



# TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL  
February 8th, 2024 AT 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.  
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

**A. Call to Order – Mayor**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

**B. Roll Call.**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Johann Wallace, Christy Hirshberg, Cynthia Butterworth, Jeffrey Ferro, Danielle Cardella, Jean Smelt, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

**Absent:** Debra Trate.

**a. Invocation**

*Any prayer/invocation that may be offered before the start of regular Council business shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, for the benefit of the Council and the citizens present. The views or beliefs expressed by the prayer/invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker. A list of volunteers is maintained by the Town Clerk's Office and interested persons should contact the Town Clerk's Office for further information.*

**C. Call to the Public – Mayor**

*A.R.S. 38-431.01 states the Public Body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Public Body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Public Body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Public Body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Public Body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.*

## **D. Consent Agenda - Mayor**

*All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine matters and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Member of the Town Council requests that an item or items be removed for discussion. Council Members may ask questions without removal of the item from the Consent Agenda. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered in their normal sequence as listed on the agenda, unless called out of sequence.*

C.1 Consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 25, 2024 and the Work Session held on January 24, 2024. C.2 Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

**Motion:** Approval of the items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

**Motion:** Approve items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **E. Unfinished Business before the Council – Mayor**

*Public comment will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Mayor and explained by staff. Any citizen, who wishes, may speak one time for five minutes on each agenda item before or after Council discussion. Questions from Council Members, however, may be directed to staff or a member of the public through the mayor at any time.*

## **E. New Business Before Council - Mayor**

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### **E.1 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval to issue a Request for Proposals for prosecution services for the Town’s Municipal Court.**

**Motion:** Approval to issue a Request for Proposals for prosecution services for the Town’s Municipal Court, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Town Manager Harvey explains to the Council that the Town had signed a contract that expires on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February with the prosecutor. They would like to go out for RFP again to see if we can get a deal. The current contract was the lowest bid, but our costs have increased. She tells them that sometimes it has to do with things like hours put in or technology. Some of the technology we use, she believes, has been a challenge. The contract allows us to go forward month-to-month, which we will do while we put the RFP out and the current prosecutor will be invited to bid again. She believes this is a wise thing for the Town to do and would prepare and bring everything back to Council.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Wallace asked what type of timeline would they be looking at? Just until we get a certain number of bids. A specific number of bids?

Manager Havery replies that she would like to leave it open longer than they did last time, because they didn't get very many number of bids. They also need the time to be able to publicize it more. She is thinking sixty (60) days.

**Motion:** Approve the issuance of an RFP for 90 days, for prosecution services for the Town's Municipal Court, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg. Motion passed unanimously.

## **E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval to purchase a front-end loader (tractor) in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.**

**Motion:** Approval to purchase a front-end loader (tractor) in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace tells the Council that they have already budgeted \$30,000 and are looking at pulling the other \$10,000 out of the Contingency Fund.

Manager Harvey confirms this.

Mayor Wallace comments that this is tied to the fact that every time we find one, we can't get it on the agenda quick enough to buy it. So, this is basically looking for preapproval.

Manager Havery confirms this also.

Mayor Wallace tells the Council that he has no issues with this and asks if they have any questions.

Council had no questions.

**Motion:** approve the purchase of a front-end loader (tractor) in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg. Motion passed unanimously.

## **E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Council direction to staff regarding which portions of the Town Code should be reviewed for potential amendment.**

**Motion:** Council direction to staff regarding which portions of the Town Code should be reviewed for potential amendment, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace begins by asking the Council if they have any recommendations.

Councilmember Ferro replies the pet code.

Mayor Wallace asks what title that is?

Councilmember Ferro replies that he believes it covers/goes across three of them. Which is what he thinks is part of the problem.

