

Minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on August 23, 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 Cake, Councilmember Crisp (via Zoom), Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember MacLean

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Nelson

STAFF:

David Coolidge Interim City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzell City Clerk, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, Norman Horn Transfer Station Operator

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Curt Harrington spoke regarding the impact that the proposed 1200-acre project south of town will have on the community and what he feels is a lack of transparency regarding the project. After the City Attorney clarified that the Council is not allowed to respond to comments made under Call to the Public, she stated that there is an item on the agenda regarding this project where further discussion can take place. ***See notation under Possible Discussion or Action Regarding Above Executive Session, Item D***

William Tennes spoke regarding the fact that Winslow has been in the Little Colorado River floodplain for approximately 140 years. Mr. Tennes commented on the need to preserve life, property and wildlife along the river and stated that the levee should be controlled by the river and his tax dollars should not be used to pay for the levee.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp announced that the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony will take place on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the memorial site on Third Street. Councilmember Crisp also announced that Thursday, August 25th is the Rotary/St. Mary's food distribution event.

Councilmember MacLean referred to the Rural Policy Forum that was hosted by the city and expressed his thanks to those involved with making it a huge success, including the Public Works Department, the downtown restaurants and business and Winslow Unified School District staff.

Mayor Cano also commented on the Rural Policy Forum and announced that the theme for this year's Christmas Parade is "Picture It ~ Christmas 1947."

B. Future Agenda Items

None.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of ADEQ Community Liaison Unit Manager Mannie Bowler

After introducing herself, Mannie Bowler provided a PowerPoint Presentation that included information about the role of ADEQ's six community liaisons assigned to various counties throughout the state. The presentation also contained information regarding ADEQ funding opportunities.

Brownfield Coordinator Travis Barnum also commented on the Brownfields State Response Grant for FY 2023. After providing details about the Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program (VESP), Ms. Bowler presented the bronze VESP award to Norman Horn on behalf of the city's transfer station.

B. Introduction of Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally

Navajo County Supervisor Alberto Peshlakai explained that based on adoption of the new districting maps by the Board of Supervisors on July 26th, Winslow city limits are now located in District 1. Supervisor Peshlakai introduced Fern Benally and noted that she now serves as the city's supervisor.

After stating that she is looking forward to working with the city, Supervisor Fern Benally introduced herself by clan, as is customary in Navajo culture. Supervisor Benally commented on the impact that the recent rains have had on areas that she now represents on the reservation. Supervisor Benally also responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding the condition of the roads to the reservation communities and if they are in need of assistance similar to what the city has provided in the past.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by Interim City Manager Which May Include Update on General Plan Request for Qualifications and Review of City Council's Special Event Account

After stating that the deadline for submissions of General Plan RFQ's is September 7th, the Interim City Manager discussed the summary that was provided to the Council showing expenditures from the City Council's Special Event account for fiscal year 2019 through current expenditures for fiscal year 2023.

The Interim City Manager then discussed the following:

- A recent meeting with a financial advisor to discuss funding for potential projects with a report to be presented to the Council at a future meeting
- Submission of three projects, including the Lindbergh Parkway, in response to NACOG's call for transportation projects
- Hiring of Margaret Dyer as Finance Director with a start date of September 6th
- Installation of a new waterslide at the outdoor pool with special thanks to the Public Works Director and Recreation Manager
- Status of Diamondbacks field project

Mayor Cano stated that Dave is doing an awesome job keeping up with his new duties as Interim City Manager while still performing his other duties.

B. Monthly Financial Report by Finance Director Which May Include Balances, Expenditures and Revenues in All Funds and Various Sales Tax Comparisons by Category

The Interim City Manager stated that this is the easiest financial report to present to the Council since July is the first month of the new fiscal

year. The Interim City Manager briefly discussed city-wide and General Fund revenues and expenditures for the month of July and referenced information in the chart showing a comparison of revenues and expenditures for all funds from this same time last year.

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

No updates were provided under this item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano, Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, 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 City Council Regular Meeting & Executive Session of July 26, 2022**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of June 14, 2021**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Purchase and Payment for Conversion of Radio/Communication Towers at the Police Department**
- E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Amendment to the Police Department Range Use Permit Between the City and the Winslow Shooting Sports Club**
- F. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1383 Amending Schedule 3 Building Permit Fees and Schedule 4 Community Services Fees of Ordinance No. 637, Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Assistance from the Just Cruis'n Car Club for Assistance for Their Annual Car Show on September 30 & October 1, 2022 and Waive Vendor Fees**

George Gould, president of the Car Club, stated that this will be their 27th car show and they are expecting to have at least 200 entries. Mr. Gould referred to their request for assistance in the amount of \$5,000 and discussed logistics for the event. After Dave Hartman, who is also a member of the Car Club, stated that the cost to put on the car show is between \$20,000 and \$23,000, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve \$5,000 to give to the Just Cruis'n Car Club. The motion was amended to include in-kind services for the event and to waive vendor fees. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to move into executive session. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3) and A(4), the City Council may hold an executive session for discussion or consideration regarding employment of a City Manager and legal advice with the City Attorney regarding the recruitment process**
- B. Under authority of 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 the City Attorney and 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**
- C. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) 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 located at 102 East Third Street, Winslow, Arizona**
- D. Under authority of 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

- E. Under authority of 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, contemplated litigation and to consider its position and instruct the City Attorney and its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property related to Navajo County Assessor's Parcel No. 103-62-042 located in the Airport Industrial Park**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to go back into regular session. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OR ACTION REGARDING ABOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding City Manager Recruitment**

Mayor Cano stated that there are six candidates that the Council would like to interview via Zoom on Friday, August 26th and/or Monday, August 29th so that the finalists can be determined.

- B. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Property Located at 115 East Second Street, Winslow, Arizona**

After clarifying that this is the old police department property, Mayor Cano stated that staff has been directed to have further discussions with the developer to determine some public parking spaces in reference to this location before a decision is made to sell the property.

- C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Property Located at 102 East Third Street, Winslow, Arizona**

After clarifying that this is the former Lee Medical building, Mayor Cano stated that staff was given direction to arrange for an environmental study to be done on the property to see if it would be viable for the city to purchase.

- D. Discussion and/or Action Regarding 1200 acres of City-owned Real Property Located West of State Route 87 and South of Airport Road**

This discussion took place following Call to the Public

Mayor Cano announced details of two public meetings with World Home Initiatives scheduled for September 13th & 15th to discuss their proposed plans for a smart living community. Councilmember Boyd referred to inaccuracies in the Tribune article related to the project and clarified that the property has not yet been sold to the developers. Mayor Cano confirmed that there will be several opportunities for the public to ask questions and express their concerns regarding the project.

There was discussion regarding conversations that have taken place to date during council meetings, some of which were done in executive session for confidentiality purposes. In response to a comment from a member of the audience, Councilmember MacLean stated that the power to sell property lies with the City Council. There was further discussion regarding the project and the impact that it will have on current staff. The public was encouraged to attend future meetings to stay abreast of how the project is proceeding. Councilmember Jackson reiterated that the Council cannot collectively discuss an item outside of a meeting that has been properly noticed.

After returning from executive session, Councilmember Boyd stated that staff was directed to continue negotiations and bring updates back to the Council.

E. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Property Located in the Airport Industrial Park Identified as Navajo County Assessor's Parcel No. 103-62-042

Councilmember MacLean stated that a member of the Council has been directed to enter into discussions with the other entity involved with this parcel to determine possible ways that the city might be able to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, 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 and executive session of the Winslow City Council held on August 23, 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