



# TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL  
April 25th, 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, Debra Trate, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).**

**Absent: Danielle Cardella, Jean Smelt.**

**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 April 11, 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 [Spencer Forsberg]: Mr. Forsberg will present the Town's finances for the month of February.**

Mayor Wallace informs the Council that they will be skipping item E.1 as Mr. Forsberg was unavailable.

### **E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Selection of banking and investment options for Town funds.**

**Motion:** Selection of banking and investment options for Town funds, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey reminded the Council that they had discussed and decided how to proceed with the Operating funds and tells them that they are in the process of executing that decision. They had discussed previously the investment fund that they have that has not performed very well. It's starting to perform better than it did last year. She mentions the presentations they have had about different options. She tells them that at this point, unless the Council wants her to bring in other options or find a Financial Advisor, she would like direction on where the Council would like to put those funds. The choices would be to put the Investment Funds into our Wells Fargo account for the Stagecoach Sweep, it would be swept in with the rest of our Operating Funds. She tells the Council that personally she prefers to keep the Investment Funds separate from the Operating Funds. The other choice is to put all the Investment Funds into the LGIP or CD's or do half and half. She tells them that she is awaiting their instructions. If they want more time or another presentation, she can make that happen.

Mayor Wallace comments that he is good with half and half. He asked the Council if they were good with that too or would they like to maybe hear what a Financial Advisor would suggest. Councilmember Butterworth asked if the LGIP would give them a better return on the investment money.

Manager Harvey answered that the return was about the same just that it's different kinds of money. The CD is going to be less liquid but stay the same where the LGIP is very liquid.

Mayor Wallace commented the LGIP is less volatile when it comes to the marketing community. Councilmember Butterworth commented that with a CD if they had to withdraw that money, they would have to pay a penalty. She doesn't like that.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg commented that this is why half and half could be better, because then they wouldn't need to withdraw from the CD, they would have the LGIP if they ran into an emergency.

Mayor Wallace commented that this brings up a good question of how much money would they want to have in the LGIP before they took it out and put it into a CD or Operating Funds. We'll need to think about that going forward.

Councilmember Ferro commented that he likes the half and half, but he thinks that they should cap the CD exposure at half of what they have now.

Mayor Wallace commented how about we do the half and half and then come back to look at it in six (6) months from a balance perspective.

Councilmember Butterworth asked several questions about CDs.

Manager Harvey answered that it should be in the information they have in their packets. She explained that they would go off of Councils decision for the return dates and try to find the ones that work best for the Town. She tells the Council that she would like their direction about the maturity dates for the CDs.

Councilmember Trate asked if they would automatically renew.

Manager Harvey explained that there would be a point that they would need to decide if they wanted to renew. It would be up to them to direct.

Councilmember Ferro commented that they should be looking at these every six (6) months or so anyway. They don't want to stick money somewhere and then forget about it.

**Motion:** Go ahead and do as discussed, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey and Ruben Villa]: Council direction to staff concerning potential property tax increase for fiscal year 2024-25, for the purposes of: complying with “Truth in Taxation” legal requirements, and budget planning and preparation, including providing formal public notice and scheduling of a public hearing before any final decisions are made by Council.**

**Motion:** Council direction to staff concerning potential property tax increase for fiscal year 2024-25, for the purposes of: complying with “Truth in Taxation” legal requirements, and budget planning and preparation, including providing formal public notice and scheduling of a public hearing before any final decisions are made by Council, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey tells the Council that the first thing that she wants to stress is that on the property tax increase, the decision that the Council makes tonight does not block them into doing anything it just tells them that they want staff to begin the process of Truth in Taxation. Which involves notices and a lot of calculations by staff. She tells the Council that she believes that both her and Ruben are in agreement that they are not recommending that we consider a Property Tax increase this year. The most they would get is \$11,000, which is nothing to sneeze at, but they did do an increase last year. However, that is for Mayor and Council to decide. She tells them that if they do decide that they want to consider doing that they would just tell them tonight and the staff would begin the process. Council would then make that decision at a later date.

Councilmember Trate asked about the amount they would receive, clarifying if it was \$1,100 or 11,000. As they had heard \$1,100 before.

Manager Harvey replied that \$11,000 is the updated number they received today from the Tax Oversight Commission.

Mayor Wallace commented that he had a couple questions. \$11,000 would be the most they could recoup and that would be if they increased to the max amount.

Manager Harvey and Mr. Via answered yes, based off of the updated information they had received so far.

Mayor Wallace asked how big of a hit did this flat tax impact the Town.

Manager Harvey and Mr. Villa answered that they had just received this information and are unable to give definite answers on. It was significant, about \$30,000 or so.

Mayor Wallace commented that it isn't really appetizing because they did it last year. But something that they will need to take under consideration for Council is for next year when they start doing budget, the State Legislature keeps doing things to make them look like heroes when in fact everything they are doing is hurting municipalities because it puts the burden on them to make up the lost revenue. The flat tax is one of them. It's great but the problem is that it directly impacts and affects the municipalities and Towns throughout the state of Arizona by taking money away from them and then they have to try to figure out where that money can come from and what services to cut. He doesn't not want to be in a situation where they have to start cutting services from our residents. So as the budget plays out this year we're going to have to

see how that goes and how these changes at the state level are impacting our budget. We will have to keep it in mind for next year.

Mr. Villa commented that with the due date for the notice coming up that is why they brought it to Council tonight. He also recommended that they look at it on a biannual schedule or something like it, so it doesn't fall behind again.

Councilmember Butterworth commented that if they are doing this stuff with the Wells Fargo account, what they earn in interest might be able to make up that difference.

Mayor Wallace asked Attorney Benavidez if they needed a formal motion about not raising taxes.

Attorney Benavidez answered no that he preferred they not make a negative motion.

**E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey and Ruben Villa]: Council direction to staff concerning potential sales tax rate increases for fiscal year 2024-25, for the purposes of: complying with "Truth in Taxation" legal requirements, and budget planning and preparation, including providing formal public notice and scheduling of a public hearing before any final decisions are made by Council.**

**Motion:** Council direction to staff concerning potential sales tax rate increases for fiscal year 2024-25, for the purposes of: complying with "Truth in Taxation" legal requirements, and budget planning and preparation, including providing formal public notice and scheduling of a public hearing before any final decisions are made by Council, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey tells the Council that never, at least in her time here, have they considered this, and she feels that at the very least they should have the data in front of them and decide what they think is best. It doesn't seem right to just dismiss it. It is another avenue to increase some of the Town's revenue without going back to a Property Tax increase immediately, year after year. They want to try to look at this as a biannual thing so that we aren't being on one and never considering the other. She turns the floor over to Mr. Via.

Mr. Villa greets the Council and tells them that a year ago they prepared an analysis that shows Sales Tax, but they didn't really compare the rate to any other city in our surrounding area. He explained briefly the information available to the Council in their packets and tells them that they want to prepare for it just in case they want to see an increase and publish this with-in the 60-day' notice. Mr. Villa starts to explain the information the Council has available and gives them examples of how the rate change may affect revenue. He shows them the different rates from around us and throughout the state. He explained how the Council has options when doing this. They could choose a type to isolate and change that rate only if they didn't want to make an overall change. He tells them that the question tonight is do they want staff to continue to pursue this as a potential revenue source in the budget. They want to bring things just for discussion only and they would bring it back for a decision.

Councilmember Trate commented that she doesn't think they should go higher than Sierra Vista. She commented about a few of the Cities around us and said that she thinks people would be in an uproar. She mentioned the people who would be most affected by an increase and suggested that they only do it on retail and restaurants. She doesn't believe that they should go higher than ten (10) no matter what. She explained that ten (10) is the combination of taxes.

Mayor Wallace commented that he remembers when they went up to 1.9% and the specific intent was to keep it below Sierra Vista. Going to 3% or going something higher isn't good from an attraction perspective for businesses. The people most affected by this would be the residents and he's not inclined to change this one either this year. He needs to see a whole picture of what the budget is going to look like with the changes at the state level. He knows they are trying to mess with the Rental Tax, it'll be on the ballot. These are things we have to keep our eyes on and he's just not keen on bulking this up.

Councilmember Butterworth agrees with Mayor Wallace.

#### **E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Councilmember Ferro]: Discussion concerning a comprehensive list of the types of building/construction/improvement projects that would require a building permit from the Town.**

**Motion:** Discussion concerning a comprehensive list of the types of building/construction/improvement projects that would require a building permit from the Town,  
**Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Councilmember Ferro begins by mentioning how they have all been going through various chapters of the Town Code. One of the more recent ones was Chapter 18. Something that he noticed going through is that there are multiple references to repairs of buildings requiring Building Permits. He thinks that he understands the intent of that, but repair is a very long, very wide spectrum. There are basically two (2) schools of thought when it comes to Building Permits for municipalities. One is that they are a great way to make money because we charge a fee for them. The other school of thought is that they give the municipalities Building Inspectors awareness and oversight of projects going on so that they can inspect the progress. For inspection purposes he understands. You want to make sure that corners aren't being cut. But there are a lot of things he thinks doesn't need one. And because we don't have any application data on this word repair, at least on Chapter 18, some one reading that is led to believe that anything they do would be covered under a repair not routine maintenance and would require a permit. His proposal is that Town staff prepare a detailed comprehensive list of all those things. Construction, renovation, repair. That would require a building permit. Again, with an eye toward an inspection regiment involved. We don't have this, and he feels that they owe it to the people and businesses in the Town to put something like this on our Town website so that if they have a question they can just go on the website, pull up the list, and see if they need a permit. His proposed action on this would be to direct Town staff to prepare a draft version of this list to be emailed to all members of Council and the Mayor, not later than 30 calendar days from tomorrow, so by May 26<sup>th</sup>. At which Council would have 14 calendar days to review in private for further action. He asked if anyone had any questions, concerns, or comments at this time.

Mayor Wallace agrees that this is something needed. The problem is that some of those things have it in there but it's very wishy-washy. This would be something that lets us know, and others know if they need a permit.

Manager Harvey informs the Council that Doctor Johnson was unable to make it tonight, but she wanted to tell them some of the concerns from the discussion they had. Doctor Johnson expressed the concern that if they didn't have something on the list, that there is some liability.



We would need a disclaimer that would say that it is not all exhausted. Doctor Johnson doesn't believe that we can identify everything.

Councilmember Ferro commented that he believes that our staff and Building Inspector would be able to come up with at least a partial solution. He doesn't expect 100%.

Mayor Wallace suggests that they put together a list of the common things that happen in the Town. This would be something that they can easily come back to and revise if more things pop up. To make it something that staff sets up, manages, and updates. This doesn't necessarily have to be something that comes back to Council unless there is a problem.

Councilmember Ferro agrees.

Councilmember Butterworth commented that her only concern is the time limit for staff as they are already doing budget. She just doesn't think that it would be realistic for them at this time in the year.

Councilmember Trate replied that it would be Doctor Johnson.

Others on Council commented that staff would still likely be involved.

Councilmember Ferro commented that if Manager Harvey informs him that 30 days isn't do-able, he would be amendable to giving more time. He'd rather have a better list later than a junk list when I want it.

Mayor Wallace replied that we would also have changed what kind of list we wanted. Instead of a full comprehensive list we now want a list that covers common things from the last two (2) years where permits were issued. If we can get this first list, then we can start asking questions about other things that may or may not require a permit.

Manager Harvey commented that if they continue with a strategic approach like what has been mentioned she believes it will be more possible for Doctor Johnson to make the list. By looking at the things that have been permitted or asked in the last two (2) years it should be easier and more focused for our residents.

**Motion:** go ahead and direct staff to get us a list of the types of permits that have been requested in the last two (2) years for our review by 28<sup>th</sup> May of 2024, **Action:** Direct staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TITLE 5 "BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS," CHAPTER 5.05 "BUSINESS LICENSES," TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF A BUSINESS LICENSE.**

**Motion:** Second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 Amending the Town Code TITLE 5 "BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS," CHAPTER 5.05 "BUSINESS LICENSES," to Adopt changes to the Requirements for Issuance of a Business License, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace explained that this is the second reading. He asked if anybody had any questions, changes, or concerns.

**Motion:** go ahead and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-01, **Action:** Direct staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

## **E.7 Discussion and/or Action [Stephanie Fulton]: Update on the Town's planned summer programs and activities.**

**Motion:** Update on the Town's planned summer programs and activities, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Director of Library and Community services Fulton greets the Council and tells them that summer is going to be busy. They will be having Summer Splash. This year again for two (2) sessions. One starting May 28<sup>th</sup> - June 21<sup>st</sup>. The other session is from June 24<sup>th</sup> - July 19<sup>th</sup>. There is one holiday in June and one in July and there will be no Splash on those days. The cost for in district is per session \$80. Out of district \$100. If the caregiver signs up for both sessions at once, they will receive a \$20 discount. We will have scholarships available. It is for those that have completed kindergarten and those that have completed the sixth grade. Final interviews for the staff will be taken tomorrow. A nice thing that we are going to be doing this year is we're actually going to be holding a book club with some of the older children. The book is the Milkshake Man and the Author is going to do a free zoom Q and A when we are finished. The applications for Summer Splash will be out on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Library and we will have some up here at Town Hall. We will take enrollment up until the first day. We will be doing Fridays again at \$10 per day.

Summer Reading this year the theme is Adventure starts at your Library. It will run from May 28<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>. Everybody, no matter what their age, will get a free reading buddy to read to or with. We expect to see pictures and we may even have a library sleepover for just the buddies. We'll have to stay tuned and get the security cameras running. To catch them and what they're doing. As always, the State Library and Cochise County Library District have provided us with many of our supplies. The Friends of the Huachuca City Library have generously paid for two big activities. On June 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning from 10am to 11am we're going to have a Foam Party in the park, and everybody is welcome.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11am Wild Man Phil is coming back. He was so popular two (2) years ago and we have had many children and adults ask us when he is coming back.

Smokey the Bear will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with us on June 18<sup>th</sup> and there will be cake for all. She will not be getting 80 candles as that could be a fire hazard.

Huachuca City Police Dept. and Fry Fire have offered Adventures in their stations and vehicles and will host all ages during the first week in July.

Adults will also be doing a Summer Reading Program where for every four (4) books they read they'll get a raffle ticket. Gift cards again have been generously donated by our residents.

A Bookmark Contest will be held over the 8-week period. All entries will be laminated for free and returned to their owners but the winning entries in the categories Adult which is ages 18 +, teens which is 13- 18, Juniors 7-12, and children 3-6 will have multiple copies of their bookmark laminated and made available for the public. She will be needing judges, so she asked that the Council be on the lookout in their emails. On the flyer there is a little spot with suggestions for what they can do, or they can do whatever they want.

The Cooperative Extension program and Water Wise are going to be providing fun sessions again. And we will work at the Garden and have a speaker teach us about adventures in gardening composting with worms. We will actually build a worm compost. We also hope to launch the Seed Library during the summer reading program.



Councilmember Ferro asked where the composting bin would go after it was complete. Director Fulton answered that it would either go into the library's little side garden or the Community Garden.

Director Fulton continued explaining about the Seed Library. With the help from the Healthy Huachuca and the Cooperative Extension program we are moving along slowly but surely. She tells them that hopefully at next month's meeting we'll hopefully be putting seeds into the packets and then talking about the procedures and how it will be for the public. She tells the Council that a terrific piece of new came earlier this month, we have been accepted to the Community Foodbank of Arizona Summer meal program. Which are breakfast kits essentially. This is funded by Albertson and Safeway. Last year they served over 20,500 meal kits just around Pima County. We are going to be one of the first places in Cochise County to be able to offer this. It will run from May 28<sup>th</sup> to August the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Even though school is due to start on July 31<sup>st</sup>, they like to see a little bit of cover just to make sure that everyone gets set up. It is all shelf stable food. The kits will be available Monday to Friday. Even though the library is closed on Mondays we will have a set time period each day where we will be giving out these kits and the children/caregivers can come and pick them up. They supply weekend kits to tide families over who need it and those will go home on Friday. It's open to any youth in our community aged 18 and under. It will help feed our Summer Splash participants for breakfast and she will write a grant to cover lunch during the times that summer school is not in session. She believes that the grant people will be happy to see that we've managed to partner with someone to offset part of the cost. A nice thing about this is the kids can actually take them away. They do not have to be eaten onsite, which makes things so much easier. Delivery will be during the monthly foodbank distribution, and we will receive one month at a time. We are clearing out our storage room to be able to store the food there. We're going to start out with 35 but we can up it or lower it at any time. She took the training this morning and it was terrific. There are other libraries in Pima County that are already doing it and these are the people how will help us do the Afterschool Snack program starting in the next academic year.

Next Director Fulton tells the Council that we are going to have a movie in the park. This will be on Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, time to be confirmed. Sundown is meant to be around 7:30 that night. She will get with other Town staff and the company that will be bringing all the equipment to see what they think. He will actually be coming down to do a sight visit beforehand, but he has worked with Cox Communication for a very long time. Director Fulton thanked the member of Cox Communications who help make this happen. The movie will be Elemental by Pixar Studios. We will hand out free popcorn and she tells them that it would be terrific if anyone on the Council would like to volunteer to help. Families will become to bring blankets, chairs, and other snacks. Director Fulton believes it will be a really good experience and we'll see then how much attendance we get.

Mayor Wallace asked if the Council had any questions. Council had no questions. Mayor Wallace thanked Director Fulton.

#### **E.8 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-09 -- A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2024, AS "ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY.**

**Motion:** Proclamation No. 2024-09 – A Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring the month of May, 2024, as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Month" in the Town of Huachuca City, **Action:**

Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

### **E.9 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-10 -- A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2024, AS "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY.**

**Motion:** Proclamation No. 2024-10 – A Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring the Month of May, 2024, as "Older Americans Month" in the Town of Huachuca City, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

### **F. Reports of Current Events by Council**

**Councilmember Butterworth** mentions the Emergency Food Distribution program that was last Friday. She said a big thank you to the Arizona Rangers, they had cars backed up all the way down to Skyline and cars parked in lines in the lot the Friends of the Huachuca City Library use. She stopped counting families served at 80+, so it was a very busy day. They had the SVMPO meeting yesterday. Jeremy Moore from ADOT reported the contractor for the work on State Route 90. They are going to be using the message boards pretty soon. Setting up distraction signs so people can see what's going to happen. They are going to schedule a meeting with emergency service personal just so that they will know what's going to happen with traffic flow and how it's going to affect. A date and time haven't been announced. The actual paving is scheduled to start in September and apparently the contractor is planning to start on the Sierra Vista end and then work our way. Kevin Adam from R-TAC, the state budget has a short fall. Apparently, several years ago this happened and in order to help balance the budget they cut off HURF Funds. We don't know if they will think about doing that or not, it's a possibility that's out there. The tax on the E.V. vehicles died, it had to have a super majority to pass, and it only had a majority. There is a website for anyone who wants to keep up on the paving or the project on state route 90 that will go on the newsletter.

**Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg** said that she saw the line for the Food distribution and was amazed. It's more than she had ever seen. Other than that, she has been talking to people to get them interested in Council as they have a couple potential openings coming up.

**Mayor Wallace** Mentioned that last Friday they had the Hispanic Chamber Mixer, Mayor McCaa of Sierra Vista gave a State of the City address for Sierra Vista. They have a lot of stuff going on. They had a really cool A.I. picture of a hummingbird. Sierra Vista has the title of Hummingbird Capital of America. They are working on something, he believes in August, to really capitalize and make something of that title. They have some really interesting things coming up. All in all, it was a really good update from Mayor McCaa on things that are going on in Sierra Vista. Mayor Wallace will be doing a State of the City in August during one of the Hispanic Chambers. He thinks this is good timing because it's the first month after the new budget starts so we'll have a budget year in review with hopefully some good things to highlight in there along with the things we have going right now. Next Wednesday he is attending the MAC Luncheon up on Fort Huachuca. It's always a good event just to see everyone up on base and stay in contact with them as it's that time of year there is going to be a lot of change over on Fort Huachuca, that will be happening here in the next several months. Speaking on the highway project, he had someone from Sierra Vista reach out to him.

One of the contractors was potentially looking to house some of their equipment here in Huachuca City so he looped in Manager Harvey and started to email them. He tells every not to be surprised to see the pool opened on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The school might be using it. He had a conversation with Dr. Cox over there and she asked about the pool, so he sent her to Manager Harvey. We do have a facilities use agreement between us and the school and they will be having a field day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. So if you see folks in the pool on the 15<sup>th</sup> know that it's not open it's just a part of our facilities use agreement with the school. School is winding down. A lot of things are going to be here before we know it. It's a very busy time.

### **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 May 9th, 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 March 28th, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Ms. Brandye Thorpe,  
Town Clerk