



MARANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, Arizona 85653
Council Chambers, September 15, 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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vice Mayor Ziegler acknowledged a recent tragedy at Marana High School and expressed sympathy for the family, students, staff, and school community. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Comerford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Two speakers addressed Council. **David Morales** spoke about Marana's history, including early water development, agriculture, and the effect of freeway construction on the community. **Samantha Jaeger** described a 2022 incident in which a driver nearly struck her family and expressed concern about crosswalk safety.

Vice Mayor Ziegler asked Town staff to meet with **Samantha Jaeger**.

PROCLAMATIONS

PR1 Proclamation Recognizing Diaper Need Awareness Week (Jill McCleary)

PR2 Proclamation Recognizing Constitution Week (Jill McCleary)

Town Clerk Jill McCleary read proclamations PR1 and PR2. **Vice Mayor Ziegler** presented the proclamations to representatives from the Arizona Diaper Bank and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Cavanaugh thanked **Samantha Jaeger** for bringing forward her traffic safety concerns. He encouraged donations of nonperishable food and financial contributions to the Marana Food Bank. He announced a community meeting on neighborhood traffic safety scheduled for September 22.

Council Member Comerford reported that donations to the Marana Food Bank had slowed and encouraged community support. She stated that she would provide a list of needed items at the next Council meeting or arrange to have the information posted on the Town website.

Council Member Murphy reported attending the Marana High School FFA steak fry and a Los Charros Foundation fundraising event. She announced plans for future Food Bank fundraisers.

Vice Mayor Ziegler reported attending the Disabled American Veterans 100th anniversary celebration and a September 11 memorial event in Oro Valley. She reported on residents' efforts to establish a dog park in Continental Ranch and encouraged residents to vote on the proposal.

MANAGER'S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Terry Rozema reported that the Town had issued 44 single-family residential permits through September 15, compared with 66 for the full month of September 2025. He highlighted an upcoming Water Department newsletter featuring the Town's water reclamation facility and expanded recharge capacity. He recognized Marana Police Department personnel who participated in the September 11 Tower Challenge and announced a podcast addressing questions about license plate reader cameras. He reported that the Town had received its first AAA bond rating and credited the Council's fiscal decisions and the work of Finance staff.

Vice Mayor Ziegler thanked Finance staff and recognized the significance of the AAA bond rating.

PRESENTATIONS

P1 Relating to Budget; presentation of preliminary year-end results (July-June) for the Town's General Fund and other selected major funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (Yiannis Kalaitzidis)

Finance Director Yiannis Kalaitzidis presented preliminary year-end results for fiscal year 2025-2026. He stated that the results were unaudited and subject to change. A copy of the presentation is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk. Please see the presentation for detailed information regarding the presentation.

Mr. Kalaitzidis reported that revenues generally met or exceeded expectations and expenditures generally aligned with projections. He stated that collections continued to support an anticipated repayment of the Marana Aquatic and Recreation Center debt around 2031. He explained that PFAS settlement proceeds would support water-quality projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

C1 Resolution No. 2026-067: Relating to Municipal Court; approving the appointment of Richard Glenn as a magistrate pro tempore for the Marana Municipal Court (Libby Shelton)

C2 Resolution No. 2026-068: Relating to Real Estate; approving and authorizing the Town Engineer to execute a License Agreement with the United States of America, Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA"), specifying

consent for new water infrastructure to be constructed for the Picture Rocks Interconnect Project, located within WAPA's existing transmission line easement (Heidi Lasham)

C3 Resolution No. 2026-069: Relating to Real Estate; approving and ratifying the Town Manager's execution of the Temporary Parking License Agreement between the Town of Marana and Marana Owner, LLC (David Udall)

C4 Resolution No. 2026-070: Relating to Risk Management; approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Town of Marana, Barker Contracting, Inc., Clear Contracting Company, and Arizona Communication Experts, Inc. in settlement of the litigation captioned Town of Marana v. Barker Contracting, Inc., et al., Pima County Superior Court case number C20236109 (David Udall)

