



MARANA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, Arizona 85653  
Council Chambers, April 7, 2026, 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 6:01 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 Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7-0.*

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nine speakers addressed the Council including **Donna Fine, Michael Rothenberg, Hattie Mathers, Mary Romer, Colin Mellars, Kimberly McAllister, Marie Voorhees, Pat Johnson, and Christopher Puca**. Comments focused primarily on the proposed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility, with speakers

expressing both opposition to and support for the facility. Speakers also addressed concerns related to immigration enforcement and humanitarian impacts. Additional comments addressed concerns related to the data center rezonings. One speaker also offered a prayer for the meeting.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

PR1 Proclamation Recognizing the Week of the Young Child (Jill McCleary)

**Town Clerk Jill McCleary** read the proclamation as **Mayor Post** presented it to the recipient. After the reading, representatives from the organization First Things First spoke about the importance of early childhood education and urged continued support for children and families.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Council Member Cavanaugh** reported that he attended several Marana Chamber of Commerce events, including a Power of Real Estate event with **Council Member Comerford**, and noted that discussion at the event highlighted the need for additional housing throughout the region and Marana's role in meeting that demand.

**Council Member Comerford** reported that she attended the memorial held at the Marana Regional Airport honoring the 19 service members who died there 26 years ago. She noted her appreciation for the Town's continued recognition of the event.

**Council Member Officer** commented on the warm weather during Founders' Day and noted that, despite the event ending an hour early, it was still enjoyed by the community.

**Council Member Murphy** commended staff for the State of the Town event and encouraged community support for upcoming local events, including the Pima County Fair and the Dominic Romero Roping event.

**Council Member Kai** complimented **Mayor Post** on his presentation at the State of the Town.

**Mayor Post** reported on Founders' Day, participation in Marana Little League opening activities, the Marana High School prom held at the Marana Pumpkin Patch, and the State of the Town. He also provided an update on a recent Regional Transportation Authority meeting. He noted that quarterly project reports were expected to provide regular updates regarding upcoming transportation projects.

**Vice Mayor Ziegler** reported on the memorial honoring the 19 Marines who died at the Marana Regional Airport, including the Town's participation in laying a wreath. She also noted recent meetings with Congressman Andy Biggs and D.R. Horton, and provided an update on the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, including the anticipated donation of 15 additional acres.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Town Manager Rozema** reported that 78 single-family residential permits were issued in March, compared with 135 in March 2025. He also provided updates on the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan and noted that the Town had received \$223,434 in Community Development Block Grant funding. He invited public input on the Barnett Channel Linear Park project and referenced a recent *Real Talk with the Town* episode regarding the construction happening at the Tangerine Road interchange. He also shared an update from ADOT and Regional Transportation Authority officials that construction of the Moore Road interchange was expected to begin in Fiscal Year 2030, with Cortaro Road and Tangerine Road improvements to follow in the second phase. Following the report, **Vice Mayor Ziegler** asked for clarification regarding House Bill 2873 relating to the withdrawal of referendum petitions. **Mr. Rozema** clarified that the striker bill had not been submitted by a member of the Town Council.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

C1 Resolution No. 2026-019: Relating to Administration; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for the Pima Early Education Program (Lisa Shafer)

C2 Resolution No. 2026-020: Relating to Parks and Recreation; approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign the "Safe Harbor Agreement Landowner Certificate of Inclusion In The Safe Harbor Agreement" with the Arizona Game and Fish Department for Topminnow and Pupfish at the El Rio Preserve (Wayne Barnett)

C3 Resolution No. 2026-021: Relating to Intergovernmental Relations; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Marana, Northwest Fire District and Marana Unified School District No. 6 for development review and inspection, facility use and general cooperation (David Udall)

C4 Resolution No. 2026-022: Relating to Marana Regional Airport; approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Land/Facility Use Agreement between the Town of Marana and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for use of the Airport as an air tanker base for fire suppression activities during fire season (David L. Udall)

C5 Resolution No. 2026-023: Relating to Personnel; approving and adopting amendments to the Town's Personnel Policies and Procedures; revising Chapter 5 "Work Rules and Employee Discipline," by amending Policy 5-8 "Informal Personnel Action Review Procedures" (Curry C. Hale)

