

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 16, 2025
ORO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11000 N. LA CAÑADA DRIVE**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor
Melanie Barrett, Vice-Mayor
Harry Greene, Councilmember
Joyce Jones-Ivey, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember
Elizabeth Robb, Councilmember

Absent: Mary Murphy, Councilmember

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3) Personnel matter - Town Magistrate annual performance review

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to go into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m., pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3) Personnel matter - Town Magistrate annual performance review.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

Mayor Winfield announced that the following staff members would be joining Council in the Executive Session: Town Magistrate James Hazel, Town Attorney Nathan Rothschild, and Town Clerk Mike Standish.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield resumed the Regular Session at 6:26 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor
Melanie Barrett, Vice-Mayor
Harry Greene, Councilmember
Joyce Jones-Ivey, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember
Elizabeth Robb, Councilmember

Absent: Mary Murphy, Councilmember

1. APPROVAL OF ANY DIRECTION TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND/OR NECESSARY STAFF AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE TOWN MAGISTRATE

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to approve as directed in Executive Session.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

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 events.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENT

Councilmember Jones-Ivey recognized Leeah Payne, a senior at Canyon Del Oro High School, for her academic excellence and her community involvement.

Councilmember Greene reported that he had attended the Special Olympics Torch Run. Councilmember Greene also recognized the Oro Valley Police Department and the Marana Police Department for sponsoring the event.

Councilmember Jones-Ivey encouraged citizens to volunteer and participate in Amphi School Districts Project Graduation's upcoming events and fundraisers.

Councilmember Nicolson spoke regarding Mental Health Awareness.

Mayor Winfield reported that a representative of Wilson School had requested that the town recognize April as the *Month of the Military Child*, and to also recognize April 25, 2025, as *Purple Up Day*.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins reported the following:

- Thanked the staff for their efforts in organizing the town council meetings.
- Congratulated the Parks and Recreation staff on the grants that have been procured.
- Column in the Northwest Explorer Newspaper regarding the Town Manager's observations of the last two years.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Winfield reorganized the agenda by moving Regular Agenda item #8 to the first item of the agenda before the presentations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were received.

8. MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEM FROM THE APRIL 2, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: PUBLIC HEARING; DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DENIAL OF THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR INCREASED BUILDING HEIGHT ALLOWANCES WITHIN PRIVATE SCHOOL ZONING FOR A PROPOSED NEW ORO VALLEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE SANCTUARY AND MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING SITUATED NORTHEAST OF THE CALLE CONCORDIA AND CALLE BUENA VISTA INTERSECTION

Mayor Winfield provided a brief overview of the expectations for tonight.

Councilmember Robb and Councilmember Nicolson explained their reasons for requesting this item.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to item #8.

Oro Valley resident Valerie Vandivort
Oro Valley resident Terry Reagan
Oro Valley resident Julian Benitez II
Oro Valley resident Sally Gray
Oro Valley resident Michael Gray
Oro Valley resident Patrick Hogan
Oro Valley resident Melanie Cox spoke on behalf of herself and of Kim Chatterton
Oro Valley resident Robert Sabo
Oro Valley resident Lisa Stuessel
Oro Valley resident Ken Chaney
Oro Valley resident Steve Solomon
Ray Hahn
Paul Rosenboom
Lynn Huggins
Wayne Anderson
Bern Jones
Oro Valley resident David Parmer
Oro Valley resident Charlie Bowles

Jeannie Owens
Oro Valley resident Steve Harting
Oro Valley resident Sarah LeBaron
Steve Fesch
Oro Valley resident Jose Oliver
Oro Valley resident Jim Ingram
Oro Valley resident David Carroll
Angela Colby
Oro Valley resident Katy Scott
Oro Valley resident Judy Roshton spoke on behalf of Oro Valley resident Abbey Fairbanks
Oro Valley resident Donna Burlingame
Oro Valley resident John Lonien

The following individuals spoke in support of item #8.

Oro Valley resident Tim Tarris
Oro Valley resident Anthony Ferrara
Oro Valley resident Timothy Fagan
Oro Valley resident Craig Patrick

Mr. John Gillespie, with Rose Law Group PC, and representing the applicant, spoke regarding the motion to reconsider.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to deny reconsideration of the following item from the April 2, 2025, Town Council meeting: Public Hearing: Discussion and possible action regarding an appeal of the planning and zoning commission denial of the applicant's request for increased building height allowances within private school zoning for a proposed new Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene sanctuary and multipurpose building situated Northeast of the Calle Concordia and Calle Buena Vista Intersection.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #8.

Town Attorney Nathan Rothschild addressed a conflict of interest question and provided an overview of the reconsideration.

Discussion continued amongst Council, staff, and Mr. Gillespie regarding item #8.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to deny reconsideration of the following item from the April 2, 2025, Town Council meeting: Public Hearing: Discussion and possible action regarding an appeal of the planning and zoning commission denial of the applicant's request for increased building height allowances within private school zoning for a proposed new Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene sanctuary and multipurpose building situated Northeast of the Calle Concordia and Calle Buena Vista Intersection.

Vote: 4 - 2 Carried

OPPOSED: Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey
Councilmember Elizabeth Robb

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Winfield moved Presentation item #4 to the first presentation item.

4. Presentation of graduating Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Members

Constituent Services Coordinator and Management Assistant, Jessica Hynd, provided an overview of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and recognized the following graduating members:

- Tanish Doshi
- Riley Goodwin
- Christian Kirkland
- Allison Kuester
- Faith Ryan
- Sylvia Russell
- Taylor Rayl
- Grayson Kang
- Leah Payne

1. Proclamation - Tohono Chul Day

Mayor Winfield proclaimed April 19, 2025, as Tohono Chul Day in Oro Valley.

