

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 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
Harry Greene, Councilmember
Mary Murphy, Councilmember
Elizabeth Robb, Councilmember

Absent: Melanie Barrett, Vice-Mayor
Joyce Jones-Ivey, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Vote: 4 - 0 Carried

Mayor Winfield announced that the following staff members would be joining the Council in the Executive Session: Town Manager Jeff Wilkins, 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 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor
Harry Greene, Councilmember
Mary Murphy, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember (Attended via Zoom)
Elizabeth Robb, Councilmember

Absent: Melanie Barrett, Vice-Mayor
Joyce Jones - Ivey, Councilmember

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

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy to move as directed in Executive Session.

Vote: 5 - 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 EVENTS

Vice Mayor Barrett joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmember Robb recognized Collin Little, an 8th grader at Wilson K-8 school, for his outstanding academics and community involvement.

Councilmember Greene reported that he attended the *All Seasons Oro Valley* 5-Year Anniversary ribbon cutting event, which was held on Friday, September 5, 2025.

Councilmember Murphy reported that Oro Valley had held their first ever Tourism Advisory Commission meeting, on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Mayor Winfield reported that he had attended the Arizona Heroes Memorial Board's 9/11 Recognition Day event. The event included special guest speakers who recounted memories of their 9/11 experiences 24 years ago. Mayor Winfield encouraged residents to support the Arizona Heroes Memorial Board for future events at that Arizona Heroes Memorial site.

Councilmember Robb reported that she had attended the Pusch Ridge Tennis Facility Event Space ribbon-cutting ceremony, which officially marked the completion of the Pusch Ridge Tennis Facility Event Space.

Councilmember Robb also reported that she had attended the El Presidio Chapter of the Daughters of The American Revolutions Constitution Week event to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution. The Bells Across America event was held on September 17, 2025, at the Oro Valley Public Library, where Councilmember Robb presented a proclamation to proclaim the week of September 17 through September 23, 2025, as Constitution Week in Oro Valley.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins reported on the following:

- Information regarding the Oro Valley Community Academy
- Information on the proposed new taxes and fees for Oro Valley
- Information regarding a Russian Thistle weed pull event
- Oro Valley State of the Town event will be held on October 30, 2025.
- Friday night concert series update
- Information on upcoming Town events

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Oro Valley resident Rick Bolash voiced his concerns regarding the lack of development at the Oro Valley Market Place.

Oro Valley resident Tony D'Angelo provided an update regarding efforts to explore bringing a world-class performing arts center to Oro Valley.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation - National Service Dog Month

Mayor Winfield proclaimed the month of September 2025 as National Service Dog Month in the Town of Oro Valley.

Ms. Debbie Vanzee accepted the proclamation on behalf of service dog handlers in Oro Valley.

2. Presentation of the Charter for the new Disabled American Veterans Chapter 39, Oro Valley

Mayor Winfield welcomed the Charter for the new Disabled American Veterans Chapter 39, Oro Valley.

The State Commander for the Disabled American Veterans presented the Chapter 39 charter to Commander William Jarvis of Chapter 39, Oro Valley.

3. Presentation and possible discussion of the Town's FY 24/25 Quarterly Financial Update through June 2025

Chief Financial Officer Dave Gephart presented this item and included the following:

- General Fund
- Highway Fund
- Community Center Fund
- Capital Fund
- Water Utility Fund
- Stormwater Utility Fund
- Golf Analysis
- Consolidated Year-to-Date Financial Report through June
- General Fund Local Sales Tax Collections
- General Fund State Shared Revenues
- Debt Service Expense
- Operation Investment Summary
- Development Impact Fee Fund Projects

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes - September 3, 2025

B. Resolution No. (R)25-47, 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 City of Tucson for use of the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training center; and directing the Town Manager, Chief of Police, Town Clerk, 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

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

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE VISTOSO TRAILS NATURE PRESERVE DESERT ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

Deputy Parks and Recreation Director Matt Jankowski provided a brief overview of item #2 and introduced Ms. Rebeca Field with Kimley-Horn.

Ms. Field presented the following information:

- Agenda
- Next Steps
- Update on Progress
- Restoration Area
- Seed Mix - Sonoran Upland
- Seed Mix - Low -Grow
- Site/Pond Design
- Planting Design - Trees
- Planting Design — Shrubs
- Planting Design - Accents
- Preliminary Costs: Golf Course Restoration, Driving Range & Cart Path Shoulder Improvements
- Preliminary Cost Assessment: 2.5 Acre Pond
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued amongst Council, staff, and Ms. Field regarding item #2.

Councilmember Nicolson joined the meeting in person at 6:54 p.m. during Ms. Fields presentation.

