



MARANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, Arizona 85653
Council Chambers, October 6, 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 6:02 PM and directed the Town Clerk to call the roll. **Council Member Murphy** was absent. All other Council Members were present, constituting a quorum. **Council Member Kai** subsequently recused himself from Item E2 and departed the meeting at 7:45 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Post led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager Terry Rozema requested the removal of Item A1, Ordinance No. 2026.016, to allow staff additional time to revise the proposed ordinance before returning it to Council.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ten individuals addressed Council during Call to the Public. **David Morales** discussed Marana's history and his service to veterans. **Elise Kelman** expressed concerns regarding the adequacy of environmental analysis for proposed data center regulations. **Lloyd Kirsch, Julie Prince, Daniela Ugaz, Caroline Isaacs, Alex Randall, Jonathan M., Mike Green, and Paula Palotay** raised concerns regarding plans to operate an immigration detention facility in Marana, including detainee welfare and safety, allegations of misconduct involving the facility's operator, Management & Training Corporation (MTC), emergency preparedness, environmental impacts, the Town's regulatory authority, zoning compliance, and opportunities for public oversight and involvement. The speakers also called for greater transparency, accountability, and Council action regarding the facility. **Mr. Kirsch** additionally requested further public review of proposed data center regulations.

PROCLAMATIONS

PR1 Proclamation Recognizing the Month of October as Fire Prevention Month (Jill McCleary)

Town Clerk Jill McCleary read the proclamation recognizing October as Fire Prevention Month. **Mayor Post** presented the proclamation to **Northwest Fire District's Community Relations and Public Education Services Manager Anne-Marie Braswell** and expressed appreciation for the District's service to the community.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Cavanaugh acknowledged concerns regarding plans to operate an immigration detention facility in Marana and discussed the Town's limited authority and the importance of community safety and transparency. He also recognized two recent student deaths in the community and encouraged individuals experiencing a mental health crisis to contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Council Member Officer reported on his participation in a Southern Arizona Chamber delegation to Washington, D.C., and New York City, where he met with federal representatives and site selectors to discuss economic development opportunities. He also discussed continued growth and community engagement in Marana.

Vice Mayor Ziegler reported on attending the State of the Town event in Sahuarita, encouraged residents to educate themselves about ballot propositions, and highlighted the groundbreaking for Phase II of the Town's Wastewater Reclamation Facility. She also discussed an 88-CRIME awards event, recognition received by the Marana Police Department, the opening of the Twin Peaks Road and Rattlesnake Pass improvements, and an anti-human trafficking event in Scottsdale.

Council Member Comerford discussed the need for donations to the Marana Community Food Bank and encouraged residents to support individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

Mayor Post reported on his participation in the Southern Arizona Chamber delegation to Washington, D.C., and New York City, where he met with elected officials, site selectors, and media representatives to promote economic development opportunities in Southern Arizona. **Mayor Post** also highlighted the Wastewater Reclamation Facility expansion, recognition of Marana Police Department personnel at the 88-CRIME awards, and the completion of the Serpentina public art project at Rattlesnake Pass.

MANAGER'S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Terry Rozema reported that 49 single-family residential permits were issued in September 2026, compared to 66 during the same month in 2025. He announced an upcoming public meeting for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update, National Night Out on October 10, and the Marana Fall Festival on October 17. **Mr. Rozema** recognized the Marana Police Department for receiving a Team of the Year award and **Police Chief Jeffrey Pridgett** for receiving the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives' Supervisor of the Year award. **Mr. Rozema** also highlighted a recent Town podcast featuring **Mayor Post** and announced plans to incorporate historic silos from Marana Heritage Park into the downtown development project.

PRESENTATIONS

P1 Relating to Tourism; Presentation, update, and discussion related to the Town of Marana Tourism Master Plan 2025-2035 (Stefanie Boe)

[Item P1 was heard following approval of the Consent Agenda.]