President and CEO of Tohono Chul Park Jamie Maslyn Larson, and Immediate Past President of Tohono Chul Park Sasha Case, accepted the proclamation.

2. Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Winfield proclaimed May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Town of Oro Valley.

Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, Mayor and Council, Andrea Sirois, accepted the proclamation.

3. Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Winfield proclaimed April 13–19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Oro Valley Police Department Communications Manager, Ben Johnson, accepted the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes - April 2, 2025

B. Approval to add the proposed apartment architecture to the Oro Valley Marketplace Master Architecture Concept Plan and approval of the Encantada at Oro Valley Marketplace site elevations near the southwest corner of Tangerine Road and Water Harvest Drive

C. Resolution No. (R)25-11, designating David Gephart as Chief Fiscal Officer, authorized to submit the Town's Annual Expenditure Limitation Report (AELR) to the State Auditor General for FY 25-26

- D. Resolution No. (R)25-12, acceptance of a license agreement to construct a multi-use path through a WAPA easement on the north side of Naranja Drive east of Sawtooth Road

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey to approve Consent Agenda items (A) through (D).

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GRAIN RIVER ASIAN BISTRO, LOCATED AT 12985 N. ORACLE ROAD, STE#125

Town Clerk Mike Standish provided the information for 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 recommend approval of the issuance of a Series 12 Liquor License to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Nghia Tran for Grain River Asian Bistro, located at 12985 N. Oracle Road, #125.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POND CONCEPTS AT THE VISTOSO TRAILS NATURE PRESERVE

The following individuals spoke regarding item #3.

Oro Valley resident Suzanne Yentzke
Oro Valley resident Christine Moffett
Oro Valley resident Mark Napier
Oro Valley resident Richard Beam
Oro Valley resident Ken Chaney
Oro Valley resident Douglas Iverson
Oro Valley resident Marilyn Stoutenburg
Oro Valley resident Rosa Dailey
Oro Valley resident Bill Galleher
Oro Valley resident Phil Zielinski
Oro Valley resident Gayle Mateer
Oro Valley resident Matt Wood
Oro Valley resident Tom Love
Oro Valley resident Charles Stack

Parks and Recreation Director Rosalyn Epting provided a brief overview of item #4 and introduced Senior Project Manager of Kimley-Horn, Rebeca Field.

Ms. Field presented the proposed pond concepts at the Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve and included the following:

- Agenda
- Summary of Feedback
- Existing Conditions
- Typical Lake Edge Detail
- 1 Acre Pond Concept Plan
- 2.5 Acre Pond Concept Plan
- Preliminary Cost Assessment: 1 Acre Pond
- Preliminary Cost Assessment: 2.5 Acre Pond
- Water Allocation
- Next Steps

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson to move forward with the 2.5-acre pond concept this year, focusing only on the pond using reclaimed water and then in future years working on further amenities while currently seeking grant funding and potential donations for those areas. The project should be brought-in-house and put to bid by the town to reduce overhead costs. Existing infrastructure should continue to be evaluated for opportunities for repair or reuse to further reduce costs.

Discussion ensued amongst Council, staff, and Ms. Field regarding item #3.

Councilmember Jones-Ivey requested to amend the main motion to look at what it would cost to do this project in-house. No second was received.

Discussion continued amongst Council, staff, and Ms. Field regarding the pond concepts at the Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve.

Councilmember Nicolson requested a friendly amendment to remove the language "that the project should be brought-in-house". Vice Mayor Barrett did not accept the friendly amendment.

Vice Mayor Barrett amended the main motion to include the language "As possible", seconded by Councilmember Nicolson.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding pond concepts at the Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson **FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED**: to move forward with the 2.5-acre pond concept this year, focusing only on the pond using reclaimed water, and then in future years working on further amenities while currently seeking grant funding and potential donations for those areas. As possible, the project should be brought-in-house and put to bid by the town to reduce overhead costs. Existing infrastructure should continue to be evaluated for opportunities for repair or reuse to further reduce costs.

Vote: 4 - 2 Carried

OPPOSED: Mayor Joseph C. Winfield
Councilmember Harry Greene

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

4. ~~DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INITIATE A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONING (PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT) FOR THE TOWN CENTRE- PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT AS IT APPLIES TO THE TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY (AREAS 3- AND 4) LOCATED EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF ORACLE ROAD AND PUSCH VIEW LANE~~

This item was removed from the agenda.

5. RESOLUTION NO. (R)25-13, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA FOR A LOAN FROM ITS DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM; DELEGATING THE DETERMINATION OF CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING THERETO TO THE WATER UTILITY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWN; AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT AND THIS RESOLUTION

Water Utility Director Peter Abraham introduced the item and started the presentation, which included the following:

- WIFA Funding Objectives

Chief Financial Officer Dave Gephart continued the presentation and included the following:

- Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) Loan Summary

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)25-13, approving the form and authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona for a loan from its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program, delegating the determination of certain matters relating thereto to the Water Utility Director and Chief Financial Officer of the Town; and authorizing and ratifying the taking of all other actions necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by such loan agreement and this resolution.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

6. ~~DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DIRECTION FOR THE NEXT GENERAL PLAN~~

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. ~~DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FUND~~

This item was removed from the agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Nicolson requested a study session on the annexation of the Ina Road and Oracle Road area, seconded by Vice Mayor Barrett.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

Michelle Stine, MMC, CPM
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, Arizona held on the 16th day of April 2025. I further certify that the meeting was called and held and that a quorum was present.

Mike Standish, CMC
Town Clerk