

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 3, 2024
ORO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11000 N. LA CAÑADA DRIVE**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor
Melanie Barrett, Vice-Mayor
Tim Bohen, Councilmember
Harry Greene, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember
Steve Solomon, Councilmember

Absent: Joyce Jones-Ivey, Councilmember

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Winfield led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Clerk Mike Standish announced the upcoming Town Meetings and the Oro Valley Path Forward Community Events.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Winfield thanked the Oro Valley Parks and Recreation Department for hosting the annual Oro Valley Easter Eggstravaganza event.

Mayor Winfield acknowledged the loss of Officer Adam Buckner of the Tucson Police Department, and expressed his condolences to his family, the City of Tucson, and law enforcement agencies. Officer Buckner was killed while responding to a call for service.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins reported on the following items.

- Reminder that the Oro Valley 50th Anniversary Parade will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024.
- The Roche Exhibition of Art Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Oro Valley, will end on May 3, 2024.
- The Oro Valley 50th Timeline will be coming soon.
- Encouraged citizens to tour Oro Valley's Public Art Exhibits.
- Naranja Park Grand Opening will take place in May 2024.
- Welcomed the following new business to Oro Valley; 3 Degrees Infrared Sauna Studio, Linda Vista Luxury Rentals, Lounge by Levitz, and Valerie Ogborn Psychologist.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Winfield reviewed the order of business and stated the order would stand as posted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Oro Valley resident Tim Tarris voiced his concerns regarding the proposed Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene project.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and update by Amphitheater School District Superintendent Todd Jaeger, J.D.

Amphitheater School District Superintendent Todd Jaeger presented updates regarding the Amphitheater School District and included the following:

- Amphitheater Quick Facts
- Our Programs at-a-Glance
- Pre-School for our youngest learners
- Thanks to the Town of Oro Valley
- Thank you for our SRO's!
- Amphitheater Public Schools Portrait Of A Graduate
- Challenges We Face
- Funding Perspective
- Operational Efficiency
- Teacher Pay Context
- School Performance - AZ Labels

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the Amphitheater School District presentation.

2. Proclamation - Week of the Young Child

Mayor Winfield proclaimed the week of April 6th through April 12th as Week of the Young Child in Oro Valley.

Community Engagement Coordinator for First Things First, Ms. Chinna Garza, accepted the proclamation.

3. Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Winfield proclaimed the week of April 14th through April 20th as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Oro Valley.

Police Department Dispatch Supervisor, Mr. Ben Johnson, accepted the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Bohen requested that Consent item (A) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

B. Approval of appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission

C. Approval regarding the proposed architecture for the Hampton Inn and Suites hotel located within the Oro Valley Marketplace near the northwest corner of Oracle Road and Water Harvest Way

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Consent agenda items (B) and (C).

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

A. Minutes - March 20, 2024

Councilmember Bohen requested clarification regarding the motion for approval and the motion to continue, regarding item #1, as referenced in the March 20, 2024, minutes.

Town Attorney Nathan Rothschild provided clarification regarding the previous motions for item #1, as referenced in the March 20, 2024, minutes.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson to approve Consent agenda item (A)

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

1. REQUESTING FUNDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE GOLF ROUTE AT PUSCH RIDGE GOLF COURSE ALONG HOLE #7 (Continued from 3/20/24)

Public Works Director and Town Engineer Paul Keesler provided a brief update regarding the funding for the creation of an alternative golf route at Pusch Ridge Golf Course along hole #7.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #1.

Oro Valley resident Dan Talsma
Oro Valley resident Scott Hunt
Oro Valley resident Jerry Ward

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1.

Councilmember Solomon motioned to approve funding an alternative golf pass to bypass the existing whole number 7 bridge for a total of \$257,000, which includes \$112,000 for construction of the paved alternative golf route, \$65,000 to replace the existing irrigation main in the area that the work will be performed, and \$80,000 for demolition and removal of the existing bridge. No second was received.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Mayor Joseph C. Winfield to ratify the original motion.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Mayor Joseph C. Winfield to ratify the original motion.