Tourism & Marketing Manager Stefanie Boe and **Tourism & Marketing Specialist Brandon Mejia** provided an update on the first year of implementation of the Tourism Master Plan 2025-2035, which Council approved in June 2025. A copy of the presentation slides is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Ms. Boe reviewed the economic benefits of tourism, reporting approximately 735,000 visitor trips during fiscal year 2026 and \$1.9 million in bed tax revenue. Ms. Boe highlighted the plan's initial accomplishments, including the development of visitor resources, expanded marketing efforts, tourism partnerships, and increased promotion of community events and attractions.

Mr. Mejia discussed the distribution and reach of the Town's visitor guide, development of promotional materials highlighting Marana's history and attractions, and the success of the Dine & Discover program. **Ms. Boe** highlighted regional cycling partnerships, the economic impact of community events, and upcoming tourism initiatives, including expanded festivals, recreational events, marketing partnerships, and promotional opportunities. Ms. Boe also discussed efforts to incorporate tourism into the downtown development project and the Town's participation in a national tourism promotional event in Washington, D.C.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked about the methodology used to calculate tourism's economic impact and the use of Placer.ai to evaluate visitor activity. **Ms. Boe** explained that the economic impact calculation followed an established industry methodology and that Placer.ai provided visitor data that staff could compare with other sources. **Council Member Cavanaugh** also discussed the Town's tourism branding and opportunities to promote the community's diverse recreational amenities.

Council Member Comerford commended staff for the quality of the visitor guide and the progress made during the first year of the plan.

Mayor Post expressed appreciation for the presentation and discussed opportunities to promote Marana through *Arizona Highways*.

CONSENT AGENDA

C1 Resolution No. 2026-074: Relating to Intergovernmental Relations; approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the "Intergovernmental Agreement Between Marana Unified School District and Town of Marana and the State of Arizona, Acting Through the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona" for property access at 13250 N. Lon Adams Road, Marana, Arizona, 85653 (Mike Osborne)

C2 Resolution No. 2026-075: Relating to the Police Department; approving and authorizing the Chief of Police to execute a Drug Enforcement Administration State and Local Law Enforcement Agency Memorandum Agreement between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Marana Police Department for October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2031 (Jeff Pridgett)

C3 Approval of Regular Council Meeting Summary Minutes of September 15, 2026 (Jill McCleary)

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

LIQUOR LICENSES

L1 Relating to Liquor Licenses; recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control regarding an application for a multi-license acquisition of control for one Series 9 Liquor Store license for Walgreens Store No. 9952, located at 12050 N. Dove Mountain Blvd., Marana, Arizona, 85653, and two Series 10 Beer and Wine Store licenses for Walgreens Store Nos. 05156, located at 7800 N. Cortaro Rd., Marana, Arizona, 85743, and 07209, located at 3800 W. Ina Rd., Marana, Arizona, 85741, submitted by Andrea Dahlman Lewkowicz on behalf of Walgreens (Jill McCleary)

Mayor Post asked whether Council had questions regarding the application. There were no questions.

Council Member Kai moved to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control of the multi-license acquisition of control application submitted by Andrea Dahlman Lewkowicz on behalf of Walgreens. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COUNCIL ACTION

A2 Resolution No. 2026-076: Relating to Police Department; approving and authorizing the Mayor and the Police Chief to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Joint Formation and Operation of Specialized Law Enforcement Teams Among Public Agencies Within Pima County; and Rescinding Resolution No. 2026-045 (Jeffrey Pridgett)

Deputy Town Attorney David Udall explained that Council previously approved an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement in June 2026 through Resolution No. 2026-045. **Mr. Udall** stated that additional changes requested by participating agencies resulted in the preparation of a new five-year agreement. The revised agreement included provisions establishing a regional critical incident team board and clarifying that participating agencies were not obligated to deploy resources when requested.

