

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on April 9, 2024 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 Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Michelle Stinson City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Franklin Caldwell Police Chief, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Trevor Eltsosie IT Specialist

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Mayor Cano. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ann Schmidt referred to the recent General Plan meeting and gave kudos to the Council for their efforts in making sure that citizens were made aware of the meeting. Ms. Schmidt also commented on the Letter of Intent item on the last agenda related to the New Mexico Clean I-40 Transportation Corridor that did not mention a presentation from GLD.

Navajo County District II Supervisor Alberto Peshlakai provided information regarding the Winslow Levee project and stated that the county has now received the entire \$20 million that was allocated by the State for the project. Supervisor Peshlakai also invited Winslow residents to participate in the county's 5K event on April 15th at the High School Track Field.

Heather Pruettt referred to the GLD presentation at the last meeting and stated that since it lacked critical information, additional details should be provided for the public's benefit.

Julia Sells stated that she agrees that additional information is needed regarding GLD and the I-40 Transportation Corridor. Ms. Sells also referred to the Economic Development Survey that is being conducted and stated that it

should include more local businesses instead of outside corporations as well as more local festivals.

Daniel Tafoya, speaking on behalf of the Catholic community, thanked the police department for their assistance with their Good Friday procession.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp provided information regarding the following items:

- Little League Opening Day on April 13th
- Junior High Arts Club Empty Bowls event on May 1st
- Details regarding the economic development survey
- Borderland Produce Rescue on April 17th
- Winslow High School Track & Field 91st Annual Invite on April 19th, including a request for hospitality room donations
- The Navajo County broadband survey
- Business Expo/Job Fair at the Chamber on April 20th
- Farmers Market opening day on April 27th
- Final Farmers Market Winter Bazaar on April 13th

Councilmember Crisp also encouraged residents to start addressing weeds in their alleys before they receive a letter from the Code Compliance Department.

Councilmember MacLean commented on the recent Easter Egg Hunt and thanked the Recreation Manager, the Parks Department and all of those who volunteered at the event. Councilmember MacLean also read a citizen's input form that was recently received through the city's website complimenting the condition of the downtown area.

After announcing details regarding the Fluffy Therapy event that will take place at the library on April 11th, Councilmember McKee provided information regarding the Navajo County 5K Run.

At the request of a member of the audience, Councilmember Nelson announced details of the Annual Arts Festival that will take place at the Route 66 Plaza on April 27th.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Nelson referred to adult swimming lessons being offered by the Recreation Department and requested that discussion regarding night swim lessons be placed on a future agenda.

In response to a question from Mayor Cano, the City Manager indicated that the Tom Harris Field will be ready for the upcoming season. Councilmember Nelson also inquired about the date that bleachers will be installed at the field.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Cano read the proclamation and stated that it will be sent to Alice’s Place.

B. Quarterly Court Report Which May Include Justice Court and Municipal Court Case Filings by Category

Prior to giving his quarterly report, Judge Little referred to the warmer weather and reminded citizens to be neighborly and police each other with their animals to avoid dog bite incidents.

Judge Little then provided his report covering the months of January – March 2024. The report included the number of cases filed in both the Justice Court and the Municipal Court for the following:

Civil & Criminal Traffic	Criminal Petty Offense
Local Ordinance	Criminal Misdemeanor
Criminal Felony	Parking Violations
Initial Appearances	Small Claims
Civil Lawsuits	Eviction Actions
Order Protection/Harassment	Search Warrants

Judge Little also discussed the collaboration between the police department and the school district in an effort to reduce vaping use. After Judge Little responded to a question from Councilmember Nelson regarding the parking violations that were included in his report, Councilmember McKee thanked Judge Little for everything that he does for the community.

C. Quarterly Old Trails Museum Report Which May Include Discussion of Museum Operations, Hours, Staffing and Events

Ann-Mary Lutzick, Director of the Old Trails Museum, highlighted information from her report including 2023 statistics for in-house

visitors, which were up from 2022, and off-site exhibits. Ms. Lutzick also discussed the electronic Winter Newsletter that went out on February 29th and announced information regarding the 2024 History Highlight event that will take place on April 20th.

At the conclusion of her report, Ms. Lutzick responded to questions from the Council.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Capital Project Update

The City Manager referred to the deficit in the General Fund that was discussed at the last council meeting and provided detailed information regarding both revenue and expenditure cycles. The City Manager clarified that estimates indicate that the deficit will be less than what was actually budgeted and the fund balance will remain greater than the fund reserve by the close of the fiscal year.