Vote: 0 - 6 Failed

OPPOSED: Mayor Joseph C. Winfield
Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett
Councilmember Tim Bohen
Councilmember Harry Greene
Councilmember Josh Nicolson
Councilmember Steve Solomon

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve funding to replace the bridge with the bridge that is being proposed in kind.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1.

Vice Mayor Barrett requested that the motion specify that funds come from the Community Center fund. Mayor Winfield agreed to the request, seconded by Councilmember Greene.

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene **FINAL MOTION**, to approve funding from the Community Center fund, to replace the bridge.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

2. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. (O)24-05, AMENDING SECTION 6-10-5 OF THE TOWN CODE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION FROM SEVEN (7) TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS

Councilmember Solomon introduced the item and explained the reason it was requested.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #2.

Mayor Winfield opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Mayor Winfield closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to adopt Ordinance No. (O)24-05, amending Section 6-10-5 of the Town Code to decrease the number of members on the Historical Preservation Commission from seven (7) to five (5) members.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

3. RESOLUTION NO. (R)24-08, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF ORO VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Community and Economic Development Director Paul Melcher presented item #3 and included the following:

- Why: FY23-25 Town Council Strategic Plan Objective
- Amendments Summary Notes
- Amendment #1: Combine Objectives 1.1.3 and 1.5.2
- Amendment #2: Make Objective 1.1.4 into an ongoing item
- Amendment #3: Make Objective 1.2.1 into an ongoing item
- Amendment #4: Combine Objectives 1.1.1, 1.2.3, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.4.5.
- Amendment #5: Clarification and work plan established for Objective 1.2.4
- Amendment #6: Combine Objectives 1.2.6 and 1.2.7
- Amendment #7: Clarify Objective 1.2.8
- Amendment #8: Amend Objective 1.5.1, to become a needs assessment for a co-working space
- Amendment #9: Combine Objectives 1.7.2 and 1.7.4
- Amendment #10: Combine Objectives 1.4.4 and 1.7.3
- Amendment #11: Clarify Objective 1.7.5 and combine with Objective 1.8.1
- Amendment #12: Combine Objectives 1.9.2 and 1.10.2
- Amendment #13: Amend Objective 1.8.2 to expand its scope related to cultural and performing arts
- Recommended Action

Council provided discussion and addressed questions as the presentation was provided.

Council provided guidance and direction to staff regarding item #3.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #3.

Oro Valley resident Charlie Hurt
Oro Valley resident Dick Eggerding
Oro Valley resident Judi Rodman
Oro Valley resident Bill Rodman
Oro Valley resident Gene Abravaya

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #3.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Mayor Joseph C. Winfield to approve the amended Economic Development Strategy, amending section 1.8.2 to say; collaborate with public and private tourism partners/businesses, to develop a more robust destination visitor strategy, including, but not limited to strategies related to cultural and performing arts, sports and recreation, outdoor activities and other opportunities that take advantage of facilities and amenities in Oro Valley and its immediate surrounds, and amending 1.2.1 to say; support the development of the planned UA Center for Innovation at Oro Valley incubator/accelerator at Innovation Park, including review of current performance and consideration of a future facility and operational expansions supported by the town and local stakeholders.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

4. CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ORO VALLEY WATER UTILITY ANNUAL REPORT, DATED APRIL 2024

Water Utility Director Peter Abraham presented item #4 and included the following:

- Water Utility Annual Report
- Water Utility Commission Highlights
- Financial Highlights
- Customer Service
- Water Operations
- Engineering & Planning
- Water Resources
- Water Resources - Continued
- Conservation

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to accept the Water Utility Annual Report, dated April 2024.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #4.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to accept the Water Utility Annual Report, dated April 2024.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Solomon requested a future agenda item for the April 17, 2024, Council meeting to include discussion and possible action regarding Oro Valley's participation with Visit Tucson, seconded by Councilmember Nicolson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Steve Solomon to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

Michelle Stine, MMC
Deputy Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular session of the Town of Oro Valley Council of Oro Valley, Arizona held on the 3rd day of April 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Mike Standish, CMC
Town Clerk