

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 28, 2026
ORO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11000 N. LA CAÑADA DRIVE**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Joyce Jones-Ivey, 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 Robb recognized Brenden Keating, a Junior at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, for his outstanding academic excellence, community service and community excellence.

Councilmember Robb recognized Adilynn Jensen, an 8th grader at Leman Academy of Excellence, for her outstanding academic excellence, and for being a positive role model and citizen for her community.

Councilmember Robb encouraged citizens to volunteer and participate in Amphi School district's Project Graduation events and fundraisers.

Vice Mayor Barrett reported that she will be running for Mayor in the upcoming Oro Valley election.

Councilmember Nicolson reported that he and other Councilmembers had attended *Annie*,

a children's play. Councilmember Nicolson also reported that his nephew Drew Nicolson would be the starting long snapper for the University of Arizona.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Town Manager Jeff Wilkins reported the following:

- Information on the Popular Annual Financial Report (PARF)
- Welcomed new Oro Valley businesses
- Information on RTA Next
- Information on upcoming Oro Valley events

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

There were no call to the audience speakers.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and possible discussion of the Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025

Chief Financial Officer David Gephart provided a brief overview of the Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit for Fiscal Year ending June, 30, 2025, and introduced Mr. Brian Hemmerle, Partner at Baker Tilly.

Mr. Hemmerle presented item #1 and included the following:

- Executive summary
- Our responsibilities
- Required communications
- Nonattest services
- Communications with Town Council and Management

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding the Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

2. Presentation regarding the 2025 Your Voice, Our Future Annual Progress Report

Principal Planner Milini Simms presented the 2025 Your Voice, Our Future Annual Progress Report.

- Your Voice, Our Future (YVOF)
- Importance of the Annual Progress Report
- Progress Over the Years
- 2025 Progress Report
- Actions completed or maintained in 2025
- Actions in progress
- Actions worked on with OV's Path Forward
- Summary

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding the 2025 Your Voice, Our Future Annual Progress Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - January 14, 2026
- B. Resolution No. (R)26-05, authorizing and approving the appointment of Steven Zraick as the Oro Valley Town Attorney and to approve an employment agreement, with an effective date of January 28, 2026, and a start date no later than April 6, 2026

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

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A MASTER SIGN PROGRAM FOR THE RANCHO VISTOSO CENTER LOCATED AT 13005 N. ORACLE ROAD, TO INCREASE THE MONUMENT SIGN HEIGHT ALLOWANCE

Mayor Winfield opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Mayor Winfield closed the public hearing.

Senior Planning Technician Patty Hayes presented item #1 and included the following:

- Purpose
- Location
- Master Sign Program
- Monument Sign Height
- Signs 1 & 2
- Sign 1 on Oracle Road
- Sign 2 on Rancho Vistoso Blvd
- General Plan
- Summary

Applicant Milton Solomon provided a brief history of the proposed Master Sign Program for the Rancho Vistoso Center located at 13005 N. Oracle Road, to increase the monument sign height

allowance.

Motion by Councilmember Harry Greene, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to approve the master sign program for the Rancho Vistoso Center's monument sign height increase, based on finding it meets the standards of a master sign program of the Oro Valley Zoning Code with the following conditions:

- Landscaping, in accordance with the approved Rancho Vistoso Center plant list, shall be installed around the sign to mitigate the sign base height.
- Due to utility easements, shallow-rooted plants are required.
- Use plant types that will not interfere with sign visibility.

Vice Mayor Barrett requested a friendly amendment to have the concrete band around the sign match the coloring of the sign. Councilmember Greene accepted the friendly amendment.

Ms. Hayes stated that the concrete band had already been treated to match the coloring of the sign.

Discussion continued among Council and staff regarding item #1.

Motion by Councilmember Harry Greene, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to approve the master sign program for the Rancho Vistoso Center's monument sign height increase, based on finding it meets the standards of a master sign program of the Oro Valley Zoning Code with the following conditions:

- Landscaping, in accordance with the approved Rancho Vistoso Center plant list, shall be installed around the sign to mitigate the sign base height.
- Due to utility easements, shallow-rooted plants are required.
- Use plant types that will not interfere with sign visibility.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

2. RESOLUTION NO. (R)26-04, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AND ENTER INTO, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ORO VALLEY AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE FUNDING OF DRONE LEASES TO ASSIST IN THE PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION OF BORDER-RELATED CRIMES

The following individual spoke regarding item #2.

Oro Valley resident Sean Glaser.

Oro Valley Police Lieutenant Kevin Peterson provided a brief overview of item #2.

Assistant Chief of Support Services for the Golder Ranch Fire District, Grant Cesarek, provided information regarding proposed locations and housing for the drones.

Oro Valley Police Commander Zachary Young provided additional information regarding the agreement for the funding of drone leases.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)26-04, authorizing the Chief of Police to sign and enter into, on behalf of the Town, an Agreement between the Town of Oro Valley and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for the funding of drone leases to assist in the prevention and prosecution of border-related crimes, 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.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding item #2.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)26-04, authorizing the Chief of Police to sign and enter into, on behalf of the Town, an Agreement between the Town of Oro Valley and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for the funding of drone leases to assist in the prevention and prosecution of border-related crimes, 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.

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Mary Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 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 28th day of January 2026. I further certify that the meeting was called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Standish, MMC
Town Clerk