ten years. Mr. Moore explained that, per State statute, the county is required to redraw their supervisorial district maps if there is deviation of greater than 10% between the largest supervisorial district and the smallest supervisorial district. Based on the latest census, the current deviation is 18%. Another mandatory requirement of redistricting is that the adopted plan must comply with the Voting Rights Act. Mr. Moore provided a brief explanation on how that requirement is met.

Mr. Moore discussed the process established by Navajo County to develop new supervisorial district maps including the creation of a Redistricting Advisory Committee who is tasked with meeting the statute requirements and trying to keep communities of interest together. The committee will submit two to three maps for consideration and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Moore referred to Maps 1 – 6 that were included in the agenda packet, all of which comply with the statute requirements, and discussed them in detail. In response to comments from Councilmember MacLean regarding gerrymandering, there was discussion wherein Mr. Moore provided information regarding packing and cracking which are both illegal forms of gerrymandering.

Sadie Lister, who was appointed to the Redistricting Advisory Committee by Supervisor Peshlakai to represent the Winslow area, spoke regarding meetings that have been held, as well as upcoming meetings that are scheduled, to receive public input. At the request of Mayor Cano, Mr. Moore clarified that this redistricting process applies to only county supervisorial districts.

Councilmember MacLean referred to the proposed redistricting maps and stated that Winslow appears to be split into two different districts on all of the maps. There was further discussion wherein Councilmember Jackson stated that these maps are a disservice to the citizens of Winslow. After confirming that there isn't a map that, in some degree, doesn't split the Winslow area, Mr. Moore explained that the commonality of each map includes the prison in order to equalize population between the districts.

Councilmember Jackson commented further on the maps and the fact that they split the community wherein citizens are losing their voice. Mr. Moore responded by referring to the proposed maps and explaining how each map was developed. Mr. Moore also responded to a comment from Councilmember MacLean regarding a map (Rainbow 2) that was submitted that puts Winslow, Joseph City and Holbrook together in District 2 stating that this map does not meet the legal requirement of a 70% or higher non-Hispanic, Native American population.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fact that Winslow will be unable to have ample representation based on the proposed maps that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors.

D. Quarterly Chamber Report Which May Include Visitor Center Statistics, Bed Tax Financial Information and Past/Future Event Updates

Bob Hall, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, provided his report for the period January – March 2022. The report included the number of visitors for the period, including foreign visitors who are now returning, as well as the number of travel and relocation packs distributed, the number of brochures printed and distributed to other Arizona visitor centers, website hits totaling 23,759 and tourism related emails received.

Mr. Hall noted that the room at the Visitor's Center was reserved a total of 48 times during this reporting period. After providing information regarding their board election, Mr. Hall discussed the income and expenses for the reporting period including advertising and promotional expenditures. In response to a question from Councilmember Nelson regarding the bed tax, the City Attorney clarified that individual tax records are confidential.

Additional information provided by Mr. Hall included a possible grant for work on the boxcar next to the Visitor's Center, an update on the

charging stations recently installed at the Visitor's Center parking lot, the Chamber's annual dinner and the Business Expo 2022 event.

After Mr. Hall thanked Mayor Cano and Vice Mayor Crisp for stepping up to the plate with the Home Town Quick Start television show, Mayor Cano thanked Bob for his work on behalf of the community.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Highlights of Various City Department Activities

After referring to his written report that was previously made available to the Council and posted on the city website, the City Manager announced that a Public Input Session regarding the city's Capital Improvement Program is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m. prior to the budget work session at 5:00 p.m.

B. Quarterly Report from Librarian Which May Include Information Regarding Past Events and Announcements for Upcoming Events

After discussing the Summer Reading Program (Oceans of Possibility theme), the Librarian referred to the graph included in the packet showing that the library is averaging 100 patrons per day. The Librarian also provided information regarding the following items:

- On-line community calendar
- Award of grant from the State Library for 50 Playaway Wonderbooks
- Project to archive digitized newspapers of Arizona, including the Winslow Mail and Winslow Daily Mail
- Arizona Memory Project to have local resources available online
- Award of 500 packets of free wildflower seeds as part of a #PlantWildflowers grant application
- Arizona Culture Pass program to "check out" two tickets for free entry to various sites around the state
- Details of Story Time and STEAM events held on Fridays

In closing, the Librarian provided information regarding the Annual Friends of the Library meeting scheduled for June 8th.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting & Executive Session of April 12, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action Relating to Appointment of Member to the Airport Commission**
- D. Discussion and/or Action Relating to Appointment of Members to the Arts Council**
- E. Discussion and/or Action Relating to Reappointment of Members, and Appointment of New Member, to Historic Preservation Commission**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Purchase and Payment of Outdoor Pool Water Slide**
- G. Discussion and/or Action to Award Bid and Approve Payment for Mike's Pike West Improvements**
- H. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Proposal for Asbestos Removal and Demolition of City-Owned Property Located at 1100 West Second Street**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Proposed Redistricting Maps**

After the City Clerk advised that this item was included on the agenda so that the Council could be taken action based on the presentation provided by Navajo County, staff was directed to write a letter requesting that the Board of Supervisors consider not splitting the City of Winslow when they make their decision regarding the redistricting maps.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to move into executive session. Motion passed unanimously with

Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney regarding use of development agreements and development incentives for economic development opportunities; and under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and to instruct the City Attorney regarding a Development Agreement with Sam Matyas for a mixed-use development**
- B. An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for annual evaluation of the performance of the City Manager**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, 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 regular meeting and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on April 26, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022.

City Clerk