Vice Mayor Ziegler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-076. Council Member Kai seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

A3 Resolution No. 2026-077: Relating to Water; approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease agreement for 4,800 AF of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Indian Priority Central Arizona Project water (Heidi Lasham)

Water Director Heidi Lasham said that the Town was selected through a competitive proposal process to enter into a one-year lease with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for 4,800 acre-feet of Central Arizona Project (CAP) Indian Priority water. **Ms. Lasham** stated that the approximately \$3.7 million lease would be funded through impact fees and would provide an additional water source to support the Town's long-term water portfolio and local aquifer.

Mayor Post asked whether the water was firm and whether the Town would receive long-term storage credits for any portion not delivered as physical water. **Ms. Lasham** confirmed that the water was firm and explained that applicable long-term storage credits would be available.

Town Manager Terry Rozema commended Water Department staff for pursuing innovative opportunities to diversify and strengthen the Town's water resources.

Council Member Cavanaugh asked whether the water would be delivered through the CAP canal system. **Ms. Lasham** confirmed that it would and emphasized the importance of securing additional water resources for the Town's future.

Vice Mayor Ziegler asked what would occur after the lease ended. **Ms. Lasham** explained that the agreement was limited to one year and that additional leasing opportunities could become available.

Mayor Post asked how costs compared to Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD) water. **Ms. Lasham** stated that CAGRD water cost approximately \$900 to \$1,000 per acre-foot, compared to the lower cost of the proposed lease.

Council Member Comerford moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-077. Council Member Kai seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

D1 Relating to Strategic Planning; presentation outlining the planning process and timeline for Strategic Plan VI; discussion and possible direction regarding proposed focus areas (Julia Cramer)

Assistant to the Town Manager Julia Cramer presented an overview of the development process and proposed focus areas for Strategic Plan VI, which would guide Town

priorities for fiscal years 2028 through 2030. A copy of the presentation slides is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Ms. Cramer outlined the development timeline for the Strategic Plan, including continued drafting through October 2026, community engagement during November and December, Council and staff review during January and February 2027, and anticipated adoption in March 2027. **Ms. Cramer** discussed planned outreach efforts, including community surveys, stakeholder meetings, town halls, and engagement at community events.

Council Member Cavanaugh expressed support for the proposed focus areas and asked how unfinished initiatives from Strategic Plan V would be addressed in the new plan. **Ms. Cramer** said that some initiatives would carry forward, others would be revised to reflect progress, and others might not be included in the new plan.

Mayor Post discussed the ongoing nature of strategic planning and noted that the plan provided long-term direction rather than a collection of tasks with a defined endpoint. **Ms. Cramer** agreed and explained that although individual initiatives could be completed, the broader focus areas would remain ongoing priorities.

Council Member Kai emphasized the importance of Future-Ready Infrastructure, particularly in supporting economic development and attracting employment opportunities.

Mayor Post expressed appreciation for staff's efforts to connect presentations and initiatives to the Town's strategic plan.

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.

Mayor Post asked for a motion to enter executive session on Item E2.

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

Council Member Kai recused himself from Item E2 and did not participate in the executive session or return to the regular meeting.

[An executive session was held on Item E2 below, beginning at 7:45 PM and concluding at 8:50 PM.]

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 Discussion and consultation pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), re: Proposition 207 (A.R.S. § 12-1134) Notice of Claim from TMR Investors, LLC relating to the Tortolita Specific Plan located east of Interstate 10, north of the Marana Road interchange, and northwest of the San Lucas subdivision.

Council Member Officer moved to direct staff as discussed in executive session. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

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

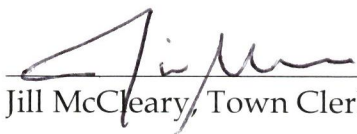
Mayor Post asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Officer seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the regular Town Council meeting held on October 6, 2026. I further certify that a quorum was present.



Jill McCleary, Town Clerk