C5 Resolution No. 2026-071: Relating to Utilities; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona and the Town of Marana for a maximum of \$2,000,000 in grant funding for the design of the Pioneer Well PFAS Project (Heidi Lasham)

C6 Resolution No. 2026-073: Relating to Public Works; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Transportation Funding Agreement between the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County and the Town of Marana for delivery of RTA Plan elements (Jane Fairall)

C7 Approval of Regular Council Meeting Summary Minutes of September 1, 2026 (Jill McCleary)

Council Member Cavanaugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Kai seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

LIQUOR LICENSES

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COUNCIL ACTION

A1 Resolution No. 2026-072: Relating to Utilities; approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Cortaro Water Users' Association for in-lieu water delivery and storage (Heidi Lasham)

Water Director Heidi Lasham presented the proposed five-year agreement with Cortaro Water Users' Association for water delivery and storage. She explained that the item was presented separately because the proposed storage amount had not previously been included in the agreement. She stated that the agreement had been updated to include 2,364 acre-feet for calendar year 2027. She explained that the agreement would allow the Town to store additional water resources and accrue long-term storage credits.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked whether the Town would receive all long-term storage credits or whether the Cortaro Water Users' Association would retain a share. **Ms. Lasham** stated that the Town accrued storage credits on a one-for-one basis. She explained that payment arrangements varied by storage location.

Council Member Comerford moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-072. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

D1 Relating to Water; presentation, discussion, and possible direction on proposed amendments to the Town of Marana Drought Preparedness Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2023-045 (Heidi Lasham)

Water Resources Administrator Jerry Huerstel reviewed the existing Drought Preparedness Plan and proposed amendments. A copy of the presentation slides is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk. Please see the presentation slides for detailed information regarding the presentation.

Mr. Huerstel recommended replacing the Lake Mead indicator with an indicator based on the Town's groundwater allowance and long-term storage credits and requiring both local and regional triggers before advancing drought stages. He stated that staff would review response measures and enforcement methods and hoped to return after the holidays to present Council with a revised plan.

Council Member Kai asked about efficient plumbing fixtures and conservation opportunities for older homes. **Mr. Huerstel** described the Town's toilet rebate program and increased public outreach.

Council Member Comerford asked about plumbing support at Town facilities and suggested leak-reporting signs, artificial turf, and conservation information with water bills.

Vice Mayor Ziegler asked about a planned water information sheet. **Mr. Rozema** confirmed that it remained on schedule.

Council Member Kai requested commercial car wash water-use information and asked how a drought surcharge would be calculated and applied. **Mr. Huerstel** agreed to provide the water-use information and stated that surcharge details had not been determined. **Ms. Lasham** clarified that staff were reviewing the existing plan's measures and enforcement challenges.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked about projected CAP delivery reductions. **Mr. Huerstel** explained that the anticipated 2027 reduction would be offset with Arizona Water Banking Authority storage credits and that later reductions remained uncertain.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked about the importance, timing, and possible renewal of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation water lease. **Mr. Huerstel** described its water supply and cost benefits, confirmed deliveries would begin in 2027, and stated that renewal remained possible.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked whether recycling and recharge contributed to rising groundwater levels. **Mr. Huerstel** confirmed that imported water and recharge activities had benefited the aquifer.

D2 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 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 Comerford and **Council Member Cavanaugh** asked clarifying questions about the proposed Walmart and fuel station at Tangerine Crossroads. **Mr. Wittenberg** clarified the application date and confirmed that the plans identified the store as a Walmart.

Council Member Comerford asked about Shamrock Dairy's progress and the traffic impacts from large businesses coming into Town. **Mr. Wittenberg** stated that he would obtain a construction update. **Mr. Rozema** stated that the Tangerine Road interchange construction project was ahead of schedule and that Shamrock's truck activity would

avoid rush-hour traffic. **Council Member Comerford** expressed concern about traffic backing up onto Interstate 10.

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).

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

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Ziegler asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Kai moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the regular Town Council meeting held on September 15, 2026. I further certify that a quorum was present.



Jill McCleary, Town Clerk