

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 21, 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 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4), to discuss or consult with the attorneys for the public body regarding pending litigation on the Clifton matter in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys

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)(3) and (A)(4), to discuss or consult with the attorneys for the public body regarding pending litigation on the Clifton matter in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

Mayor Winfield announced that the following staff members would be joining the Council in the Executive Session: Town Manager Jeff Wilkins, Deputy Town Manager Chris Cornelison, Town Attorney Nathan Rothschild, Planning Manager Bayer Vella, the Attorney from the Municipal Risk Pool, and Town Clerk Mike Standish.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield resumed the Regular Session at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

1. APPROVAL OF ANY DIRECTION TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND/OR NECESSARY STAFF AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING ACTIONS TO TAKE IN THE CLIFTON LITIGATION MATTER

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to proceed as directed in Executive Session.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

Other: Councilmember Mary Murphy (ABSTAINING)

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 EVENTS

Councilmember Greene reported that the Oro Valley Stormwater Utility Department had provided information on the town's website regarding the monsoon season and Oro Valley's free sandbag program.

Councilmember Jones-Ivey expressed appreciation to those that had participated in the Amphi School District Project Graduation event. She also reported that the event was very successful.

Councilmember Nicolson provided a self-correction from the May 7, 2025, Council meeting, stating that the correct core inflation number for the entire year was 2.8%.

Mayor Winfield reported that he had attended a ribbon-cutting and unveiling of a new interpretive sign at the Big Wash Trail Head. The sign highlights the wildlife bridge that crosses State Route 77 and a large culvert that goes underneath the highway. On a monthly basis, cameras at this location identify two thousand wildlife sightings.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins reported the following:

- Provided information regarding the Police Union negotiations
- Update on the Town Manager's Recommended Budget
- Recognized the Water Utility Director and staff for receiving a \$1,500,000 WIFA grant
- Update on the Pickle-icious Jingle Jam partnership
- Update on town projects
- Update on the latest Oro Valley Podcast
- Update on new Oro Valley Businesses

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Oro Valley Police Detective Kristofer Knapp spoke in support of the removal of the Memorandum of Understanding item regarding Public Safety Employees, from the May 21, 2025 Council Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on the Resident Working Groups' efforts to create the next 10-year action plan, known as OV's Path Forward

Oro Valley Principal Planner Milini Simms presented this item and included the following:

- OV's Path Forward
- Community Engagement Plan
- Resident Guidance
- Phase 2: "Let's Think"
- Resident Working Groups
- Preliminary Results
- Draft Goals, Policies and Actions
- Land Use Map
- 30% Draft Review Process

Questions and comments ensued among the Council and staff during and after Ms. Simms' presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - April 30, May 5 and May 7, 2025
- B. Resolution No. (R)25-17, approving the Agenda Committee assignment for the period of June 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025
- C. Resolution No. (R)25-18, authorizing the Chief of Police to sign and enter into, on behalf of the Town, an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Oro Valley and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson to approve Consent Agenda items (A) through (C).

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

- 2. ~~RESOLUTION NO. (R)25-16, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE. TOWN COUNCIL MAY TAKE ANY ACTION TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4-1-8 OF THE TOWN CODE, PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND PROCESSES. ANY SUCH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO BE EFFECTIVE STARTING ON JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 (Continued from 5/7/25 Town Council Meeting)~~

This item was removed from the agenda on 5/20/25.

- 3. REQUEST TO INITIATE ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT RECENT STATE LAW CHANGES REGARDING THE APPROVAL PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITTED USES

Oro Valley Principal Planner Michael Spaeth presented item #3 and included the following:

- Purpose
- Application Types
- Anticipated Code Amendments Continued
- Summary

Questions and discussion ensued among the Council and staff during and after the presentation.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to initiate the zoning code amendment to reflect recent state law changes regarding the review process of development and design review applications with the following elements:

- Enabling administrative approval for permitted or entitled (non-discretionary) code-compliant applications
- Establish a limited appeal process for administrative approval of permitted or entitled (non-discretionary) applications
- Changes to other related sections of code (Economic Expansion Zone, Design Standards, etc.)
- Allow at-risk submittals of certain grading and drainage applications

- Allow expedited review of zoning and grading applications
- Require a Conditional Use Permit for building height increase requests in the Private School (PS) zoning district

Vice Mayor Barrett requested a friendly amendment; to include and identify other areas with unintended consequences and possible methods of mitigating those areas.

Mayor Winfield and Councilmember Greene accepted the friendly amendment.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene **FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED**, to initiate the zoning code amendment to reflect recent state law changes regarding the review process of development and design review applications with the following elements:

- Enabling administrative approval for permitted or entitled (non-discretionary) code-compliant applications
- Establish a limited appeal process for administrative approval of permitted or entitled (non-discretionary) applications
- Changes to other related sections of code (Economic Expansion Zone, Design Standards, etc.)
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- Allow expedited review of zoning and grading applications
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- Include and identify other areas with unintended consequences and possible methods of mitigating those areas.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE FY 25/26 - FY 26/27 STRATEGIC PLAN

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins provided a brief overview of the FY25/26 - FY 26/27 Strategic Plan process. Assistant to the Town Manager Karl Shaddock presented item #4 and included the following:

- Discussion Regarding the Draft FY 25/26 - FY 26/27 Strategic Plan
- Plan Development Process
- Strategic Plan Content
- Updated Process: Rolling Strategic Plan Update
- FY25/26 - FY 26/27 Strategic Plan Projects
- Discussion
- Strategic Plan
- Economic Vitality
- Culture and Recreation
- Public Safety
- Infrastructure and Town Assets
- Land Use and Design
- Effective and Efficient Government
- Financial Stability

Questions and comments were received from the Council during the presentation. Council directed staff to make the requested edits to the plan and place the item on a future agenda for discussion and possible action.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Mayor Barrett requested a future agenda item, not date specific, to discuss the posting of No Parking signs on Moore Road, west of La Canada, seconded by Councilmember Nicolson.

Vice Mayor Barrett requested a future agenda item, not date specific, to discuss the posting of No Parking signs on Calle Buena Vista, north of Calle Concordia, seconded by Councilmember Nicolson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Vote: 7 - 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 21st day of May 2025. I further certify that the meeting was called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Standish, CMC
Town Clerk