



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Special Meeting Minutes Special Meeting of the Apache Junction City Council

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Apache Junction, AZ
85119

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*Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the
posted meeting start time.*

Monday, May 4, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Wilson
 Councilmember Cross
 Councilmember Heck
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Nesser

Excused 2 - Vice Mayor Schroeder
 Councilmember Soller

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Evie McKinney, City Clerk
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Rudy Esquivias, Development Services Director
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
Ryan Kaup, Economic Development Director
Pam Harrison, Library Director
Angelie Hawley, Finance Director
Anna McCray, Human Resources Director
Mike Loggins, Public Works Director
Connie Chow, Accounting Manager
Rob Wisler, Management Analyst
Doug Wirthgen, IT Director
JC Kliner, GIS Coordinator

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. [26-194](#) Presentation and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget, classification and compensation plan for city employees, and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Pension Funding Policy.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2027. He began by highlighting the Finance team for their work with preparing the budget. He also thanked the department directors and City staff for their contribution to the budget preparation. He explained that the one time revenues remain strong and local sales tax collections continue

to perform well but there is a slow down in recurring revenues. This will also be the first full year impact of the incorporation of San Tan Valley and the \$2,000,000.00 decrease in our annual budget. Due to these items, the budget was intentionally conservative with only 2 and a half new positions added. He went over areas that are being planned for and the major investment in the workforce.

Finance Director Angelie Hawley shared key budget assumptions of positive activity with sales tax, the full impact of the urban shared income tax will create an estimated decrease of \$2.1 million, employee compensation increases and capital projects will proceed as planned for the General and Special Revenue Funds. Ms. Hawley presented various slides that reflected the budget summary, general fund revenues and expenditures, special revenue fund revenues and expenditures, capital projects for FY 2027, and some of the before and after completed capital projects for FY 2026.

Councilmember Heck expressed his support for the employee Classification and Compensation Study.

Councilmember Cross inquired if the average salary increase is comparable to other cities in the valley.

Mr. Busby responded to Councilmember Cross.

City Manager Bryant Powell expressed his appreciation to Staff for their help with the Classification and Compensation Study and for their work on the proposed budget.

Councilmember Nesser commented on how the City started 48 years ago with a loan from Wells Fargo Bank.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Walter "Chip" Wilson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Evie McKinney
City Clerk