

City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall - Council Chambers
1900 N. Civic Square
Goodyear, AZ 85395



Monday, May 19, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Immediately following the Community Facilities District meeting that began at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pizzillo called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: **Mayor Joe Pizzillo; Vice Mayor Wally Campbell; Councilmember Brannon Hampton; Councilmember Laura Kaino; Councilwoman Vicki Gillis; Councilmember Benita Beckles; Councilmember Trey Terry**

Staff City Manager Wynette Reed; City Attorney Roric Massey; City Clerk Jasmine
Present: Pernicano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION BY COUNCILMEMBER HAMPTON

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **RECOGNITION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR NATHAN TORRES AFTER 17 YEARS WITH THE CITY**

Justin Fair, Deputy City Manager, presented a plaque and recognized Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director, on his retirement, highlighting his career and contributions to the city.

Mr. Torres thanked the Council for their support, and Councilmembers extended their well wishes as he begins his new journey.

Rosalva Zimmerman, Chief of Staff, read a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Pizzillo recognizing Nathan Torres for his service.

APPOINTMENTS

2. **APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

MOTION BY Councilmember Laura Kaino, SECONDED BY Councilmember Brannon Hampton to APPROVE the appointments to the Judicial Advisory Committee and appointments and reappointments to the Youth Commissions as recommended by the Council Subcommittee on Boards, Commissions and Committees. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office for those in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

There were no public comments.

CONSENT

MOTION BY Councilmember Laura Kaino, SECONDED BY Councilmember Brannon Hampton to APPROVE Consent Agenda items 3 through 10. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting draft minutes. (Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk)

4. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS & RELATED EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION

Approve budget amendments and related expenditure authority. (Ryan Bittle, Finance Manager)

5. WATER RESOURCE ALLOCATION POLICY ADOPTION

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Water Resource Allocation Policy. (Barbara Chappell, Water Services Director)

6. AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUISITIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR CIP #60034 BRINE DISPOSAL PIPELINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2464 AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRINE DISPOSAL PIPELINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
(Kimberly Romero, Real Estate Supervisor)

7. **AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUISITIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR CIP #42026 - ESTRELLA PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS FROM VINEYARD AVENUE TO MC85**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2465 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED FOR THE ESTRELLA PARKWAY VINEYARD AVENUE TO MC85 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. (Kimberly Romero, Real Estate Supervisor)

8. **PROPOSALS TO TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION FOR 12% GAMING DISTRIBUTION GRANTS**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2466 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 12% GAMING DISTRIBUTION FUNDS TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID APPLICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT (IF GRANT FUNDS ARE AWARDED), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE REQUIRED BUDGET TRANSFER (IF GRANT FUNDS ARE AWARDED). (Christina Panaitescu, Community Partnerships Program Manager)

9. **ADOPT PROPOSED USER FEE CHANGES TO THE GOODYEAR MUNICIPAL USER FEE SCHEDULE**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2467 APPROVING AND ADOPTING A DOCUMENT ENTITLED THE CITY OF GOODYEAR MUNICIPAL USER FEE SCHEDULE REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING THE MUNICIPAL USER FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2307 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2023-2368 AND RESOLUTION 2025-2443 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Jared Askelson, Finance Director)

10. **FY2026 DESIGNATION OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR EXPENDITURE LIMIT REPORTING**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2468 DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL. (Jared Askelson, Finance Director)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. **ANNEXATION FOR LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25**

Mayor Pizzillo opened the public hearing at 5:22 p.m.

Katie Wilken, Development Services Director, introduced the item and turned it over to Guadalupe Ortiz Cortez, Principal Planner, to present.

Ms. Ortiz Cortez provided an overview of the annexation, noting that the property, located north of West Lower Buckeye and east of South Perryville Road, was acquired by Liberty Elementary School District No. 25.

