

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on May 28, 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 MacLean, Councilmember McKee, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Tafoya

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Crisp

STAFF:

David Coolidge City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, Tim Westover Public Works Director, Franklin Caldwell Police Chief, Michael Duran Fire Chief, Jack Fitchett Economic Development Director, Jason Sanks Planning & Zoning Hearing Officer, Trevor Eltsosie IT Specialist

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Pastor Fred Harris of the First Baptist Church. Roll call was taken and Councilmember Crisp was absent. Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Judy Howell reminded citizens that there are currently several animals at the shelter looking for homes. Mrs. Howell also spoke regarding the recent incident involving Animal Control.

Andrew Myers of Sustainability Partners spoke regarding critical infrastructure services that his company provides and stated that he hopes to be able to assist the city with their upcoming affordable housing project.

Mary Grayeske referred to the I-40 TradePort Corridor grant application and expressed concerns regarding the timing and lack of adequate time to review the application.

Ann Schmidt spoke regarding the RIA Grant Proposal with GLD Partners and expressed her concerns regarding the project.

Karen Colon spoke regarding the General Plan Update and her recommendations related to the city's transit needs.

Holly Wagner referred to the presentation from GLD Partners regarding the I-40 TradePort Corridor and discussed her concerns and questions related to the grant application, as well as the project in general.

Navajo County Supervisor Fern Benally, who is again running as a District I candidate, discussed the county's efforts and success with funding for the Winslow Levee project. Supervisor Benally also commented on other projects that were funded by Navajo County including the city's new library and upgrades to the county's public safety network system.

Chezaray Sells provided information regarding the history of water issues among the Navajos and Hopis and urged the Council to protect water rights when considering development and growth.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Nelson thanked staff for putting out trash cans at Tom Harris Field and stated that the outdoor pool and splash pad are now open. Councilmember Nelson also provided information regarding evening swim lessons and announced that the Taste of Winslow is scheduled for June 21st.

After announcing that the night Farmers Market takes place on the first Friday of every month starting in June, Councilmember McKee thanked the city workers who are responsible for cleaning Clear Creek and the surrounding area.

Mayor Cano provided details regarding the barbeque and family event on June 1st at the rodeo grounds, the June 1st June Jams event at Route 66 Plaza and the Route 66 Standing Horse Pow Wow on June 29th - 30th. Mayor Cano also announced that Asteroid Day will take place on June 30th at Meteor Crater and the Annual Employee Appreciation Pool Party is scheduled for July 6th.

Councilmember Cake announced that a blood drive will be held on May 30th at the Chamber.

B. Future Agenda Items

In light of comments made under Call to the Public, Councilmember Nelson requested that a list of meetings be prepared showing when the Council has discussed either Atlas Global or GLD Partners. The City Attorney clarified that the intent of the request is to document discussion at prior meetings and stated that the City Manager can

handle the request administratively wherein it is not necessary to include this item on a future agenda. In response to a comment from a member of the audience, the City Attorney stated that this is not on the agenda for public discussion.

Mayor Cano stated that she would still like to have a public forum related to the I-40 Corridor and GLD Partners. Mayor Cano also stated that she would still like to have a tour of city facilities for the Council and asked that they provide dates they are available to either the manager or the clerk so that it can be scheduled.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Proclaiming May 19 – 25, 2024 as Emergency Medical Services Week

After Mayor Cano read the proclamation, it was presented to Action Medical Services staff that were in attendance.

B. Proclamation – Proclaiming May 19 – 25, 2024 as National Public Works Week

After Councilmember Tafoya read the proclamation, it was presented to members of the Public Works Department that were in attendance.

C. Presentation from Navajo County Health Department and the Elevate Anti-Tobacco Youth Coalition Regarding World No Tobacco Day

Elvera Aguilera, who works with the County Tobacco Education & Prevention Program, stated that she is in attendance to bring awareness to World No Tobacco Day. Youth Coalition Member Eleno Aguilera provided additional information regarding World No Tobacco Day that is observed on May 31st.

Ms. Aguilera displayed a sample sign and requested that similar signs that state “no smoking” and “no vaping” be posted at all city parks. In response to a question from Mayor Cano, Ms. Aguilera stated that signs are needed at the Val Lopez Sports Complex, the skate park and the basketball courts.

Mayor Cano thanked Ms. Aguilera for her presentation and for providing information regarding the dangers of vaping.

D. Presentation from GLD Partners Regarding the I-40 Tradeport Corridor

Adam Wasserman of GLD Partners referred to his presentation in April that provided an overview of the wider TradePort Corridor and stated that tonight's presentation will include specific information related to the I-40 TradePort Corridor. Mr. Wasserman highlighted information from his PowerPoint Presentation including next steps in the process and information regarding the corridor agreement.

In response to a question from Mayor Cano, the City Attorney clarified that discussion can take place regarding the presentation at this time and stated that there will also be discussion specifically related to the two agreements during the Consideration and Action portion of the agenda.

Mr. Wasserman responded to specific questions from Councilmember Nelson regarding grant funding and the City Attorney stated that the corridor agreement does not contain any expenditures wherein it does not obligate any city funds.

Councilmember Nelson also expressed the need to explain GLD's relationship with Atlas Global for the public's benefit. The Economic Development Director responded by stating that there will be a community meeting to answer questions and explain facets of the I-40 Tradeport Corridor. The Economic Development Director provided additional information regarding the intent of the Corridor Development Agreement.

The Economic Development Director responded to questions from Councilmember MacLean regarding how this project will generate economic development in Winslow. Mr. Wasserman also responded to a question from Councilmember MacLean regarding a concept of a mobility hub. The City Attorney then provided additional information regarding fiscal accountability as it relates to the coalition.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Winslow Levee Update

The City Manager provided an update regarding the Winslow Levee that included a detailed timeline of the project phases. The City Manager reported that the planning, engineering and design phase appears to be ahead of schedule with an anticipated completion date of December 2025. Mayor Cano commented on the fact that Senator Kelly is advocating on behalf of this project.

B. Written Quarterly Report by Recreation Manager Which May Include Information and Announcements for Upcoming Events

Due to the absence of the Recreation Manager, Mayor Cano announced information contained in the written report including the following upcoming events:

Swim Lessons	Swim Team
June's Evening James	Dive-In Movie
Electric Dance Parties	DJ Night Swim

C. Zoning Hearing Officer Status Report Regarding Conditional Use Permit Review for January – April 2024

The Zoning Hearing Officer referred to the code provision requirement for annual review of Conditional Use Permits and provided a report covering the following CUPs for January - April 2024:

1. 723 North Apache – Harmony and Wellness Facility for an Outpatient Clinic
2. 821 Transcon Lane – Dewitt Ranch Supply for a Roping Arena
3. 2015 West Third Street – Verano for Additional Storage Containers

The Council thanked the Zoning Hearing Officer for the comprehensive report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Tafoya, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, 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 Executive Session of April 23, 2024**
- C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Appointment of New Member to the Historic Preservation Commission**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Resolution No. 1941 Setting Forth the Tentative Budget and Establishing the Expenditure Limitation for the City of Winslow for Fiscal Year 2025**

The City Manager referred to the Budget Work Session held on May 2nd and discussed the requirements to approve the tentative budget through adoption of a resolution that includes the Auditor General budget forms as exhibits. After stating that the only change to the budget since the work session was the addition of tuition reimbursement, the City Manager explained details of the expenditure limitation comparison shown on Schedule A of the budget forms.

Prior to the following motion being made, the City Manager responded to questions from Councilmember MacLean regarding the budget:

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Tafoya, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to approve Resolution No. 1941. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes.

B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Affordable and Workforce Housing Incentive Program

The Economic Development Director explained that this item was originally presented to the Council in January but was continued so that changes could be made based on suggestions received from the Council. The Economic Development Director further explained that waivers or reimbursements of development fees will be made available should developers offer at least 20% of their newly constructed units at various levels of the Area Median Income.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember MacLean, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve the Affordable and Workforce Housing Incentive Program. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes.

C. Discussion and/or Action/Direction Regarding Section 2.04.075 – Local Preference for Contracts, of the Municipal Code

The City Attorney discussed guidelines set out in the Procurement Policy for the purchase of goods or services and explained the process that is followed. The City Attorney also discussed language in the code related to purchases.

Since local preference was raised during the recent adoption of amendments to the Procurement Policy, the City Attorney referenced language included in Section 2.04.075 of the code to incentivize local vendors and contractors. The City Attorney explained that the code provision allows for a 5% preference for qualified local merchants and discussed the definition of a qualified contractor.

After the City Manager and City Attorney responded to questions from the Council, Mayor Cano stated that she is fine with the code provision and would like to continue to utilize the Procurement Policy.

D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Corridor Development Agreement by and among TradePort Development LLC, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, Sandoval County, New Mexico, the Village of Los Lunas, New Mexico, the City of Winslow, Arizona and the City of Kingman, Arizona

The City Attorney referenced the presentation provided by GLD Partners and stated that this agreement is the next step in the process if the Council wants to continue down the path of exploring the I-40 TradePort Corridor (I40TPC). The City Attorney explained that the Department of Transportation designated the I40TPC as a Regional Infrastructure Accelerator and has recognized the plan to develop interconnected TradePort Hubs in Kingman and Winslow, as well as in the Albuquerque region.

The City Attorney stated that this agreement is a foundational document that brings the partners together to develop a strategic plan. The City Attorney also provided detailed information regarding stipulations of the agreement and discussed the fiscal responsibility of each coalition member.

The City Attorney reiterated that this agreement is committing the city to creating a relationship with Bernalillo County, Sandoval County, the Village of Los Lunas, the City of Kingman and TradePort Development, LLC, who will be providing expertise and planning related to the corridor project.

The City Attorney and the Economic Development Director responded to questions from the Council. In response to a question from Councilmember MacLean, Adam Wasserman stated that TradePort Development LLC was formed by GLD Partners to be the delivery coordinator. Mr. Wasserman also responded to additional questions from the Council.

Councilmember Nelson referred to her request under Future Agenda Items and stressed the need for clarification regarding Atlas Global and GLD Partners. Councilmember McKee commented on the grant process and Mr. Wasserman further discussed how grant funds would be utilized. Mr. Wasserman continued to respond to questions and comments from the Council.

In response to a question from Councilmember MacLean, who asked if the agreements can be voted on at the next meeting to give Council additional time to review them, Mr. Wasserman stated that he is unsure of a deadline but knows that Bernalillo County is ready to pursue additional grant funding for the project.

The following individuals spoke regarding this item after Mayor Cano opened up the floor for public comments:

Ann Schmidt	Barbara Lucero
Judy Howell	Karen Colon
Holly Wagner	David Alexander

There was discussion regarding continuing the two agreements to the June 11th meeting wherein Mayor Cano stated that it would be helpful if the public forum with GLD Partners, as well as other coalition members that are available to attend, could be held before the agreements came back to the Council for approval. The City Attorney clarified that both agreements would need to be continued.

Mayor Cano and Councilmember Nelson expressed their support of this project to bring back Winslow to the vibrant city that it once was. Mayor Cano also discussed the challenges of holding a public meeting due to various schedules. The City Attorney stated that it appears that the Council would like to continue the two agreements to June 11th to give the Council and the public ample time to review them and that the open house be held prior to that date. Councilmember McKee challenged members of the public to bring back not just their concerns but also three solutions. After a brief discussion, Councilmember MacLean made a motion to table Items D & E until one of the June meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson and passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson and Tafoya voting yes.

E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Agreement between the County of Bernalillo and the City of Winslow Related to Federal Lobbyist Services for the I-40 Trade Port Corridor

See motion under Item D.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, MacLean, McKee, Nelson 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 May 28, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this *11th* day of *June*, 2024.

Suzy Wetzel
City Clerk