

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 3, 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
Mary Murphy, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember
Elizabeth Robb, 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: 7 - 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 6:00 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

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 Harry Greene to move as directed in Executive Session.

Vote: 7 - 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

Councilmember Jones-Ivey recognized Luiza Leal, an 8th grader at Cross Middle School, for her outstanding volunteer service, enthusiasm, reliability, and willingness to step in wherever she was needed.

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

Councilmember Greene reported that there had been false rumors on the internet regarding his alleged retirement from the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Barrett reported that the Council had attended the *Shop With a Cop* event on December 3rd, held by the Oro Valley Police Department, in partnership with the Fraternal Order of Police Oro Valley Lodge #53, Lisa Bayless, Walmart Oro Valley, and the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins reported on the following:

- Information on the Oro Valley Holiday Festival of the Arts & Tree Lighting Celebration
- Information on SnOV: An Oro Valley Holiday Event
- Information on the Oro Valley Hot Cocoa 5K Run/Walk 2026
- Information on the RTA NEXT meeting, hosted by the Town of Oro Valley
- Information 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

President of the Oro Valley Police Officers Association and representative for the Oro Valley Fraternal Order of Police Loge #53, Kristofer Knapp, provided a brief update regarding the positive impact the Police MOU agreement has had on the agency and requested that pay adjustments be looked at regarding command staff compensation.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - November 19, 2025
- B. (Re)appointments and/or appointments to the Board of Adjustment (BOA), Budget and Finance Commission (BFC), Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Health Care Benefits Trust (HCBT), Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC), Stormwater Utility Commission (SWUC), Water Utility Commission (WUC), Tucson Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee (TPCBAC), and the Pima Association of Governments Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (PAG EPAC)
- C. Approval of Council Liaison assignments, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026
- D. Resolution No. (R)25-55, approving the Town's Legislative Agenda, protocols guiding the Town's priorities for the 2026 legislative session, and any lobbying activities

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

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

2. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson to nominate Melanie Barrett as Vice Mayor.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

3. PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION ON THE PROPOSED SURF THRU EXPRESS CAR WASH ART WITHIN THE ORO VALLEY MARKETPLACE ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF WATER HARVEST WAY AND ORACLE ROAD

Mayor Winfield opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Mayor Winfield closed the public hearing.

Planning Manager Bayer Vella presented item #3 and included the following:

- Public Art Appeal
- Background
- Proposed Art Location
- §27.3.H.2: "Response to Context"
- §27.3.H.9: "Advertising Elements"
- Summary

Ms. Marquez, CEO of Art State Arizona, and representing the applicant, presented the following:

- Purpose of Appeal
- The Artwork at Issue
- Definition of Corporate Identity in Public Art
- Intent of §27.3.H.5(b)
- Comparison: Arizona Best Practices
- Why Sculpture is NOT Corporate Identity
- Section 27.3.H.2 Appeal
- What the Town's Decision is Based On
- Key Arguments — Section 27.3.H.2
- Conclusion

Mayor Winfield provided a brief reiteration of item #3 and defined Council's role for this item.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey to uphold the administrative determination to deny the proposed art for Surf Thru Express Car Wash, finding it does not meet all zoning code requirements.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding item #3.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey to uphold the administrative determination to deny the proposed art for Surf Thru Express Car Wash, finding it does not meet all zoning code requirements.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING THE HIRING PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins provided a brief overview of item #4.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding item #4.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy that the Council proceed with interviewing the Town Attorney candidates first, in order to ensure an unbiased and independent evaluation. After the Council interviews are complete and finalists are determined, staff may conduct interviews with the finalists and provide the Council with written summaries outlining each candidate's strengths and weaknesses. At a minimum, the staff interview panel shall consist of representatives from the Town Manager's Office, Human Resources, Legal Department, Town Court, Police Department, and Nathan Rothschild. Staff shall not rank candidates or make a selection recommendation. Following receipt of these summaries, the Council will then proceed to final deliberation and identification of its preferred candidate.

Vice Mayor Barrett requested a friendly amendment to include that the staff listed in the motion would be the only people on the panel. Mayor Winfield accepted the friendly amendment, seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy **FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED**, that the Council proceed with interviewing the Town Attorney candidates first, in order to ensure an unbiased and independent evaluation. After the Council interviews are complete and finalists are determined, staff may conduct interviews with the finalists and provide the Council with written summaries outlining each candidate's strengths and weaknesses. ~~At a minimum,~~ The staff interview panel shall consist of representatives from the Town Manager's Office, Human Resources, Legal Department, Town Court, Police Department, and Nathan Rothschild. Staff shall not rank candidates or make a selection recommendation. Following receipt of these summaries, the Council will then proceed to final deliberation and identification of its preferred candidate.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Winfield wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 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 3rd day of December 2025. I further certify that the meeting was called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Standish, MMC
Town Clerk