Mayor Winfield reiterated that the best scenario for a shovel in the ground would be April 2026 for this project, and, if possible, work to have a shovel in the ground a month early, by March 2026.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #2.

Oro Valley resident Phil Zielinski
Oro Valley resident Richard Beam
Oro Valley resident Eileen Rubelmann
Oro Valley resident Matt Wood
Oro Valley resident Charlene Donovan
Oro Valley resident Tom Stegman
Oro Valley resident Madeline Dailey
Oro Valley resident Rosa Dailey
Oro Valley resident Charles Stack
Oro Valley resident Joe Bell

Discussion continued amongst Council, staff and Ms. Field regarding item #2.

Mayor Winfield requested that Town Manager Jeff Wilkins work with staff and Ms. Field to look at the project as a whole, and then, based on that, make a reasonable decision about what minimal parking is needed at this particular site.

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMUNITY COMMENT (60%) DRAFT OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEXT 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN, KNOWN AS OV'S PATH FORWARD

Principal Planner Milini Simms presented item #3 and included the following:

- Purpose
- Creating the Draft Plan
- Going from a 30% to a 60% draft
- Clarify and Broaden
- Land Use Map
- Neighborhood Commercial Office (NCO) Designation and Amendment Process
- Building Height Guiding Principle
- The BIG Community Review
- Next Steps
- Summary and Possible Motion

The following individuals spoke regarding item #3.

Oro Valley resident Bill Rodman

Oro Valley resident Joe Erceg

Oro Valley resident and President and CEO of the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce

Kristen Sharp

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding the Community's next 10-Year Action Plan, known as OV's Path forward.

Vice Mayor Barrett joined the meeting in person during the presentation for item #3.

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Robb, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy to accept the OV's Path Forward Community Comment (60%) **DRAFT**, with the option three (3) for the height guiding principle for the community to consider as part of their review, and direct staff to draft additional sustainability goals, principles, and action items to reflect support for small-scale food production and animal husbandry.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

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

Principal Planner Michael Spaeth presented item #4 and included the following:

- Purpose
- Oro Valley Town Centre map
- Background — Oro Valley Town Centre PAD
- Background — PAD Zoning Area 3
- Background — PAD Zoning Area 4
- Potential Amendments in line with request
- Summary

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding item #4.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy to initiate the requested General Plan Amendment and rezoning for the Town Centre PAD to achieve the following:

1. Consider building heights in Area 3 to 30 feet + 10 feet to 39 feet + 10 feet to include commercial and residential
2. ~~Limit maximum building heights of hotel uses in Area 3 to 39 feet + 10 feet for architectural features~~
3. Remove first floor commercial requirement for multi-family residential uses in Area 3
4. Change the permitted uses in Area 4 to open space and other limited recreational uses
5. Expand an appropriate area for commercial zoning in the area along Oracle Road, immediately south and adjacent to Area 2

Vice Mayor Barrett requested a friendly amendment to have Area 3 designated Neighborhood Commercial Office. Mayor Winfield approved the friendly amendment, seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Councilmember Robb requested a friendly amendment to add another area south called Area 6. Mayor Winfield approved the friendly amendment, seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy **FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED**, to initiate the requested General Plan Amendment and rezoning for the Town Centre PAD to achieve the following:

1. Consider building heights in Area 3 to 30 feet + 10 feet, to 39 feet + 10 feet to include commercial and residential
2. ~~Limit maximum building heights of hotel uses in Area 3 to 39 feet + 10 feet for architectural features~~
3. Remove first floor commercial requirement for multi-family residential uses in Area 3
4. Change the permitted uses in Area 4 to open space and other limited recreational uses
5. Expand an appropriate area for commercial zoning in the area along Oracle Road, immediately south and adjacent to Area 2
6. To have Area 3 designated Neighborhood Commercial Office
7. To add another area south called Area 6

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

5. RESOLUTION NO. (R)25-48, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MOVE THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE POLICY BACK TO 25%

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson to approve Resolution No. (R)25-48, and allocate the additional one-time revenue that is created by this change to the purchase of the police station.

Vice Mayor Barrett provided the reason for requesting this item.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding item #5.

Town Attorney Nathan Rothschild requested that the motion be clarified.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson **FINAL MOTION**, to approve Resolution No. (R)25-48, and allocate the additional one-time revenue that is created by this change to the purchase of the police station, and with the amendment to the Town finance procedures, that the one-time saving of the 5% will go to the Capital Fund. In future years, any amounts above 25% will proceed according to the funding policy.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Mayor Barrett requested a future agenda item for the October 1, 2025, Regular Session, for discussion and possible action regarding hiring a Town Attorney who reports to the Town Council. Seconded by Councilmember Nicolson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 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 17th day of September 2025. I further certify that the meeting was called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Standish, MMC
Town Clerk