

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR, SPECIAL AND STUDY SESSION
JUNE 18, 2025
ORO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11000 N. LA CAÑADA DRIVE**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Greene reported that he and other Councilmembers had attended an event for Memorial Day and a celebration for the Army's 250th Birthday, which was held at the Arizona Heroes Memorial.

Vice Mayor Barrett thanked her fellow Councilmembers for the work they had done with the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Public Safety Employees. Vice Mayor Barrett also expressed her support for the Police Memorandum of Understanding.

Councilmember Robb reported that she had attended the ribbon cutting for the new shade structure at Steam Pump Ranch.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins reported the following:

- Information regarding Oro Valley Transit Driver job posting
- Information regarding Locals Eat Local program
- Information regarding new Oro Valley businesses

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Winfield reported that the agenda would remain as posted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, and Oro Valley resident Kristen Sharp, provided an update on the Locals Eat Local program and presented Mayor Winfield with several prizes for completing the Locals Eat Local challenge.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Quarterly presentation regarding the Explore Oro Valley Destination Marketing Organization representing the Town of Oro Valley

Community and Economic Development Director Paul Melcher and Destination Marketing Manager Crystal Franke presented item #1 and included the following:

- Report Topics
- DMO Operations
- Resort and Limited-Service Hotel Support
- Sponsorship Results Summary

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding the Explore Oro Valley Destination Marketing Organization representing the Town of Oro Valley.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR SESSION

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

SPECIAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the Special Session to order at 6:27 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. (R)25-24, APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORO VALLEY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF THE 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FROM FY 2025/26 THROUGH FY 2034/35 AND THE FY 2025/26 GENERAL PAY PLAN

Mayor Winfield opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Mayor Winfield closed the public hearing.

Chief Financial Officer David Gephart presented Special Session item #1 and included the following:

- FY 2025/26 Final Budget
- Final Notes and Next Steps

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)25-24, adopting the Final Budget of the Town of Oro Valley for fiscal year 2025/26, including the FY 2025/26 General Pay Plan under the same conditions authorized with the FY 2024/25 General Pay Plan Adoption, and further move to approve the Town of Oro Valley 10-year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2025/26 through FY 2034/35.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding Special Session item #1.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)25-24, adopting the Final Budget of the Town of Oro Valley for fiscal year 2025/26, including the FY 2025/26 General Pay Plan under the same conditions authorized with the FY 2024/25 General Pay Plan Adoption, and further move to approve the Town of Oro Valley 10-year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2025/26 through FY 2034/35.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Winfield adjourned the Special Session at 6:32 p.m.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Winfield resumed the Regular Session at 6:32 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Barrett requested that Consent item (A) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

- B. Resolution No. (R)25-25, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Oro Valley and Pima County regarding payment for the incarceration of municipal prisoners
- C. Resolution No. (R)25-26, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Oro Valley and the Pima County Jail to provide officer coverage for video proceedings between the jail and the Court
- D. Resolution No. (R)25-27, 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 Transportation for access to the Arizona Department of Transportation's Databases and Crash Data
- E. Approval of Council Liaison assignments to the Tourism Advisory Commission and Amphitheater School District, effective June 19, 2025 to December 31, 2025
- F. Resolution No. (R)25-28, re-authorizing and approving an amendment to the Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Oro Valley and Pima County for the Community Development Block Grant Program and Home Investment Partnerships Program
- G. Resolution No. (R)25-29, authorizing and approving a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant Agreement between the City of Tucson and the Town of Oro Valley; and directing the Town Manager, Chief of Police, Town Clerk, and Town Legal Services Director, or their duly authorized officers and agents to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution
- H. Resolution No. (R)25-30, approving an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Oro Valley and Pima County for animal control services for one year

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy to approve Consent agenda items (B) through (H)

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

- A. Town Council Minutes - June 4, 2025, and the OV Path Forward Resident Working Group Minutes - January 28, February 6, February 11, February 13, February 20, February 25, February 27, March 6, March 11, March 13, March 20, March 25, March 26, March 27, April 3, April 8, April 9, April 10, April 14, April 17, April 22, April 24, April 29, May 1, May 8, and May 13, 2025

Vice Mayor Barrett expressed her concerns regarding the draft Town Council and OV Path Forward Resident Working Group minutes.

Town Attorney Nathan Rothschild addressed Vice Mayor Barrett's concerns.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION NO. (R)25-31, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR FIBER TO THE HOME PROVIDERS FOR WYERD FIBER AND NOVOS FIBER

Information and Technology Director Scott Zufelt presented item #1 and included the following:

- Purpose of This Agenda Item
- Municipal ROW Authority
- What Cities and Towns Can Still Do
- What Cities and Towns Cannot Do
- Licensee Communication with Residents
- Summary

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)25-31, approving right-of-way agreements for fiber to the home providers for Wyerd Fiber and Novos Fiber.

Discussion ensued among the Council and staff regarding item #1.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)25-31, approving right-of-way agreements for fiber to the home providers for Wyerd Fiber and Novos Fiber.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

2. RESOLUTION NO. (R)25-32, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING A GIFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONA ZIMMERMAN AND THE TOWN OF ORO VALLEY

Parks and Recreation Director Rosalyn Epting provided an overview of the gift agreement between Mona Zimmerman and the Town of Oro Valley.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)25-32, approving a gift agreement between the Town of Oro Valley and Ms. Mona Zimmerman, and, upon the completion of all due diligence on behalf of the Town and a determination of reasonable costs to the Town by the Town Manager, authorize the Town to move forward with obtaining the property, designate the Town Manager to accept the property and sign all the documents on behalf of the Town obtaining the property, and to give authority to move forward with the gift of the home.

Discussion ensued among Council, staff and Ms. Zimmerman regarding item #2.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)25-32, approving a gift agreement between the Town of Oro Valley and Ms. Mona Zimmerman, and, upon the completion of all due diligence on behalf of the Town and a determination of reasonable costs to the Town by the Town Manager, authorize the Town to move forward with obtaining the property, designate the Town Manager to accept the property and sign all the documents on behalf of the Town obtaining the property, and to give authority to move forward with the gift of the home.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

3. RESOLUTION NO. (R)25-33, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE FY 25/26 - FY 26/27 STRATEGIC PLAN

Assistant to the Town Manager Karl Shaddock provided a brief overview of the proposed Strategic Plan.

Motion by Councilmember Harry Greene, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy to approve Resolution No. (R)25-33, adopting and approving the FY 2025/26 - FY 2026/27 Town Council Strategic Plan.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #3.

Councilmember Robb requested the following friendly amendment: under Focus Area 1: Economic Vitality, remove "Innovation Park" from paragraph #1 under Strategic Plan Projects. Councilmember Greene agreed to the friendly amendment.

Motion by Councilmember Harry Greene, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy **FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED**, to approve Resolution No. (R)25-33, adopting and approving the FY 2025/26 - FY 2026/27 Town Council Strategic Plan, and under Focus Area 1: Economic Vitality, to remove "Innovation Park" from paragraph #1 under Strategic Plan Projects.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FUND AND THE HALF CENT RECREATIONAL SALES TAX

The following individuals spoke in opposition to item #4.

Oro Valley resident Debbie Stewart
Oro Valley resident Jim Schilling

Mayor Winfield explained the reason for requesting this item and provided a brief overview of the requested item.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to direct town staff to prepare an amendment to the sales tax ordinance (O)14-17, and all subsequent ordinances related thereof, to remove the spending restrictions on the half-cent sales tax, and to have the revenues collected beneficially applied to the general fund, and to have a public hearing at the August 13, 2025, regular scheduled Town Council meeting, to amend the ordinance.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding item #4.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to direct town staff to prepare an amendment to the sales tax ordinance (O)14-17, and all subsequent ordinances related thereof, to remove the spending restrictions on the half-cent sales tax, and to have the revenues collected beneficially applied to the general fund, and to have a public hearing at the August 13, 2025, regular scheduled Town Council meeting, to amend the ordinance.

Vote: 4 - 3 Carried

OPPOSED: Councilmember Harry Greene
Councilmember (attended via Zoom) Joyce Jones-Ivey
Councilmember Mary Murphy

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

STUDY SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the Study Session to order at 7:41 p.m.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK ON THE 30% DRAFT OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEXT 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN, KNOWN AS OV'S PATH FORWARD

Oro Valley Principle Planner Milini Simms presented Study Session item #1 and included the following:

- OV's Path Forward
- Importance
- Creating a resident-driven plan
- 30% Draft Plan
- Guiding Principles
- Goals, Policies and Actions
- Land Use Map and Designations
- Amendments
- Discussion and Next Steps

Discussion ensued among the Council and staff regarding Study Session item #1.

Council provided feedback to staff regarding the 30% draft of the community's next 10-Year Action Plan, known as OV's Path Forward.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING SEVERAL PROPOSED FEE AND OTHER REVENUE INCREASES AND THE ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORT

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins introduced Study Session item #2.

Chief Financial Officer David Gephart, Public Works Director and Town Engineer Paul Keesler, and Deputy Parks and Recreation Director Matt Jankowski presented Study Session item #2 and included the following:

Mr. Gephart started the presentation and included the following regarding the proposal of three

additional tax categories:

- Benefits to Residents and Businesses
- Five-year Forecast Highlights
- Five-year Forecast
- Strategic Plan
- Tax Collection History
- State Shared Income Tax
- Options: \$930,000 - \$1,880,000/year for all-three
- Proposed to be Restricted Toward Capital

Discussion ensued among the Council and staff regarding Mr. Gephart's presentation.

Mr. Keesler continued the presentation and included the following regarding the proposed Stormwater Utility Fee Increase:

- Proposed Stormwater Fee
- New Rate Provides
- Background and History
- Activities Funded by Current Rate
- Fee Calculation for Commercial Applications

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding Mr. Keesler's portion of the presentation.

Mr. Jankowski continued the presentation and included the following regarding the proposed Parks and Recreation Fees Increase:

- Areas of Proposed Increases
- Memberships
- Rentals - Fields, Archery Range, Ramada, Lap Lane & SPR
- Event Fees & Pickleball Court Rentals
- Parks and Recreation fee proposal summary

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding Mr. Jankowski's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT OF STUDY SESSION

Mayor Winfield adjourned the Study Session at 9:44 p.m.

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, special and study session of the Town of Oro Valley, Arizona held on the 18th day of June 2025. I further certify that the meeting was called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Standish, CMC
Town Clerk