



MARANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, Arizona 85653
Council Chambers, June 16, 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 6:03 PM and directed the Town Clerk to call the roll. **Council Member Kai** was absent. All other Council Members were present, constituting a quorum.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Cavanaugh moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Comerford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Four speakers addressed Council. **Paula Palotay** spoke regarding the current election environment and encouraged a public candidate forum. **Zach Stout** spoke about a risk

summary analysis he created for the Lockett Road data center and provided information on how to find the documents. **Lori Schaeffler** spoke on behalf of Run for the Wall, thanked Marana for its support, and discussed anticipated route changes for next year. **David Seia** spoke regarding a May 4, 2026 noise-level testing related to the Lockett Road data center and the Marana Veterans Memorial Cemetery. **Mr. Stout** and **Mr. Seia** provided the Town Clerk with documents related to the topic they discussed.

PROCLAMATIONS

PR1 Proclamation Recognizing Parks and Recreation Month (Jill McCleary)

Town Clerk Jill McCleary read the proclamation as **Mayor Post** presented it to recipients from the Town of Marana's Parks and Recreation Department.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Cavanaugh reported on regrowth of willow trees along the Santa Cruz River near the area between Cortaro and Ina after a previous fire, noting vigorous new growth from the roots.

Council Member Comerford reported on a Marana Food Bank fundraising effort seeking 1,000 monthly donations of \$25 to help support operating costs.

MANAGER'S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Terry Rozema reported that 68 single-family residential permits had been issued so far in the month and 857 had been issued fiscal year-to-date, compared with 970 for the prior year. **Mr. Rozema** reminded the public that the Star-Spangled Spectacular will be held July 4 at Crossroads at Silverbell District Park from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM. He also reported on Ora Mae Harn Pool and Dine and Discover Marana. He stated that a new *Real Talk with the Town* podcast episode had been released featuring **Water Deputy Director Mike Osborne** and **Water Resources Administrator Jerry Huerstel**.

PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

C1 Ordinance No. 2026.011: Relating to Elections; amending Marana Town Code Title 2 (Mayor and Council), Chapter 2-2 (Council Election), Section 2-2-1 (Primary election; date; declaration of elected candidate) to harmonize the Town's primary election

date with the date established by state law, as amended from time to time; and designating an effective date (David L. Udall)

C2 Resolution No. 2026-038: Relating to Development; ratifying the abandonment of public rights-of-way as set forth on the Final Plat for Cascada II C2 Blocks 1-10, and Parcels A, B, C, D & E (Jane Fairall)

C3 Resolution No. 2026-039: Relating to Economic Development; amending the Marana Job Creation Incentive Program (MJCIP) to add "manufactured building activities" pursuant to Section 8-427 of the Marana Tax Code to the definition of "Marana construction sales tax" (Curt Woody)

C4 Resolution No. 2026-040: Relating to Economic Development and Tourism; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement between the Town of Marana and the Marana Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for fiscal year 2026-2027 to support operation of the Marana Visitor Center and provision of services to the Marana community (Stefanie Boe)

C5 Resolution No. 2026-041: Relating to Intergovernmental Relations; approving and authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Lobbying Services Agreement with Triadvocates, LLC for Fiscal Year 2027 (Andrea De La Cruz)

C6 Resolution No. 2026-042: Relating to Personnel; approving and adopting amendments to the Town of Marana Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures; revising Chapter 1 "General Employment Rights and Responsibilities" Policy 1-2 "Code of Ethics"; Chapter 3 "Classification and Compensation" Section 3-1-4 "Temporary Positions"; various policies and sections of Chapter 4 "Employment Benefits and Leaves"; and Chapter 8 "Termination of Employment" Section 8-2-3 "Final Pay Check" (Curry C. Hale)

C7 Resolution No. 2026-043: Relating to the Police Department; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and the Town of Marana for payment for the incarceration of municipal prisoners for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (Jeffrey Pridgett)

C8 Resolution No. 2026-044: Relating to the Police Department; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a service agreement with the Marana Unified School District to provide two school resource officers in support of the District's School Safety Program (Jeffrey Pridgett)

C9 Resolution No. 2026-045: Relating to Police Department; approving and authorizing the Mayor and the Police Chief to execute the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Joint Formation and Operation of Specialized Law Enforcement Teams Among Public Agencies Within Pima County (Jeffrey Pridgett)

