

Minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing of the Winslow City Council held on June 27, 2023 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 Crisp, Councilmember MacLean,  
Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Tafoya

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Nelson

**STAFF:**

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Margaret Dyer Finance Director, Zach Pollard Finance Analyst, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, Una Wirkebau Economic Development Director, Brandee Leary Librarian, Trevor Eltsosie IT Specialist

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 and Nelson were absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to excuse Councilmembers Cake and Nelson. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Janet Dean, Public Affairs Manager for Arizona Public Service (APS), spoke regarding APS' Fire Mitigation Plan to protect communities from wildfires.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

**A. Current Events and Announcements**

After congratulating Firefighter Nolan Horn for his recent academic achievement, Councilmember Crisp announced information regarding the following items:

- Winslow Transit Wacky Wednesdays
- Current adoption fee of \$35 at the Animal Care Facility and the need for volunteer dog walkers
- Navajo County declaration of Stage 1 fire restrictions beginning June 29<sup>th</sup>

- Community Blood Drive on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge

Councilmember McKee announced details of the following events:

- Big Impact event on June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Weekly Farmers Market held every Saturday
- Star Party at Homolovi on July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Antique Appraisal Fair on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber
- Rotary food distribution on the fourth Thursday of every month
- Good Morning Winslow events on the first Wednesday of each month
- Family Fun Day at the Outdoor Pool on July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Standing Horse Route 66 Pow Wow on July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mayor Cano provided additional information regarding the Pow Wow and various other events scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>. After announcing that there will be a signed ceremony for the Winslow Levee Design Agreement on July 11<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Cano stated that the Employee Pool Party will be held at the Outdoor Pool on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember McKee reminded citizens to refer to the Calendar of Events on the city's website for further information regarding community events.

## **B. Future Agenda Items**

Mayor Cano requested that City Code updates relating to guidelines for new businesses opening in the Entertainment District be placed on a future agenda for discussion. Mayor Cano also requested that staff look into options for slowing down traffic in the area of the Standin' on the Corner Park.

## **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

### **A. Proclamation – Proclaiming June 30, 2023 as International Asteroid Day**

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, Mayor Cano stated that she will deliver it to Meteor Crater staff at their June 30<sup>th</sup> event.

### **B. Quarterly Hospital Report Which May Include General Updated Regarding Little Colorado Medical Center Activities**

Jack Dempsey, Little Colorado Medical Center (LCMC) CEO, began by thanking the city for their continued support and partnership. Mr. Dempsey referred to the COVID pandemic and discussed the continuation of collaborative efforts between local community organizations since the pandemic.

Mr. Dempsey reported that although LCMC is currently financially strong and stable, there have been challenges due to the increase in supply costs and personnel salaries. Mr. Dempsey also discussed the campus improvements that were made possible with COVID funds and explained that LCMC will experience an approximate million-dollar deficit in the coming year due to lack of Federal matching funds from the city sales tax.

Mr. Dempsey then commented on future services that will be available at LCMC. In response to a comment from Mayor Cano regarding a tour of the campus, Mr. Dempsey stated that a tour could definitely be arranged. Mr. Dempsey also responded to comments from Councilmember McKee regarding a positive experience that she had with a co-worker who visited the ER.

**C. Quarterly Report from Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally**

Navajo County District I Supervisor Fern Benally introduced herself by clan as is custom in the Navajo culture. After stating that she attended the retirement reception for the Fire Chief prior to the City Council meeting, Supervisor Benally announced that the Board of Supervisors will consider entering into Stage 1 fire restrictions at a special meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Benally discussed projects included on the County's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and announced that Bryan Layton has been appointed as the new County Manager. Supervisor Benally also provided an update regarding both the Winslow Levee project and the broadband infrastructure project. Supervisor Benally responded to questions and comments regarding the broadband project and Mayor Cano asked if the city could receive regular updates relating to this project.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Fire Chief Recruitment Update and School-to-Work Program**

The City Manager began by providing an update on the Fire Chief recruitment followed by a detailed update regarding a meeting recently held with the School District Superintendent to discuss the Summer Work Program slated to begin in May of 2024.

The City Manager also announced that the Arts Council has received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Flinn Foundation as well as a \$3,000 honorarium from the Arizona Commission on the Arts. The City Manager recognized Recreation Supervisor Jessica Lewis for her efforts relating to receipt of these funds.

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

The Finance Director referred to the fact that it is the end of the fiscal year and stated that staff is busy preparing for the audit. The Finance Director highlighted information from her written report that was included in the packet for the month of May including citywide revenues and expenditures for both the General Fund and the city's Enterprise Funds. The Finance Director noted that the overall sales tax revenues have increased by approximately 11% for the year.