The City Manager then discussed a breakdown of capital projects that have been completed, what projects are underway and what projects are being deferred to next fiscal year. The report included information regarding Tom Harris Field that addressed questions raised under Future Agenda Items. The City Manager also discussed grant requests to fund upgrades at the 9/11 Memorial and playgrounds at Henderson Park, Triangle Park and Father Seramur Park.

With regard to the new library, the City Manager stated that due to some minor savings, a culvert will be installed for the drainage ditch and the landscape will also be leveled out.

After the City Manager responded to a question regarding the grant funded project for playgrounds, Mayor Cano stated that she appreciated the clarification regarding the budget deficit. There was discussion regarding the cost for the Council to attend the NLC Conference and it was suggested that information be provided to the public regarding the benefits of attending the conference, specifically funding that has been received as a result of advocating that takes place with our legislators at the conference.

B. Quarterly Economic Development Update Which May Include Program and Development Updates and Additional Events and Incentives Pertinent to Economic Development

The Economic Development Director stated that he has spent his first several months getting to know the community by meeting with major

employers and other governmental and non-profit organizations. The Economic Development Director also stated that the economic development page on the city's website has been updated to include the mission, visions and objections of his office.

After discussing the Elevate Winslow entrepreneurial course and the Moonshot Pitch Event, the Economic Development Director reported that the city has submitted approximately six project information forms through the Arizona Commerce Authority to attract major employers to Winslow.

The Economic Development Director also provided an update regarding on-going development projects and business attraction/retention incentives and encouraged participation in the retail survey.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Nelson requested that Item D be pulled for discussion. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item D. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Nelson 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 Special Meeting of March 26, 2024**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Little League Agreement for the 2024 Season**
- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Liquor License Application Series #12 (Restaurant) for Mi Pueblo located at 1942 West Third Street**

Councilmember Nelson referred to the time that it took Mi Pueblo to open at the new location and thanked the owners for their patience and efforts throughout the process. Mayor Cano also commented on the new location and encouraged the owners to contact the city regarding the Façade Program.

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

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Financial Assistance for the Winslow Pride Event Scheduled for June 28 & 29, 2024**

Laura Parsons, who was attending via Zoom, referred to previous Pride events and stated that this is the first time that she has requested monetary assistance. At the request of Mayor Cano, the City Manager provided information regarding the special events account that currently has a remaining balance of approximately \$6900.

After explaining that the amount of \$1000 that is being requested will help feed those who attend, Ms. Parsons provided additional details regarding the event. There was a brief discussion regarding upcoming requests and events that will require allocations from the special events account.

Prior to the following motion being made, members of the Council referred to the event and thanked Ms. Parsons for her dedication to sponsor this event on her own:

Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Councilmember Crisp, to donate \$1000 for the Pride Festival on June 28th & 29th. Motion passed with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes and Councilmember MacLean voting no.

B. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request for Financial Assistance for the Arizona Alpine Trail

Mayor Cano referred to the letter of request included in the packet and stated that the Arizona Alpine Trail will encompass two separate loop trails between Payson and Hannagan Meadow. Clarification was provided that the city previously approved an allocation of \$2000 to this organization to be included in the trail and there was discussion regarding the fact that Winslow is not currently included on their website or social media page.

It was the consensus of the Council that this item be tabled and staff was directed to reach out to Mr. Smith to invite him to a future meeting to discuss his request.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Moved by Councilmember McKee, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to move into executive session. Motion passed unanimously with

Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the City Council may hold an executive session for legal advice with the City Attorney regarding the City's Invocation Policy**

- B. Under authority of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), the City Council may hold an executive session for legal advice and contract negotiations related to the Memorandum of Agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department and I-40 Transportation Corridor Coalition**

Councilmember Cake left the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Councilmember Nelson left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to move back into regular session. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ABOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

After returning from executive session, Mayor Cano made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1939. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tafoya and passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya voting yes. In response to a question from a member of the audience, Mayor Cano stated that the resolution is related to the Invocation Policy. The City Attorney also stated that the resolution is available for review in the public packet.

Mayor Cano stated that direction was provided to staff for Item B wherein no action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Crisp, MacLean, McKee and Tafoya 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 of the Winslow City Council held on April 9, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *23rd* day of *April*, 2024.

Suzy Wetzel

City Clerk