C6 Resolution No. 2026-024: Relating to Water and Intergovernmental Relations; approving and authorizing the Finance Director to sign a services agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents (University of Arizona) for water education outreach and engagement (Jerry Huerstel)

C7 Relating to Procurement; approving a change order to the contract with McGann & Associates in the amount of \$14,620 for the Saguaro Bloom Community Park, Ph-2 (PK040); authorizing the transfer of appropriations if necessary for the change order; and authorizing the Town Manager or designee to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the change order (Fausto Burruel)

C8 Approval of Regular Council Meeting Summary Minutes of March 3, 2026 and March 17, 2026 (Jill McCleary)

Before consideration of the Consent Agenda, **Deputy Town Attorney Udall** advised the Council that the resolution accompanying Item C6, as originally posted online, contained a minor error. He stated that the corrected resolution reflected that the Finance Director, rather than the Mayor, would sign the resolution. He said a corrected copy was provided on the dais for Council review.

*Vice Mayor Ziegler moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7-0.*

## **LIQUOR LICENSES**

## **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

## **COUNCIL ACTION**

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION**

D1 Relating to Development and Public Works; update, discussion, and possible direction regarding public and private projects and development applications on the Town's [Marana Current and Proposed Projects](#) internet site (Brett Wittenberg)

**Development Services Interim Director Brett Wittenberg** provided an update on public and private projects and development applications in the Town, as currently listed on the above-referenced website.

**Council Member Cavanaugh** asked where the 78 residential permits were located within the Town. **Mr. Wittenberg** responded that 56 were in the northwest quadrant, 15 were in the northeast, and 7 were in the south.

D2 Relating to Legislation and Government Actions; discussion and possible action or direction regarding all pending state, federal, and local legislation/government actions and on recent and upcoming meetings of other governmental bodies (Terry Rozema)

**Mr. Rozema** reviewed pending state legislation, including Senate Bill 1431, House Bill 2999, Senate Bill 1787, House Bill 2917, and House Concurrent Resolution 26016.

**Mayor Post** asked how House Bill 2999 would affect existing Community Facilities Districts. **Mr. Rozema** responded that it would not affect districts already in effect and would apply only going forward. **Mayor Post** also asked whether the legislation would include special assessments and how those would be collected. **Deputy Town Manager Erik Montague** explained that special assessments could be billed either through the county tax roll, if the county had the ability to do so.

**Vice Mayor Ziegler** asked about the anticipated timing of House Bill 2999. **Mr. Montague** responded that, if signed, it would take effect under the normal timeline after the legislative session. **Vice Mayor Ziegler** also asked whether the bill would affect the proposed Cascada Community Facilities District. **Mr. Montague** responded that existing districts would not be affected.

**Council Member Cavanaugh** asked whether the Arizona Finance Authority was a private or state entity. **Mr. Montague** responded that it was a division of the State of Arizona.

**Council Member Comerford** asked what the Town could do to assist residents if the legislation moved forward. **Mr. Montague** responded that the Town would work to inform and educate residents. He stated that administration of the districts would occur through a separate board. **Council Member Comerford** also asked whether the measure

had been advanced by the builders' association. **Mr. Rozema** responded that staff believed it had been advanced by the Central Arizona Home Builders Association.

D3 Relating to Budget; discussion, direction and possible action regarding development of the fiscal year 2026/2027 budget, including proposed budget initiatives and expenditures (Terry Rozema)

**Mr. Rozema** stated that this item was included in the agenda to provide an opportunity for Council discussion and direction before final budget adoption.

**Vice Mayor Ziegler** asked for clarification regarding the budget process and whether a step had been missed. **Mayor Post** clarified that the item was included annually to allow Council Members to raise budget priorities.

**Council Member Comerford** requested that staff evaluate closing Town Hall between Christmas and New Year's as a pilot program. **Mr. Rozema** responded that staff would review the suggestion.

**Council Member Cavanaugh** asked whether the Marana Aquatic and Recreation Center was generating sufficient revenue and whether there were opportunities to reduce operating costs. **Mr. Rozema** responded that the facility was generating revenue but was not covering its operating expenses. He added that staff would conduct a deeper analysis after a full year of operations to identify efficiencies.

## **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.

*Council Member Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Kai seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.*

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the regular Town Council meeting held on April 7, 2026. I further certify that a quorum was present.

  
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Jill McCleary, Town Clerk