She mentioned the annexation was first introduced to Council in September of 2024, and an intergovernmental agreement was approved by Council on April 28, 2025, outlining the conditions of the annexation. Ms. Ortiz Cortez stated that the next step in the annexation process was for the applicant to satisfy the conditions outlined in the IGA, after which city staff would schedule a second public hearing for final consideration.

There being no speakers, Mayor Pizzillo closed the public hearing at 5:26 p.m.

[No action was needed on this item.]

BUSINESS

12. ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING

Ryan Bittle, Finance Manager, presented the FY2026 Tentative Budget for \$.1.2 billion. Mr. Bittle provided information on the changes included in the budget as a result of the City Council Work Session held on April 14, 2025.

Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 2025-2469 by title only.

Council expressed support for the budget and thanked staff for their hard work and efforts in putting it together.

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Brannon Hampton to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2469 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, INCLUDING ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND PROPERTY TAX RATES, AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; SETTING FORTH THE RECEIPTS AND THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED AS COLLECTIBLE FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; THE AMOUNT PROPOSED TO BE RAISED BY DIRECT PROPERTY TAXATION FOR THE VARIOUS PURPOSES; GIVING NOTICE OF THE TIME FOR HEARING TAXPAYERS; FOR ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND SETTING THE TAX LEVIES. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

13. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$500,000 FOR FY2026

Ryan Bittle, Finance Manager, highlighted the list of known expenditures over \$500,000 which included capital projects and routine operating expenses. Mr. Bittle said that any future increases would require additional Council approval.

Council expressed support for the projects outlined in the staff report.

MOTION BY Councilmember Trey Terry, SECONDED BY Councilmember Benita Beckles to AUTHORIZE the FY2026 the listed he FY2025 listed expenditures of \$500,000 or more. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

14. **ESTABLISH OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST TO SAFEGUARD FUNDS FOR RETIREE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS**

Jared Askelson, Finance Director, presented on the establishment of an irrevocable Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust dedicated solely to retiree healthcare benefits. The resolution would also adopt an OPEB Trust Funding and Withdrawal Policy and an Investment Policy. He explained that the trust will secure long-term funding for retiree healthcare and utilize investment strategies aimed at reducing the City's overall liability and cost.

Council expressed gratitude for the presentation and inquired whether a competitive bid process was used to select the firms involved in the OPEB Trust and retiree healthcare plan. Mr. Askelson explained that a Request for Information was conducted, and two firms were identified as offering the necessary services, with Hilltop selected for its alignment with the City's needs. Council inquired about the associated fees tied to the agreement and acknowledged the investment strategy's conservative 60/40 allocation as a positive approach. Mr. Askelson confirmed the approach was intentionally conservative to support long-term stability.

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilwoman Vicki Gillis to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2470 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IRREVOCABLE OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST ("OPEB TRUST"), ADOPTING AN OPEB TRUST FUNDING AND WITHDRAWAL POLICY, ADOPTING AN OPEB TRUST INVESTMENT POLICY, APPOINTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AS THE OPEB TRUST CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE OPEB TRUST CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

There were no information items.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

June 9, 2025

Council Meeting

5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A VOTE MAY BE HELD TO CALL AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

15. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1): Discussion with the City Attorney regarding his annual performance evaluation.

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilwoman Vicki Gillis to CONVENE an Executive Session. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

Council moved into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pizzillo adjourned the Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pizzillo reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS

16. Council may consider for possible action, adjustments to the City Attorney's contract and/or compensation.

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilwoman Vicki Gillis to AMEND the City Attorney's employment agreement to include a 3.5% cost of living adjustment and remove the cap on sick leave payout upon retirement. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Councilmember Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Laura Kaino, Councilwoman Vicki Gillis, Councilmember Benita Beckles, Councilmember Trey Terry

Passed - Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pizzillo adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk

Joe Pizzillo, Mayor

Date:_____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING of the city of Goodyear, Arizona, held on May 19, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2025.

SEAL:

Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk