



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

500 N. GONZALES BLVD.

HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – Mayor

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

Roll Call.

Present:

Johann Wallace, Christy Hirshberg, Cynthia Butterworth, Jeffery Ferro, Debra Trate, Jean Smelt, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey

Absent:

Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe, Attorney Thomas Benavidez

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.

C. New Business Before 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.

Discussion on developing the Town budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. All Town revenues and expenses may be discussed, including anticipated tax rates and revenues, investments, capital improvements, personnel costs, state shared revenues, and grants. The Council will also discuss budget priorities and the budget adoption timeline. The Council might act to schedule future meetings for additional budget development proceedings.

Motion: Discussion on developing the Town budget for fiscal year 2023- 2024. All Town revenues and expenses may be discussed, including anticipated tax rates and revenues, investments, capital improvements, personnel costs, state shared revenues, and grants. The Council will also discuss budget priorities and the budget adoption timeline. The Council might act to direct staff and schedule future meetings for additional budget developmental proceedings, **Action:** Discussion and/or Action, **Made by:** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by:** Jeffery Ferro

Ruben Villa greeted the Council and apologized that the budget hasn't been present to be gone over already. He then briefly goes over the order of how they will progress through the budget.

Ruben begins leading the Council through the packet breaking down what each column represents. He breaks down the page numbers for different Funds and tells the Council they may have to flip between pages as they go over different things. He brings to the Council's attention something that was made an item after being discovered by the auditors. This is something that needs the Council's permission to be canceled. It's estimated \$2.3 million dollars due to the General Fund to Landfill, and \$300,000 from Water due to Landfill. The Auditors suggested it be made an item so that it will be in the format then need/ can accept.

Mayor Wallace clarifies for the Council that this is money considered already spent. Some of it going as far back to before any of them were on the Council. There isn't really any way to try to recover it but this is the way to make it all legal and transparent.

At this point Mayor Wallace, seeing that the public has questions, makes a motion to allow them the ability to ask their questions during the work session.

Motion: Suspend the rules regarding the public during a work session. **Action:** Approve, **Moved By:** Johann Wallace, **Seconded By:** Jeffery Ferro
Motion passed unanimously.

The budget is reviewed including responding to questions from public. Council asks that certain items be looked into and that some things be clarified as to why there was an increase or decrease.

D. Adjournment

Motion: 8:21pm, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on July 13, 2023.

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 15, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk