



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
June 25, 2026 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, Danielle Cardella (via phone), Debra Trate, Cynthia Butterworth, Nallely Arreola (online, joined at 6:04pm), Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent: Christy Hirshberg, Geovona Thompson

c. 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.

B. 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.

Mayor Wallace recognizes Andre Newcomb. Mr. Newcomb speaks. Mayor Wallace interrupts Mr. Newcomb and states that what he is speaking about has nothing to do with anything the Council can act on. Mr. Newcomb is escorted out of the room by an officer.

C. 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 June 11, 2026.

C.2 Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

C.3 Consider approval of the disposal of a Caterpillar D8R VIN #07XM02302GV93 and a Caterpillar road grader VIN #K159DH through public surplus.

Motion: Items listed on the Consent Agenda Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Motion: Approval of the items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.**

Motion passed unanimously.

D. 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]: Resolution No. 2026-09 - Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement [IGA] with Cochise County for election supplies and services.

The Town must contract with the County for supplies and services to conduct the Town's general election for Mayor and Councilmembers on November 3, 2026.

Motion: Item E.1 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth .

Motion: Resolution 2026-09 Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-09 AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TITLE 15 "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION" TO ESTABLISH A PREAPPROVED HOUSING DESIGN PLAN PROGRAM AND AN ONLINE PREAPPROVED PLAN LIBRARY, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 9-461.19. This program would allow architects and design professionals to submit non-site-specific housing plan sets for Town pre-review. If deemed compliant with adopted building codes and local amendments, the plan sets would be listed in the Town's online Preapproved Plan Library. The Town may also accept housing plans that have been developed and preapproved by other municipalities, provided those municipalities have adopted the same building codes as the Town.

Motion: Item E.2 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Motion: Ordinance 2026-09. Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Acceptance of the resignation from Council of Mayor Pro Tem, Christy Hirshberg, effective July 1, 2026. Vice Mayor Hirshberg is resigning because she intends to run for the office of Mayor in the general election. Council may direct staff to announce the vacancy on the Council and solicit applications for possible appointment.

Motion: Discussion and/or Action Action: Open, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg's resignation letter is discussed. Attorney Benavidez explains that Council will need to appoint someone to fill her seat until the end of her term in 2028, which means a two year appointment.

Motion: The resignation from Council of Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg and Direct Staff to go ahead and start posting the announcement for the vacancy on Council Action: Accept, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.
Motion passed unanimously.

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Butterworth- We had the food distribution last Thursday.

I think we had a few fewer people show up than normal, but I think that's because it was on Thursday and on Friday, even though we had done Flyers, but it still went very smoothly.

We had the MPO meeting yesterday. Is looking for their next director. So I don't know how long that's gonna take for that. And then they're looking at the policies or the projects that were put that were approved before and then they're gonna be carried over primarily into the next budget year for request for approval and process and implementation. Then they're also gonna be looking at anything new that has to be entered in there. And Skyline and the multipurpose path are 10% complete.

Apparently there were some problems identifying the utility lines so so they should start getting underway with the weekend of July 4th. But for the crosswalk, about July 15 is when we're expecting a review of the design plans. And then they have to they're working with the contractor to order pole and the electrical box, and it may be in the late with that.

So we're maybe might possibly looking at September or maybe might possibly, hopefully if we if they get them in time in October, then we'll start working on the crosswalk, OK.

But I have no promises for you, and that's all that we have. And I will be working July 4th, the 1st shift.

Councilmember Cardella- Summer Splash is still going.

Councilmember Arreola- no report

Councilmember Trate- I'm just going to be helping to serve for a little bit of time at the Fourth of July

Mayor ProTem Hirshberg- absent

Councilmember Thompson- no report

Mayor Wallace- So we got our nothing big. Just a reminder we got our 4th of July celebration happening next Saturday on 4th of July, I think, right?

America's 250th. I know we're getting ramped up for that.

It's gonna be a good show this year and other than that, it's been just kind of quiet.

It is going to be.

Changing command change of responsibility.

So there's gonna be a lot of that happening as well.

You see a lot.

You know, folks coming in, folks leaving, and of course it's monsoon season rains are here which with rains comes bugs, craters, things.

As well as taller grass and weeds, so make sure folks are staying on top of that once everything starts growing. With that, I make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Benavidez interrupts to ask if there is going to be an announcement about the pool project.

Manager Harvey advises that she was unable to update the Mayor on this but she can provide it now. So there's a gentleman from National Geographic that's going to be in this area.

OK, doing an ode to public pools, OK and he did submit information to us about his. He's doing a book now. He had done an article for National Geographic.

He's asking to visit our pool on the 3rd of July.

He will take photographs that he is responsible for getting releases in order to take those photographs. He's going to be at the Bisbee pool earlier before he comes to our pool. So I can't remember the date he's going to be over there.

They've been posting a notice on their Facebook page to let folks that there will be a photographer there and he's there as an author.

It's not something that we are doing, but we are allowing him to come to our pool and he's responsible for getting his own releases.

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 July 9, 2026.

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 June 25, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk