

Minutes of the special meeting of the Winslow City Council held on March 26, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Tafoya

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Nelson

**STAFF:**

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Franklin Caldwell Police Chief, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Margaret Dyer Finance Director

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember MacLean. Roll call was taken and Councilmember Nelson was absent. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember McKee, to excuse the absent member. Motion failed by roll call vote with Mayor Cano and Councilmember McKee voting yes and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, and Tafoya voting no.

**INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

The City Manager referred to the fact that the most recent draft of the General Plan was released two weeks ago and stated that the intent of this meeting is to allow members of the community to discuss and provide feedback to the Council related to the current land use map and any potential changes.

At the request of Mayor Cano, the City Attorney explained that the meeting will be recessed to give the public an opportunity to review and ask questions about the maps. The meeting will then reconvene for Council discussion regarding comments received during the recess and next steps in the General Plan update process. In response to a request from Councilmember MacLean, the City Attorney provided information regarding where we are in the process.

After Mayor Cano stated that a major area of concern is land located outside of city limits near Southside, the City Manager clarified that there are different densities (low, medium, residential and agricultural) for that area. The City Manager also stated that it is important to not confuse land use with zoning and explained that although the area is not part of the city, it is in the city's planning area.

The City Attorney provided information related to county property being included in many General Plans due to planning for the future and growth. The City Attorney also stated that nothing being done today will change the zoning of any city property but clarified that zoning could be changed over time.

At the request of a member of the audience, clarification was provided regarding the process for how feedback will be given to the Council during the recess. The City Manager also responded to a question regarding the concept shown on one of the displayed maps and there was discussion regarding additional concepts.

Mayor Cano stated that this type of open forum is being done so the Council can engage with citizens in order to make the best decision for the entire community. Councilmember Cake stated that an update to the General Plan should have been done ten years ago and is not being done because of the proposed development by Atlas Global.

In response to a comment from a member of the audience, the City Manager stated that impact studies are required with every development. After receiving confirmation from the City Attorney that discussion can include Atlas Global's proposed development, Mayor Cano read a press release from Atlas regarding recent changes they have made to their project. The City Attorney reiterated that any agreement with Atlas Global is separate from the General Plan.

The City Attorney referred to the Southside and Coopertown areas and stated that maps will still contemplate those areas since they are part of the city's planning area. Prior to the following motion being made, Mayor Cano tasked members of the audience to think about what is the best use for Southside and Coopertown for future growth:

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to recess the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to reconvene the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF LAND USE MAP FOR GENERAL PLAN**

No discussion took place under this item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, 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 work session of the Winslow City Council held on March 26, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this **9<sup>th</sup>** day of **April**, 2024.

**Suzy Wetzel**  
City Clerk