

City Council Regular Meeting

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



Monday, May 18, 2026

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 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Bryan Langley; City Attorney Roric Massey; City Clerk Jasmine Pernicano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION BY VICE MAYOR HAMPTON

PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Eric Oster, Goodyear resident, inquired about budgetary costs and project implementation related to the city's website project.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. YOUTH COMMISSION ANNUAL PROJECTS PRESENTATION

Jeremy Dyck, Neighborhood Services Manager, introduced the item and turned the presentation over to Aariya Singh, Chair, and Maddelyn Smith, Vice Chair, to highlight the annual projects. Ms. Smith discussed the Need 4 Speed event, which focused on safe driving education, and Ms. Singh discussed Boarding Pass to a Better You, a life-skills and mental-health fair. They expressed appreciation to staff, volunteers, and the community for their involvement.

Council acknowledged and thanked the commissioners for their participation and the work they did.

2. RECOGNITION OF CARLOS NUNEZ'S RETIREMENT AND 21 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF GOODYEAR

Mayor Pizzillo recognized Carlos Nunez and thanked him for his years of service. Mr. Nunez was unable to attend the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

3. APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

MOTION BY Councilmember Trey Terry, SECONDED BY Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton to APPROVE the appointments to the Arts and Culture Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and the reappointments to the Youth Commission and Public Improvement Corporation, as recommended by the Council Subcommittee on City Boards, Commissions and Committees. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton, Councilmember Wally Campbell, 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.

CONSENT

MOTION BY Councilmember Wally Campbell, SECONDED BY Councilmember Laura Kaino to APPROVE Consent Agenda items 4 through 8. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the April 27, 2026, and May 4, 2026, Regular Meeting draft minutes. (Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk)

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS & RELATED EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of budget amendments, related expenditure authority, and the administrative award authority for expenditures exceeding \$500,000. (Ryan Bittle, Deputy Finance Director)

6. ADOPT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 FINANCIAL POLICIES

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the FY2027 Financial Policies. (Ryan Bittle, Deputy Finance Director)

7. **APPROVE FOUR-YEAR ADVANCE NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT WAIVER WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) FOR CAMELBACK ROAD**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the waiver of the Four-Year Advance Notice of Abandonment and Pavement Quality Report, allowing ADOT to proceed with the abandonment of its interest in the right-of-way located west of State Route 303, extending to 169th Avenue, and authorize the Mayor, or their designee, to take actions and execute the necessary documents to carry out the intent of the waiver. (Colton Blyle, Real Estate Specialist; Logan Hopp, Deputy Director of Transportation)

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPOSALS TO TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION FOR ITS 2026 12% GAMING DISTRIBUTION GRANT PROGRAMS**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2521 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 12% GAMING DISTRIBUTION FUNDS TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR THEIR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID APPLICATIONS, AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT (IF GRANT FUNDS ARE AWARDED), AND APPROVE THE REQUIRED BUDGET TRANSFER (IF GRANT FUNDS ARE AWARDED). (Christina Panaitescu, Community Partnerships Program Manager)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 35.053 ACRES FROM PAD PALM VALLEY PROMENADE 1ST AMENDED TO PAD PALM VALLEY PROMENADE 2ND AMENDED**

Mayor Pizzillo opened the Public Hearing at 5:27 p.m.

Kyle Abbott, Senior Planner, presented a request to rezone approximately 35.053 acres located approximately at the northeast corner of West McDowell Road and North Bullard Avenue from Planned Area Development (PAD) Palm Valley Promenade 1st Amended to PAD Palm Valley Promenade 2nd Amended. Mr. Abbott provided a brief history of the zoning for the PAD and details of the request for the 16.57 acres of undeveloped land, known as the Palm Valley Promenade West parcel, zoned PAD and permitted C-2 General Commercial uses. He explained the rezone proposal removes the max building height of three-stories, up to 50 feet, from the PAD's Development Guidelines and would be subject to C-2 General Commercial building maximum height up to 56 feet, as provided in the city of Goodyear Zoning Ordinance. He continued to review building and allowed heights in the surrounding areas.

Mr. Abbott continued to review the evaluation criteria and public notification and noted there were no resident comments.

There being no speakers present, Mayor Pizzillo closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2026-1649 by title only.

In response to Council inquiry, Mr. Abbott explained the current zoning is PAD and allows for C-2 uses seen, for example, in commercial shopping centers, and the rezone would increase the building height limit by 6 feet. He then provided details of where the intended hotel would be built and explained the next steps in the process, including a site plan that includes a traffic impact statement before moving forward with permits.

Council raised questions about access to the property, including the private road on the north side, which is currently used for school parking. Brennan Ray, Attorney, on behalf of the applicant, representing Ray Law Firm, explained that the owner has been contacted regarding the road's intended use and safety, and that ingress and egress will be provided from N. 146th Avenue. Council expressed support for the rezoning request and the proposed hotel project, and expressed interest in additional access points.

MOTION BY Councilmember Trey Terry, SECONDED BY Councilmember Benita Beckles to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1649, CONDITIONALLY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 35.053 GROSS ACRES OF PROPERTY, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF MCDOWELL ROAD AND BULLARD AVENUE, FROM PALM VALLEY PROMENADE 1ST AMENDED PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD) TO PALM VALLEY PROMENADE 2ND AMENDED PAD AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

BUSINESS

10. RESOLUTION ADOPTING TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING

Ryan Bittle, Deputy Finance Director, presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Tentative Budget for \$1.4 billion. Mr. Bittle provided information on the changes included in the budget as a result of the City Council Work Session held on April 6, 2026.

Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 2026-2522 by title only.

In response to Council inquiry, David Seid, Interim Director Parks & Recreation, noted that the tentative budget supports affordability and access to residents. Steve Scinto, Director of Engineering, explained the process for the five-year comparison for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's), and Brian Issitt, Chief of Police, noted that the Police Department is not experiencing recruitment challenges and provided a staffing update.

Mr. Bittle provided clarification regarding the tentative budget increase from FY2026 to FY2027, including key budget areas and an explanation of the rainy-day fund, in response to Council inquiry.

In response to Council inquiry regarding proposed increases related to economic development, tourism, arts, and marketing efforts, Mr. Bittle stated that these items will be reviewed by the new City Manager prior to final budget approval in June.

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

MOTION BY Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton, SECONDED BY Councilmember Wally Campbell to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2522 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 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, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; 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 TAX PAYERS; FOR ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND SETTING THE TAX LEVIES. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

Council welcomed City Manager Bryan Langley and showed appreciation to Kini Knudson for filling the role of Interim City Manager.

Council provided an update from the Maricopa County consortium regarding a program for residents facing evictions.

Bryan Langley, City Manager, expressed appreciation to Council and staff for welcoming him to the city.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

June 8, 2026

Council Meeting

5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pizzillo adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:14 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 18, 2026. I further certify

that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2026.

SEAL:

Jasmine Pernicano, City Clerk