Manager Harvey comments to the Council that she has identified some that have been identified to her from different Council members, but obviously was open to more. The Procurement, that goes back to the purchasing because our numbers are too low, and we don't want to have to go and do an RFP just for something for \$7,000. Animals, it does cover different codes. It would be in Title 18 and Title 6. We would want to do both of those. And then Neighborhood Preservation, that's the one that talks about how people keep their own residential properties. She tells the Council that they're going to be working on all of them, but they want to get them prioritized because she recognizes that their time is limited too. This is what she has come up with, with staff input, but if the Council has other ideas, she asks that they say so. She tells them that Chapter 17 needs a lot of work so it will take a while. This one is under review though it isn't one on the list she supplied to Council, but they will be getting it soon. She asks for feedback if there are others that they believe are more critical than the ones she has supplied so they can prioritize them.

Mayor Wallace comments that he wants to add in some other ones but where this is something she has already been talking to staff about, he doesn't want to derail any existing conversations. There's still time.

Manager Harvey replies yes. She also reminds them that they have already done Title 5 (Business Licenses), Title 15 (the Building Code), and part of Title 18 (Zoning). So, there has been progress on some of those.

Mayor Wallace asks that based off of everything the State Legislature has passed and has been written into law for the State of Arizona, are we keeping an eye on that and seeing if it impacts our Town Code or if we need to change anything.

Manager Harvey answers yes sir we are. She tells him that 18 is the one that she's really looking at because of some stuff up there right now.

Mayor Wallace asks the Council how they want to prioritize what has been presented. He asks Manager Harvey if she feels these are things that can be worked on in tandem based off the level of modifications concerned.

Manager Harvey answers she believes they can be worked on in tandem. There are different people that will be working in different areas.

Mayor Wallace encourages the Council to read each one of the suggested Titles and if they have any questions about them to bring them to Manager Harvey so she can get all of our comments and incorporate them. Hopefully doing so can cut down on the necessity of back-and-forth hearing. If we need to have a work session, we will have one. Let's do whatever we can to start getting some thoughts to Manager Harvey on these Chapters so we can shape up those work session process.

Councilmember Ferro commented let's not wait. He tells the Council that Chapter 18 sounds like it's going to be burly so let's hold off on that for now. Chapter 3, Chapter 6, and Chapter 16 let's take those three now and start working on them now. If we collectively need more time, then we can take it. Every has a different schedule.

Mayor Wallace comments that there is a relationship between Chapter 16 and Chapter 18. He thinks we can do all of them like Manager Harvey said, since there will be multiply people

working on them and we don't have to worry about it being only one person, one entity sorting it out. He asks Manager Harvey to clarify if she wants them to pick what they want work on right now.

Manager Harvey tells the Council that some of these will be finished before others and that she would like them to allow work sessions as they finish. These four are going to be the focus for now.

Mayor Wallace answers that this is fine. He asked that if one is getting close to finished but she hasn't heard from the Council that she reaches out and gives them what they have come up with.

Manager Harvey agrees to.

**Motion:** Work on Titles Three (3), Six (6), Sixteen (16), Eighteen (18), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval of a plan to improve the safety of the Town Hall parking lot and School Drive.**

**Motion:** Approval of a plan to improve the safety of the Town Hall parking lot and School Drive,

**Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro.

Sergeant Barry greets the Council and introduces a proposal. The proposal is for a roadway project for School Drive that is between Gonzales Blvd and Gila. It's to add round edges to Town Hall. The purpose of the proposal is to improve public safety and by doing this we will identify the appropriate roadways. It will assist with the safe travel of traffic both ways. He has spoken about this project with Manager Harvey, Public Works Director Jim Halterman, and Building Official Doctor Jim Johnson. We believe that this project should qualify under the HURF funds. He's purposing that they add a curb at the edge of the parking lot, between the parking lot and School Drive, that will separate the roadway from the parking lot and create boundaries for Gonzales back to the library. The bonus to this is we'll move the stop signs and stop bars so it will make an access point to School Drive in two locations instead of people crossing through the parking lot and just going wherever they want. Once the curb is there that will open the space in the parking lot that the Town can add more parking spaces for Town Hall. This would create a prospective of twelve (12) new parking spaces. In addition to that because we have an ADA sidewalk that is on the corner, his recommendation is to change the two parking spots that are the closest, to be additional handicapped parking spots and add in the protected area for those vehicles.