C10 Resolution No. 2026-048: Relating to Real Estate; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to Real Estate Acquisition and Exchange Agreement regarding the exchange of an approximately 0.24-acre parcel of Town-owned real property located on the south side of Tangerine Road approximately 1,800 feet east of Heritage Park Drive as part of the acquisition of an approximately 2.3-acre parcel of property abutting the east side of Gladden Farms Community Park (Jane Fairall)

C11 Resolution No. 2026-046: Relating to Traffic and Highways; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Town of Marana Communication Services License issued to Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Jane Fairall)

C12 Approval of Regular Council Meeting Summary Minutes of June 2, 2026 (Jill McCleary)

Vice Mayor Ziegler moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Comerford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

LIQUOR LICENSES

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COUNCIL ACTION

A1 PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 2026.012: Relating to Land Development; amending Town Code Title 17 (Land Development), Chapter 17-10 (Signs); adding new Section 17-10-39 entitled "Community activity signs" allowing banners for advertising community activities in residential areas and making conforming amendments to Section 17-10-5 (Exempt signs), section 17-10-30 (Temporary signs), and Section 17-10-31 (Banners); amending Section 17-10-37 (Residential subdivision sign program) to revise provisions related to the expiration of residential subdivision sign programs and to allow advertising in residential subdivisions with homes for rent; making other miscellaneous revisions to Chapter 17-10; and designating an effective date (Matt Taylor)

Mayor Post opened the public hearing at 6:25 PM.

Planning Manager Matt Taylor presented proposed amendments to the Town sign code. He explained that the amendments would allow homeowners associations to use banners in common areas to advertise community activities and would allow residential subdivision sign programs to advertise subdivisions with homes for rent. He stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 27, 2026, and voted unanimously to recommend approval.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked whether the proposed revision to Marana Town Code Section 17-10-25, related to the sight visibility triangle, changed the existing regulation or merely reinforced an existing requirement. **Mr. Taylor** explained that the change reinforces the existing requirement in residential areas and clarified that the requirement applies to any corner within a residential area.

Mayor Post closed the public hearing at 6:30 PM.

Council Member Officer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.012. Council Member Comerford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

D1 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)

Town Manager Terry Rozema provided a legislative update and reported that the state budget had passed the Legislature and been sent to the Governor, who had until June 25 to act on bills transmitted to her. He highlighted provisions related to federal tax conformity, deductions, a three-year moratorium on data center incentives, and state agency cuts. He reported that Senate Bill 1431, which the Town opposed and which would have limited local oversight of aesthetics and architecture, did not advance. **Mr. Rozema** also reported that House Bill 2917, related to license plate readers, and HCR 2016, related to freezing utility fees and taxes, did not advance, and that House Bill 2873, related to referendums, had been transmitted to the Governor.

[An executive session was held on Item E2 below, beginning at 6:39 PM and concluding at 6:47 PM, prior to item D2.]

D2 PUBLIC HEARING: Relating to Budget; public hearing regarding the Town of Marana's fiscal year 2026-2027 final budget (Yiannis Kalaitzidis)

Mayor Post opened the public hearing at 6:49 PM.

Finance Director Yiannis Kalaitzidis stated that the final budget had not changed since adoption of the tentative budget. He stated that the final budget is \$560.2 million, with the majority of the increase from the prior year budget attributable to the capital outlay program, including road infrastructure and utility projects. He stated that the Town continues to present a structurally balanced budget, with ongoing revenues covering ongoing expenses, and thanked staff, the Town Manager's Office, and Council for their work and direction during the budget process.

Mayor Post closed the public hearing at 6:53 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mayor Post asked for a motion to go into executive session.

Council Member Comerford moved to go into executive session on Item E2. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

[An executive session was held on Item E2 below, beginning at 6:39 PM and concluding at 6:47 PM.]

After the executive session, Council Member Comerford moved to direct staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session E2. Council Member Officer seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

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).

E2 Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) to consider the Council's position and instruct the Town's attorneys regarding settlement discussions to resolve litigation in Town of Marana v. Mandarin South, LLC, et al, Pima County Superior Court case number C20241394.

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).

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Post asked for a motion to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Ziegler moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Officer seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the regular Town Council meeting held on June 16, 2026. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Jill McCleary, Town Clerk