



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
Work Session
August 29, 2024 6pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY. AZ 85616**

A. Call to Order – Mayor

a. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

B. Roll Call.

Roll Call.

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

Absent: Christy Hirshberg, Debra Trate

A. Work Session –

B.1 Chapter 6 of the Town Code relating to animals will be reviewed for potential revision, including incorporation of legislative changes [HOUSE BILL 2325] regarding domestic chickens, among other potential updates to the Town’s Animal Code that may be discussed.

Motion: B.1 , Action: Open for Discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Jeffrey Ferro.

Chief Berry advises that changes have been made throughout the code, and details each of them. It has been changed to allow chickens, per state law. Dr. Jim Johnson will also have to answer questions/concerns from the public regarding coops and what is allowed. Rabbits are also being allowed. Councilmember Ferro has concerns about limiting the number of dogs and/or cats per household. He would like to have a specific number removed and have it state something such as no more than are able to be properly cared for.

Mr. Benavidez suggests adding wording regarding hoarding in place of a specific number limitation.

Mayor Wallace advises this will need to be brought up at the next Council Meeting for action.

B.2 Chapter 18 of the Town Code relating to zoning will be reviewed for potential revision, including incorporation of legislative changes [HOUSE BILL 2720, SENATE BILL 1162] regarding accessory dwelling units, vacation and short-term rentals, procedures and timeframes for approval of zoning applications, and zoning protests, that require Town Code updates prior to January 1, 2025, among other potential updates to the Town's Zoning Code that may be discussed. The Council might also discuss potential Zoning Code changes arising from HOUSE BILL 2846 deregulating certain types of greenhouses used for producing and storing live plants.

Motion: B.2 , Action: Open for Discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Jeffrey Ferro.

Dr. Johnson advises that we are only changing portions that have been changed by state legislation. He does ask about fence height and what limit Council wants to have. Councilmember Ferro would like no limit on height either in front or back of the home. Councilmember Butterworth has concerns about 4ft in the front yard being too low and allowing people to reach over and remove items from yards. Mayor Wallace wants the current 4 foot in the front yard to remain the same. He would possibly be ok with 8 foot for backyards abutting commercial properties. Mayor Wallace states this will also need to be brought to Council at the next Council Meeting.

G. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on September 12th, 2024.

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 August 29, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk