

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on May 24, 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, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember Nelson

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Elias Jouen Finance Director, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, James Hernandez Fire Chief, Brandee Leary Librarian, Una Wirikebau Economic Development Director (via Zoom), Pam Tsinijinnie Transit Manager, Sandra Knight Recreation 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 Cake, Jackson and Nelson were absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to excuse the absent members. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Crisp and MacLean voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lisa MacLean, speaking on behalf of the Friends of the Library, referred to Item D on the Consent Calendar (IGA with Navajo County for ARPA grant funds towards a new library) and thanked the library staff for the events they offer and expressed appreciation to the Librarian for her efforts in submitting the necessary paperwork for the grant funds.

Supervisor Alberto Peshlakai also spoke regarding Navajo County's approval of the ARPA Grant Intergovernmental Agreement that took place at their meeting held earlier in the day.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp announced that members of the Sweetland Community Garden will be planting flowers at the 9/11 Memorial

Garden tomorrow (May 25th). Councilmember Crisp also announced details of the Rotary Club Summer Carnival on June 2nd – June 4th and the St. Mary's/Rotary food distribution event on May 26th.

Mayor Cano announced that the Taste of Winslow event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will be held on June 17th at the Elks Lodge. Mayor Cano also announced that the Senior Boys League will be hosting a tournament in Winslow the week of July 8th. Mayor Cano then stated that the Second Annual City Staff Party will be held at the Outdoor Pool on July 16th from 6 – 8:00 p.m.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Crisp requested that the Friends of the Library be invited to a future meeting to provide a presentation regarding their fundraising efforts for a new library.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – National Correctional Officers' Week

The proclamation was read by Mayor Cano and presented to Department of Corrections staff that were in attendance.

B. Proclamation – National Nurses Week

The proclamation was read by Councilmember Crisp and presented to Little Colorado Medical Center staff that were in attendance.

C. Proclamation – National Public Works Week

The proclamation was read by Councilmember Boyd and presented to Public Works staff that were in attendance.

STATUS REPORTS

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

After discussing the newly launched Strategic Planning initiative designed to guide the focus of the Council, Executive Team and citizens in its efforts related to future development and growth, the City Manager commented on the following items:

- Clear Creek Paddle event scheduled for July 17th

- In-person business coaching at the Visitors Center beginning in June
- “Spray Kids” events conducted by the Fire Department at various schools to celebrate the end of the school year
- Public Works Department update including Mike’s Pike West project, Jace Hardy’s dual certification in both water and wastewater, expected completion of Splash Pad by the end of June and installation of new playground at the Triangle Park
- Efforts to establish new transit connections to improve regional mobility
- Welcomed new transit employee Lynn Rodriguez who was in attendance
- Update on IGA with Navajo County associated with the Levee Project
- Follow-up meeting scheduled with FEMA to further discuss floodplain requirements for Winslow citizens

B. Quarterly Report from Recreation Manager Which May Include Information Regarding Past Events/Programs, Announcements for Upcoming Events/Programs and Presentation from Arizona Diamondbacks Staff Regarding Ballfield Project

After stating that the Recreation Department is gearing up for summer activities, the Recreation Manager highlighted events from her written report including Co-Ed Softball, Swim Team and June Summer Nights.

After stating that she has been applying for an Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation grant to build a field in Winslow since 2015, the Recreation Manager introduced Tom Harris, Chief Financial Officer for the Diamondbacks and a Winslow native, who announced that Winslow has been selected as their next project. Jeff Jacobs, Financial Management Director for the Diamondbacks, also provided information regarding the project.

Councilmember MacLean expressed his appreciation to the Recreation Manager for not only her persistence in applying for this grant, but also her efforts to provide events for the youth in the community. The Recreation Manager stated that this project wouldn’t be possible without the assistance of the Public Works Director. Councilmember MacLean also requested that the Concept Plan that was provided to the Council be posted on the city website.

C. Presentation and/or Discussion Regarding Economic Development Updates from Recent City Meetings Which May Include Strategic Planning and Land Usage /Master Plan Updates

After explaining the intent of this item being included on the agenda, Mayor Cano discussed recent meetings with Lynn Merrill, who was hired to assist with development of a Strategic Plan. Councilmember MacLean stated that the Council elected to utilize the services of a consultant in order to move Winslow forward with a unified vision.

After Councilmember MacLean briefly discussed the process to develop a Strategic Planning document, Councilmember Crisp and Mayor Cano both commented on the meetings they had with Mr. Merrill including that staff will be involved with development of the document.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember Crisp, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Crisp and MacLean 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 and Regular Meeting of May 10, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Liquor License Application for Permanent Extension of Premises/Patio Permit for Bojos Grill located at 117 West Second Street**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Ratify Grant Agreement Between the City of Winslow and Navajo County for Construction of the New Library**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Southwest Hazard Protection, LLC for Firefighting Protective Equipment**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the White Mountain Regional Special Response Team between the Winslow Police Department and Multiple Agencies throughout Northern Arizona**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request from the Cherry Bombs for Assistance with Their Pride Event Scheduled for June 24 & 25, 2022**

On behalf of Laura Parsons, Councilmember Crisp provided information regarding the Cherry Bombs event, including their request for a police escort for the parade scheduled for June 25th at 1:00 p.m., access to city-provided water and cleaning of the ramadas prior to the event. In response to a comment from the Public Works Director, Ms. Parsons stated that they are aware of the Splash Pad construction and it should not impact their event.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve the Cherry Bombs request for assistance with their Pride Event scheduled for June 24 & 25, 2022. Motion passed with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd and Crisp voting yes and Councilmember MacLean voting no.

B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, Inc., Pimmex Contracting Corporation and Nelsen Architects, Inc. for Construction of a Regulation Sized Baseball/Softball Field and Authorize the City Manager to Execute in Final Legal Form Approved by the City Attorney

After the City Attorney referenced the Memorandum of Understanding and stated that it will be signed once minor changes are made and it is in final form, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Crisp and MacLean voting yes.

C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve and Adopt Resolution No. 1892 Setting Forth the Tentative Budget and Establishing the Expenditure Limitation for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

The City Manager referred to State laws and the City Charter provision regarding adoption of the fiscal year budget and stated that the budget has been prepared in accordance with ARS § 42-1710.2. The City Manager discussed the budget process that began in February and explained the steps that will be taken prior to adoption of the final budget on June 28th. The City Manager also stated that this budget represents a spending plan that will responsibly provide for the municipal services that the citizens expect and deserve within the confines of available revenue.

The City Manager referenced the recent audit report and commented on its findings, including an increase of \$3,170,929 in combined ending fund balances and an increase in city sales tax revenues despite the impact of COVID-19. After stating that city staff feels very positive about the future of the city, the City Manager provided a budget summary for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 that represents the combined budgets of all aspects of the organization with total expenditures of \$57,134,879.

In conclusion, the City Manager stated that this budget is a product of the time and effort of the Mayor & Council and the city's management staff. The City Manager responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding tracking of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Staff also responded to questions from Councilmember Crisp regarding the property tax rate and expenditure limitations.

Prior to the following motion being made, Councilmember MacLean thanked the Finance Director and the Assistant City Manager for their work on the budget:

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Mayor Cano, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1892 setting forth the tentative budget and establishing the expenditure limitation for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Crisp and MacLean voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Crisp and MacLean 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

May 24, 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