

Minutes of the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on June 28, 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 (via Zoom), Vice Mayor Crisp, Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Cake (via Zoom), Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember MacLean

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Nelson

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Elias Jouen Finance Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, Una Wirkebau Economic Development Director, Brandee Leary Librarian, Kim Salazar Public Housing Director, Larrilynn Oso Executive Assistant

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Laura Parsons, on behalf of the Cherry Bombs, thanked the city for supporting their recent Pride Event.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Mayor Cano announced that the Standing Horse Route 66 Pow Wow will be held on July 2nd & 3rd and encouraged all residents to attend the free event. Mayor Cano also announced that the stadium will be open this year for the annual fireworks show.

There was a brief discussion regarding the July 4th Parade route wherein Mayor Cano encouraged the Council to participate.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember MacLean requested that an update on the General Plan, including a timeline for adoption, be provided at the next meeting.

Mayor Cano requested that the recently organized Winslow Beautification Committee be invited to an upcoming meeting to make a presentation regarding their community cleanup efforts.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A. Proclamation – Proclaiming June 30, 2022 at International Asteroid Day**

The proclamation was read by Councilmember Jackson and will be forwarded to members of Meteor Crater staff via the mayor.

B. Quarterly Hospital Report Which May Include General Update Regarding Little Colorado Medical Center Activities and COVID-19 Case Update

Vice Mayor Crisp stated that this report has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

C. Presentation from Mark Romo Regarding His Airport Restaurant Plan

Mark Romo, owner of Romo's Mexican Grill Food Truck, introduced his wife, Lori, and provided information regarding his plans to open a restaurant at the airport. Mr. Romo discussed the condition of the building and stated that they intend to have a passport theme with both Hopi and Navajo designs. Their intention is to also preserve the mural that is on the wall inside the building and have a quick serve style restaurant where customers order at a counter and have the food delivered to their table.

After Mr. Romo stated that he will need the city's assistance with restaurant equipment, Mayor Cano stated that she is in support of providing the assistance needed to make the restaurant and viable, open space. In response to a comment from Councilmember Boyd about air traffic making this an ideal space for a restaurant, Mr. Romo stated that he feels people will start flying back to Winslow once the word gets out that the restaurant is open. In closing, Mr. Romo stated that he looks forward to doing business in Winslow.

D. Presentation of Winslow Police Department Citizen Liaison Committee (CLC) Survey Results

Committee member Michael Leary referred to the survey results that were included in the agenda packet and explained that the survey was conducted using Survey Monkey and advertised on the city's website and Facebook page. Mr. Leary stated that there were 75 responses received and provided detailed information regarding the results of question 4 (race/ethnicity). Mr. Leary also highlighted responses received to question 6 (five greatest problems in community) and questions 10, 11 and 12 specific to the Winslow Police Department.

Mr. Leary reported that the committee's next task involves setting up Neighborhood Block Watches and announced their meeting date and time information for anyone interested in attending. Mayor Cano and Vice Mayor Crisp stated that it would be great if this committee could team up with the Beautification Committee and work together to get more done.

Frieda Thompson, who is also a member of the CLC, spoke regarding the importance of the committee to address problems within the police department in a positive way.

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 steps involved with the budget process and providing information regarding fund balances in the general fund for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the City Manager commented on the following items:

- Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds
- Tanker aircraft operations at the airport
- Community and Economic Development updates including interior remodel of the North Park Truck Stop, expansion of North County Health Care, survey and appraisal of Transcon Lane property, appraisal of former jail building and listing of property, Letter of Intent to World Homes Initiative and preparations for the Rural Policy Forum
- Meeting with Friends of the Library to discuss proposed location of a new library

- Preparations of multi-purpose field in anticipation of the arrival of the Diamondbacks
- Completion of Splash Pad with anticipated ribbon cutting in early July
- Increase in transit ridership
- Recent meeting with FEMA representative regarding insurance relief options for the city in anticipation of the reconstruction of the Winslow Levee

In response to a comment from Vice Mayor Crisp referencing the all woman's vintage motorcycle run shown in the police section of the City Manager's written report, the Police Chief advised that the request for a police escort was not received in a timely manner so the Council could be made aware of the event.

Councilmember Jackson also recognized the efforts of Vice Mayor Crisp to bring the Rural Policy Forum to Winslow. Vice Mayor Crisp thanked Mayor Cano, Laura Parsons and Economic Development Director Una Wirkebau for rallying behind her and her efforts.

B. Quarterly Report from Public Housing Director Which May Include Discussion of Occupancy Rates, Finances, HUD Requirements, Staffing and General Operations

The Public Housing Director provided information regarding occupancy rates for Public Housing. The Public Housing Director reported that HUD has been pleased with the modernization of the Winslow units and uses Winslow as an example to other housing authorities. The Public Housing Director also confirmed that the Real Estate Assessment Center inspections will resume after a two-year moratorium.

After providing information regarding problems that she has encountered regarding the Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list, the Public Housing Director discussed both occupancy rates for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) and the status of the Emergency Housing Vouchers awarded to the Winslow Public Housing Authority.

At the request of the City Manager, the Public Housing Director reported that a total of five modernizations have been completed.

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

The City Manager referred to written updates provided to the Council by the Economic Development Director and stated that additional information will be available to provide to the Council following the Master Plan meeting scheduled for July 5th. The City Manager also referred to the Letter of Intent sent to World Home Initiatives and the City Attorney clarified that there will be an opportunity to discuss it further under Item 11 on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Vice Mayor Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Jackson and MacLean 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 June 14, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Liquor License Application for the City of Winslow for the Rural Policy Forum Kickoff Party on August 3, 2022**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1896 Adopting the City's Annual Pension Funding Policy**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Committal of Fiscal Year 21/22 Fund Balance in the Capital Fund as a Reserve for the Levee Project**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Public Hearing and Citizen Input on Final Budget for Fiscal Year 22/23**

After the City Attorney clarified how to proceed with this item, Vice Mayor Crisp opened the public hearing.

The City Attorney confirmed for the Zoom audience that this item is for public comment if anyone wishes to speak. There were no comments regarding the final budget for fiscal year 22/23.

Vice Mayor Crisp closed the public hearing.

- B. Public Hearing and Citizen Input on Estimated Tax Levy**

Vice Mayor Crisp opened the public hearing.

There were no comments regarding the estimated tax levy, however the City Manager provided clarification that this item pertains to the property tax levy and not the Winslow Levee. The City Manager also provided the tax levy amounts for this year compared to last year.

Vice Mayor Crisp closed the public hearing.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Mayor Crisp announced that there is not a reason for the Council to go into executive session for the items listed on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (7), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property located at 115 East Second Street, Winslow, Arizona**
- B. An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), A(4) and (A)(7), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney and to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property and terms of development agreements that are the subject of negotiations, all related to the potential development of approximately 1200 acres of City-owned real property located west of State Route 87 and south of Airport Road**

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OR ACTION REGARDING ABOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City Attorney stated that the above executive session items were included on the agenda tonight so that, if necessary, additional information could be provided regarding the Letter of Intent (LOI). The City Attorney further stated that a motion to approve the LOI is needed to move forward with a development agreement for the sale of real property.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Crisp, to approve the Letter of Intent for the sale of real property

Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Vice Mayor Crisp and Councilmembers Cake, Jackson 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, public hearing and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on June 28, 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