The Finance Analyst spoke regarding the Wells Fargo Sweep Program and explained that the strategy is to transition city accounts into sweep accounts where they will earn a higher interest rate. The Finance Analyst also explained that the program involves seeking current income while preserving capital and liquidity that consists of short-term U.S. Government treasuries and obligations.

The Council extended their thanks to the Finance Director and the City Manager for taking advantage of the Sweep Program. At the request of the City Manager, the Finance Analyst explained the liquidity of the program.

**C. Economic Development Annual Update by Economic Development Director**

The Economic Development Director provided a presentation detailing the 2022 – 2023 year in review. The presentation included the following information:

Events in Town

Rural Policy Forum  
Entrepreneurial Group

Arizona Adventure Group  
Arizona Highways filming

Moonshot Pioneer Pitch	Rural Business Academy
ACA tour	WeekendZona
Brownfields meeting	Pow Wow
Drag Show	Ink Fest
Car Shows	Weekly Farmers Market
Standing on the Corner Festival	

Events Attended

AZ League of Cities	Future of Work Summit
IDA	ISCS
Flagstaff Business Mixers	AAED Fall Forum
AAED Spring Conference	NREDA
Various downtowns	Legislature presentations
Broadband Summit	Grants Conference
NLC Small Cities	

Committees

NACOG Council on Aging	ECoNA Business Attraction
AAED Rural	AAED Tribal
REAL AZ	UWNA Taskforce
AZ Downtown Association	NACOG Transportation
NLC Small Cities Council	

Interested Developers

WHI	Impresa Modular	Cobblestone Hotels
Genterra	GEN2	Starbucks
Various Solar	Soil Secrets	Black Teal Energy
Atlas	Desir.AI	Panda Express
Hopi Tribe	Ace Hardware	Tsunami
CarbonCrusher	Nico Group	Smith Solar
Goodwill Industries	Sam Matyas	Art Rullo

Economic Impact

Stitch Lab #Winslow	Alex Magallanes monthly visits
Murals	Transportation discussions
Mother Road Market expansion	Façade Grant upgrades
Broadband engagement	Winslow Levee project
Orchestra Partners	Wind Farm setup
Boys & Girls Club	Diamondback Field
Business license increase	Weed pickup
Community beautification	

Other Projects

GATHERING PLACE	Parklets
Expanded bus service	Abandoned buildings
Workforce development	Continued grant applications
Route 66 Centennial	Coal Communities Assessment
Economic projections	General Plan Update
5-yr Strategic Plan with ECoNA	Mural addition to Façade Grant

After reporting that the Catholic Church is ready to sell the Basha's building, the Economic Development Director discussed various grants that the city has received. The Economic Development Director also announced that she was named 2023 Small Community Economic Developer of the Year by the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED). Information regarding business license applications, event applications and facade grant applications was also provided.

The Economic Development Director introduced Zach Smith, CEO of Solar Smith and Derek Chung, co-founder of Black Teal Energy and stated that both companies are interested in doing business in the Winslow area. Both individuals provided information regarding their company.

Councilmember McKee commented on the number of meetings attended as shown in the presentation and thanked the Economic Development Director for her efforts to promote Winslow. The Economic Development Director also responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding developers and/or businesses that are close to breaking ground in Winslow. After Mayor Cano commented on the need for housing, members of the Council congratulated the Economic Development Director on her AAED award.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya 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 of June 13, 2023 and Executive Session of June 13, 2023**

- C. **Discussion and/or Action to Approve First Amendment to Grazing Lease Agreement Between the City and Jake Shumway**
- D. **Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1920 Adopting the City's Annual Pension Funding Policy**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. **Public Hearing and Citizen Input on Final Budget for Fiscal Year 23/24**

Mayor Cano opened the public hearing.

There were no comments regarding the final budget for fiscal year 23/24.

Mayor Cano closed the public hearing

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

Mayor Cano opened the public hearing.

There were no comments regarding the estimated tax levy.

Mayor Cano closed the public hearing

- C. **Discussion and/or Action Regarding Cancellation of August 22, 2023 City Council Meeting**

The City Manager referred to the Rural Policy Forum and the League Conference, both of which take place in August, and stated that if the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting is cancelled, a special meeting can be called if there is an urgent matter to bring before the Council.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Crisp, to cancel the August 22, 2023 meeting. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Tafoya, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing of the Winslow City Council held on June 27, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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City Clerk