Councilmember Ferro asked if he is looking to add two new ADA parking spots or just move the existing ones.

Sergeant Barry answers that there are the existing two already at our ADA compliance sidewalk access, but there is also an ADA compliance sidewalk available here. So, if we were adding additional parking spaces this would be the most beneficial place to add additional handicapped parking.

Manager Harvey adds that if they have people that wanted to come to this meeting for instance, they don't have the front door open so if there was someone who needed handicapped access tonight, they would have to come all the way around. She sees the benefit to that just to access to our Town Council meetings because we don't open the front door for those.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg asked if the court people also use the back door? Do we need two parking spots or would one work suffice.

Manager Harvey answered that the Court does use the back door also and that she unsure how to answer the other question.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg comments that she doesn't see anybody parking in the handicapped much.

Councilmember Smelt commented that she does.

Sergeant Barry comments to the Council that from his perspective and he's looking long term if you're adding extra space since the Town is growing and things are happening why limit yourself now when you have the ability to do it.

Mayor Wallace asked about the number of existing parking spots on the west side of the building.

Manager Harvey answered a lot though she didn't know the actual number. She let the Council know that our buses take up three (3) of those spaces.

Sergeant Barry answered that there are twenty-one (21).

Mayor Wallace asked for clarification on if that's twenty-one (21) in total, or just twenty-one (21) over in that area.

Sergeant Barry explained that there are twenty-one (21) total in that area. It would be twenty-two (22), but a crosswalk takes up one space and the buses also take up some of the spaces.

Mayor Wallace comments about how the number of spaces we have will dictate how many ADA spaces we need to have, and he wants to make sure they're thinking about that.

Sergeant Barry commented that he doesn't believe that there's a mandate for these to be ADA, he's just recommending that we make them ADA.

Mayor Wallace said that he has no issue with it, his only concern is that we would end up with two (2) handicap spots, some normal spots, then two (2) more handicap.

Manager Harvey comments about maybe just doing the one (1) at the back door and not having three (3) up front.

Mayor Wallace commented maybe one (1) to the back door and then the two (2) that we already have. It's just a visual thing. But for vans you need that space. He doesn't have any qualms with it.

Councilmember Cardella comments that the refreshing of the lines around the building would be good.

Sergeant Barry comments that the curb and the stop signs would fall under the HURF, but the rest would be an additional project or another Town cost because he doesn't believe the parking lot would be covered under the HURF.

Mayor Wallace comments that no and that our Public Works guys can paint a line. He says that his only statement would be that if this goes, the parking area that's going to be created; he wants to make sure that the surface is good. So, if we need to look at additional HURF moneys to make sure that that surface area is good.



Councilmember Ferro made a small note on the east side for the purposed stop sign location. He asked if they would want to put that on the other side of that enter way so that it's not like partially blocking the enter way. Commenting that it will be hit by a vehicle.

Mayor Wallace commented that stop signs are supposed to be on the right side.

Sergeant Barry explained the placement in the example is just there so they can see it. The actual stop sign would probably be closer to the curb or on the edge of the curb. He just wanted to make sure everyone could visualize the general area that it would be in, and the example isn't completely too scale. They also had to black out where the existing sign is as it doesn't serve any purpose here, several car lengths before the intersection.

Mayor Wallace states again that he doesn't have any qualms with it. He knows that where the stop sign is over by Huachuca it's a very awkward location because of that massive bump out. He doesn't know if there's anything that we can do to make that less.

Sergeant Barry comments that with this project, when they come down, it will cause people to come to that and we'll put that right out on the road. So, a stop sign will be right out on the road and if we needed to in the painting process, we could put a line between in and out. That way people would be forced to follow the arrows and come down all the way to the stop sign, same on both sides.

Councilmember Butterworth jokingly commented that you hope they'll follow the arrows.

