



MARANA TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, Arizona 85653
Council Chambers, August 26, 2025, at or after 6:00 PM

Jon Post, Mayor
Roxanne Ziegler, Vice Mayor
Patrick Cavanaugh, Council Member
Patti Comerford, Council Member
Herb Kai, Council Member
Teri Murphy, Council Member
John Officer, Council Member

SUMMARY MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Post called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and directed the Town Clerk to call the roll. All Council Members were present, constituting a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Led by **Mayor Post**.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Mayor Ziegler moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Kai seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

D1 Relating to Transportation; presentation, update, and discussion regarding the Regional Transportation Authority (Terry Rozema)

Executive Director of the RTA Mike Ortega presented an update on the RTA Next plan. A copy of the presentation slides is on file with the Town Clerk's Office. **Mr. Ortega** explained that the plan is a proposed 20-year, \$2.67 billion regional transportation program. He indicated that the plan was developed through a combination of citizen input and RTA Board direction and will ultimately require voter approval. He stated that the plan is based on conservative revenue forecasts to avoid the revenue shortfalls that occurred under the 2006 RTA program. He outlined the funding allocations and identified several major projects that will impact the Town of Marana. He further explained that beginning in 2031, regional funds will be available for non-RTA projects. He concluded by discussing accountability measures.

The Council asked several questions and made comments at the end of the presentation. **Mr. Ortega** and **Town Manager Terry Rozema** answered questions asked by the Council.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked for clarification regarding the revenue shortfall from the 2006 plan. He later inquired about the security of the ADOT funding, non-RTA dollars, and the sales tax. **Mr. Ortega** stated that ADOT allocates approximately \$150 million annually to the region through its five-year plan.

Vice Mayor Ziegler inquired about outreach to residents, funding for the first RTA plan, and the impact on pavement preservation. She also added that she was in favor of the plan and asked about oversight and the continuation of **Mr. Ortega's** position. Later, she requested further clarification on how the order of the projects would affect planning by Town staff.

Council Member Kai asked about support from other jurisdictions. **Mr. Ortega** reported that recent RTA Board votes showed strong approval, though not unanimous.

Mayor Post highlighted that RTA participation enables Marana to secure ADOT funding and prevents direct transit costs from falling on the Town's budget. He also emphasized the importance of transit costs as part of the plan. **Mayor Post** stated that he hopes it will be possible to have a motion from the Council to support the RTA plan at a future meeting.

Mr. Rozema acknowledged his appreciation for the questions and comments from the Council. He also acknowledged **Mr. Ortega** and **General Ted Maxwell** for their leadership in finalizing the plan.

Council Member Comerford asked if a complete project list and cost estimates are available. **Mr. Rozema** confirmed the list is posted on the RTA website, with costs and project timing organized by funding periods. He also explained that an updated analysis based on recent I-10 interchange projects provided more reliable cost estimates.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03, the Town Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters.

E1 Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A), Council may ask for discussion or consideration, or consultation with designated Town representatives, or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney, concerning any matter listed on this agenda for any of the reasons listed in A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Notwithstanding the Mayor's discretion regarding the items to be placed on the agenda, if three or more Council members request that an item be placed on the agenda, it must be placed on the agenda for the second regular Town Council meeting after the date of the request, pursuant to Marana Town Code Section 2-4-2(B).

Mayor Post requested future agenda items. There were no requests for future agenda items from Council Members.

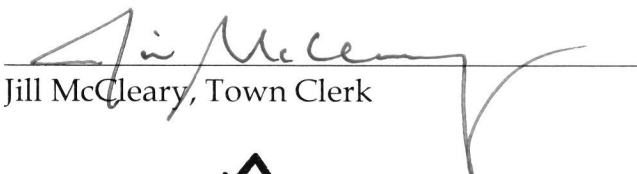
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Post asked for a motion to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Ziegler moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the Marana Town Council Special Meeting held on August 26, 2025. I further certify that a quorum was present.


Jill McCleary, Town Clerk

