



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

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.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cross gave the invocation and Councilmember Johnson led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Schroeder
Councilmember Nesser
Councilmember Heck
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Cross
Councilmember Soller

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Evie McKinney, City Clerk
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Michael Pooley, Police Chief
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
Mike Loggins, Public Works Director
Amy Greening, Deputy City Clerk
Raquel Schatz, Public Works Project Engineer
Rob Wisler, Management Analyst
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst
Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Superintendent
Jared Grimm, Recreation Coordinator
Jody Dutra, Recreation Coordinator
Elliott Anuta, Recreation Coordinator
Joseph Penze, Commander

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Schroeder to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Schroeder, Councilmember Nesser, Councilmember Heck, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Cross and Councilmember Soller

No: 0

1. [26-189](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [26-190](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2026.
3. [26-199](#) Consideration of approval of Resolution No. 26-24 authorizing the City of Apache Junction to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for technology and related services with the City of Mesa.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. [26-169](#) Proclamation designating the week of May 3rd - 9th, 2026, as "Professional Municipal Clerks Week."

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation designating the week of May 3 through May 9, 2026, as "Professional Municipal Clerks Week." He presented it to City Clerk Evie McKinney. She shared "fun" facts about the City Clerk profession and introduced the Clerks office staff. She also invited the Mayor, Council and the Public to an Open House at the Clerk's Office on May 7, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

5. [26-187](#) Proclamation recognizing May 16, 2026, as "Kids to Parks Day."

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation designating May 16, 2026, as "Kids to Parks Day." He presented it to Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan. She spoke of the importance of this day and the vital role that parks play in childhood. She also invited the community to celebrate the day with the Parks and Recreation team by visiting Flatrion Park from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

6. [26-191](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Cross and Councilmember Soller attended the 2026 Apache Junction Construction Expo on May 2, 2026. They each commented on the success of the expo and thanked City Staff for their help to make it a great event.

Mayor Wilson also shared his positive experience attending the Construction Expo and went over some of the activities that took place. He attended the Pinal Partnership event on May 1, 2026, where they discussed Pinal County mining operations and workforce development needs for the future.

Mayor Wilson stated he has received several emails and comments regarding the City's public art. He went over how public art displays are funded, the creation of the Public Art Commission, and the process of how art is placed within the City.

Councilmember Soller stated that he and Vice Mayor Schroeder attended the Arizona State Peace Officers Memorial. Apache Junction fallen Officer Facio's name was added to the

Arizona wall and honored at the ceremony.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7. [26-192](#) City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryant Powell expressed his appreciation for the City Clerk's office and the important role they play in City Government. He also praised Senior Permit Technician Leslie Castillo for her personal effort to make the annual Construction Expo a success.

8. [26-221](#) Presentation and update on the Youth Advisory Council.

Recreation Coordinator Jody Dutra introduced the members of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and they presented the year end review. They took turns sharing photos and information about events they have participated in over the last year. Graduating senior Nadine Owen was honored by the City and the VFW. She was presented with a plaque from Councilmember Johnson of VFW #9399 and Heather Lyn of VFW #7968.

9. [26-193](#) Announcement of Current Events

Management Analyst Eli Richardson shared an upcoming event:

- Free Dump Week: May 4 - 9, 2026, 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Apache Junction Landfill, 4050 S. Tomahawk Rd, Apache Junction. Please visit <https://www.apachejunctionaz.gov/> for more information.

City Manager Bryant Powell announced that this evening will be Mr. Richardson's last meeting with Apache Junction as he is moving on to a position with Pinal County.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

10. [26-188](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of proposed Resolution No. 26-20 authorizing the city to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment No. 1 with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the City's Tomahawk Road Widening Improvement Project from Highway US60 to Southern Avenue for additional construction costs with the City's financial contribution being \$908,143 and federal contribution of \$4,866,101 for a construction total of \$5,774,244.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz presented that the city applied for Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Closeout Funds to cover the additional construction costs on October 27, 2025. The additional amount will cover the increased construction costs from the original estimate that was done in 2021. The Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) needs to be executed prior to May 15th, 2026, otherwise funds could be in jeopardy.

This project includes roadway widening to five (5) lanes and bicycle lanes on Tomahawk Road from US60 to Southern Avenue, street lighting, curb & gutter, and some drainage improvements. It also includes roadway widening on Southern Avenue for bicycle lanes and infilling the missing curb & gutter and sidewalk.

The City has pursued and is hoping to utilize these available funds on Tomahawk Road between Highway US60 to Southern Avenue.

The Public Works Department is requesting City Council approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment "IGA" with ADOT, which will provide additional construction funds towards the Tomahawk Road Widening Improvement Project.

This is an extremely aggressive timeline with the city being awarded the funds on February 2, 2026, IGA requested through ADOT on February 3, 2026, IGA Draft received March 27, 2026, IGA returned to ADOT for corrections on April 1, 2026, and Final Draft received from ADOT April 15, 2026. MAG requires that the execution of Amendment be done by May 15th, 2026.

Councilmember Cross asked if the City had anything to do with the recent work completed on Tomahawk.

Councilmember Johnson asked about the timeframe of completion for this project.

Councilmember Nesser commented on adding stop lights at the end of Cactus Road.

Ms. Schatz responded to all Councilmember concerns.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

L. SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Donna Carr, 2178 West Virginia Street, Apache Junction, expressed her opposition to the continued development of the battery factory in Queen Creek.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 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