Sergeant Barry replied that if they don't the next part is that they can actually give them a little reminder as to why they should.

Councilmember Ferro tells the Council that walking to these Council Meetings, especially when it's dark, there have been times that people whip it around in that parking area. He's had to be concerned for his safety before, so he likes this.

Mayor Wallace comments that this actually brings up good questions that we'll need to look into.

Sergeant Barry replies that his recommendation for the Council is to go ahead and approve the proposal to allow the appropriate involved parties to obtain estimates of cost, bids for the work, and secure funding for the project and then we would return to Council for the final approval.

Councilmember Smelt asked if there was any idea of how much the curb would cost.

Doctor Jim Johnson answered that they are looking at a couple of things. One is not just putting a curb because that's guaranteed that people will drive over it. They're looking at putting bollards all the way across there as well. We may have to look at and do the lighting calculation. We can put adequate lighting; solar lighting is what he is looking at instead of hardwire lighting. He and Officer Barry have talked about that they may want to fog the entire parking lot and then restripe. We would need to analyze that asphalt section first to see if it needs new mill and fill on it and that's something we would gather all the prices of and then present that back to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg asked if he had a "ballpark" maybe something like \$50,000, \$100,000, \$200,000?

Doctor Johnson answered that he doesn't like to give prices until he has talked with each of the vendors so that he can get more exact in there. He doesn't think it's going to be a very expensive project. It's probably something that they're going to be able to do for less than \$30,000. That's his hope.

Manager Harvey tells the Council that they do have \$80,000 in HURF for Capital Upgrades, which this redesign of the road would qualify. So, we do have sufficient funding. The part on the parking lot, not all of that would be eligible but our Public Works can do a lot of it.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg asked if we've had accidents in this area and is that what is driving this?

Sergeant Barry answers that we have the stop sign out there, but it's hard to enforce that stop sign when people can just drive through 100 acres of parking lot and just come out wherever they feel like.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg asks if this could be done with some kind of barrier or something like that to get them used to not doing that.

Sergeant Barry answers that it would be a permanent barrier, if you put out a temporary barrier and then the wind comes in and knocks it out, damaging a car or something that's not there for a long period of time. The stop sign is there, and people don't follow the stop signs. Just to put out a barrier for a temporary time isn't going to cause anyone to avoid that area.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg asked if it would hinder the Police from going out? They would have to stop, it's an additional, and if there's no traffic coming. The school traffic is out there. People know the times that the school traffic is there in the mornings, afternoons, and during the day when the kids are there. When the kids are off all summer nobody is driving down there much. Not to say they don't drive there period, but they don't go there as much. She doesn't see the issue.

Sergeant Barry tells her that he appreciates that she wants the cops to be able to get out quickly, but the reality is that they have an obligation to safety just like everyone else and should be stopping at a stop sign and stopping at the roadways. So, there is no added time to our response by having to stop at a stop sign.

Manager Harvey comments that what this is based on is observation and as Councilmember Ferro said: he's seen it walking. The problem is people won't follow the roads, they're just flying through the parking lot and so we haven't had an accident yet; that's true but that's unsafe. She tells the Council that even she isn't always sure of exactly where you're supposed to stop because it isn't marked right. When that happens you can have people who are both trying to stop but one is here and one is there and it's just an accident waiting to happen. She thinks it's been a problem ever since they redesigned the front parking lot, and the stop sign was put where it is, and nobody is stopping. Nobody is stopping there; they're just going straight through to that parking lot. Then we're having big trucks come and park in the parking lot or trying to get turned around. They'll come from the highway and use this area to turn around.

Doctor Johnson tells the Council that he can attest to this, and he has almost been run over four or five times just trying to walk across the parking lot. People come flying down through here and he's had to jump back at least four or five times.

Councilmember Smelt asked if it was going to be big enough for the fire trucks to be able to get in there and if we still had the clickers?

Sergeant Barry answered that the width at the end of the road will be the same width as they have coming through the parking lot because the lines in that will line up with the red curb. So, it will line up directly with the red curb and the curb on this end will be in line with all the parking spaces that are already there. So, it's not shortening the distance, it's just creating that big gap that's between the two areas that people should be using.

Mayor Wallace comments that the last thing he has to add is that he knows trucks come and park and drop stuff off. He thinks that we need to start, and this isn't something that he thinks we have to wait on to start, but to identify a spot as a loading and unloading zone. That way we can start getting these delivery trucks and people trained where to go/park. That's just something that he thinks they don't have to wait on.



Sergeant Barry comments that he had spoken to Doctor Johnson and Public Works Director Jim Halterman about this and if this is approved, what they can do temporarily is bring out some barricades and start with some painting on the roadway. Which would start to get everybody thinking that this is where they need to go as we get the project going forward. Then they would already be used to it for when they come in and put in that curb and barriers, people will have already gotten used to it. There are some temporary barricades.

Doctor Johnson explained to the Council that they could use jersey barriers, briefly what those are, and that these could be used to make the public aware that something is changing here. Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg comments that she thinks this is a great idea and that they should put the lines out there now. She doesn't understand why we should wait until we get a curb for that. She just doesn't think a curb is going to stop anybody. If they're going through, they're going through but we can put the stop line out there now. There's just so much of our roads that needs to be fixed and to spend \$30,000 on that even when we have roads deteriorating. If it was a problem, she'd be the first one there, but she doesn't see a problem here. That's how she sees it. Just do the lines, do everything, put the jersey barriers out there, do the stuff that's not going to cost anything. If we can do it for nothing, why are we going to spend \$30,000?

Councilmember Cardella commented because that looks ugly. Because we've been working so hard to make this town look better and she thinks that it's a quick solution, but it'll look like crap. So, she thinks it's probably worth the investment especially where this is where all the people are coming, and all of our events are held. She's for it.

Councilmember Ferro commented that jersey barriers do have a cost.

Councilmember Smelt replies that she was just about to ask how much more is a jersey barrier going to cost.

Mayor Wallace comments that it sounds like there are some things they can do to move forward. To start basically retraining people but it still behooves us to get an actual idea of how much the cost is going to be to actually do the project.

Doctor Johnson informs the Council that they can run it both ways. They can run the cost for jersey barriers, striping, and sign removal. Stuff like that. Versus the hardened curb and bollards.

Mayor Wallace comments that he doesn't think there's anything preventing them from moving that stop sign now, so we can move that stop sign. That's an immediate thing that we can change. Given the proposal he does want to see the cost. He likes this idea because admittedly he is guilty of just driving around through the parking lot instead of going into the street like he should. So, he thinks there is value to try and do that and reshape it. Maybe even if that results in us changing the way the parking is done over there, because he isn't a fan of parking over there and the problems it could cause. Town Hall parking should be in the front of Town Hall here and that should be very limited parking because of public safety access for police and fire. He would like to see what the cost is.

**Motion:** go forward and see what the cost for the project as outlined as well as separate costs for jersey barriers and everything else like that, then bring it back to council and we'll take another look at it, **Action:** Direct Staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Selection of a date/dates for Council training on various legal topics.**

**Motion:** Selection of a date/dates for Council training on various legal topics, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Mayor Wallace introduces the subject by reminding the Council that they had talked about this a little last year, about having some training done for Council. Ethics training, what's good, what's not good, what we can do, what we shouldn't be doing. Those types of things and then to just really reiterate to legal dos and don'ts of being an elected member of a municipality. Manager Harvey tells the Council the some of the subjects that were identified. Conflict of interest, ethics, prevention of sexual harassment, Title six (6) and (7) of the Civil Rights Act. And then Public Records is something that has come up recently and there have been some changes to the law, and we want to make sure that the Council also understands the laws that pertain to Public Records because we're held accountable. And you as elected representatives may get those requests and we need to make sure that there is a timeline involved and you need to get them to the right person. We have to meet the statutory requirement. These are things that I've talked to Mr. Benavidez about and he's prepared to do some training on. If there was something else, they would have to let her know. She tells them that this is already a pretty hefty amount, but the hope is we can do it all in one (1) work session. She shows them the dates that Mr. Benavidez is available, they're our alternate Thursdays. This is because of what we discussed last year about when we have to do extra things, we would try to do it on alternate Thursdays because they aren't Council Meetings. The time would be 6pm. She asks that if they don't feel comfortable making a decision tonight, that they give her feedback so she can get it scheduled for one of these days.

Councilmember Ferro asks about the estimated length of training time.

Manager Harvey asks Mr. Benavidez if he has an estimated length of training time. She thinks it will be a couple hours.

Mr. Benavidez replies that it should be about two (2) hours for all of it.

Mayor Wallace asks that they would be looking at about 30 minutes for each session but no more than an hour.

Several people answer Two (2) hours.

Mayor Wallace comments just one (1) session! He's down for that.

The Councilmembers answer that any day given would work for them.

Councilmember Smelt comments the sooner the better, let's get it done.

Manager Harvey asks if they could do March 21<sup>st</sup>?

The Council agrees to March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Ferro asks to clarify that this is going to be an annual requirement for each year around the same time.

Mayor Wallace and Manager Harvey answer yes.

Mayor Wallace explains this is going to be like an annual refresher. That this is very vital and important for every single member of council because they are just as susceptible to everything, and he wants to make sure that everyone sitting on council are never questioned about their decisions or the way they go when they're doing what they do. It is very important to him. They need to make sure that what they're doing, they're doing above bar, and they have no other ethical concerns. No conflicts of interests occurring and that we're all good to go. Definitely be

there and if for some reason someone can't be there, they're still going to get the training. They'll get one on one training. It's mandatory.

Manager Harvey tells the Council that she plans to have department heads attend the training as well. As all of that is pertinent to them.

Mayor Wallace makes the comment that if you can't attend in person the Town does have the technology where they can attend remotely. There is no legitimate reason someone can't make this meeting.

Councilmember Smelt asks for clarification that they're planning for March 21<sup>st</sup>?

Mayor Wallace replied March 21<sup>st</sup> it is.

## F. Reports of Current Events by Council

**Councilmember Smelt** is meeting the Governor next week. She's excited about it.

**Councilmember Butterworth** the emergency food program is next Friday. She encourages volunteers to show up with closed-toed shoes and a willingness to work. She hopes they'll find out at the next SVMPO meeting where they stand on the road projects. She knows a lot of stuff is sitting and still up for discussion up in Phoenix.

**Councilmember Cardella** will also be attending the Governor's State of the State Southeastern Address at Buena Highschool. She's looking forward to that.

**Mayor Wallace** says it's been an interesting week with many things popping up in a short amount of time, sadly he wasn't able to make it. Fortunately, Manager Harvey was able to attend the Round Table with Bishop Kennedy. He is the independent candidate for president. He came down to meet with law enforcement, mayors, and town managers just to kind of see firsthand what it's like down here. It was a really big educational moment for him. There were a lot of things that he didn't really know or that he'd never really seen. So that was good. It's just a really busy time and he's sure we've seen it. The high-speed chases and there have been a couple stops that our officers have been involved in where they're driving stolen vehicles, there are undocumented aliens, so it's still not safe out there. You have to keep your eyes open while crossing the street or even when driving your car. Lastly, he believes in March we will start seeing some activity on the highway. So, if you know you'll be driving on the highway from Whetstone through the bi-pass you'll be seeing them do a lot of work and a lot of clearing on the roads. They've already been doing some prep work on the sides of the road. So, we should start seeing signs, jersey barriers, and everything else coming out getting ready for them to do the road work. Keep your eyes open for that and pretty soon we're going to have our own project going, hopefully.

## G. Adjournment

**Motion:** To Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on February 22nd, 2024.

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Mr. Johann R. Wallace

Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Brandye Thorpe,  
Town Clerk

Seal:

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Huachuca City Town Council held on February 8th, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Ms. Brandye Thorpe,  
Town Clerk