



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E. Superstition Blvd
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, March 4, 2025

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 Heck gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Schroeder 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
Kayla Fulmer, Director of Marketing and Communications
Michael Pooley, Police Chief
Johnny John, Assistant Police Chief
Sidney Urias, Planning Manager
Emile Schmid, City Engineer
Rob Wisler, Management Analyst
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst
Trina Harrison, CIP Program Manager
Dawn McCollum, Executive Assistant
Heather Knoblauch, Office Support Specialist
Amy Greening, Administrative Assistant
Dana Tucker, Records Coordinator
Donna Scruggs, Business License Coordinator

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember moved Soller, 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. [25-046](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [25-047](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2025.
3. [25-090](#) Consideration of approval of Final Plat for Radiance, Parcel 19.17 (SV-23-32).
4. [25-091](#) Consideration of approval of Final Plat for Radiance, Parcel 19.18 (SV-23-34).

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

5. [25-048](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Cross thanked the community and Police Department for supporting the Pony Express re-enactment.

Mayor Wilson stated that Arizona State Representative Marshall enjoyed attending the Lost Dutchman Days parade and rodeo. He shared some photos of the events.

Mayor Wilson also spoke about the Junior Livestock Program and encouraged the community to support the local 4H group.

Councilmember Heck shared the success of the 61st Annual Lost Dutchman Days events and thanked volunteers and city staff that helped make the event run smoothly. He stated the marathon had 2,800 participants and how the events have helped the city become a more recognized center of activity.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. [25-049](#) City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryant Powell thanked City staff for their help and participation in the Lost Dutchman Days events.

7. [25-087](#) Legislative Update

Management Analyst Rob Wisler presented an overview of the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) that Arizona uses for business activity and the timeline of the HCR 2021 Legislative Bill which originally was introduced to eliminate the ability for municipalities to impose the TPT on retail sales of all food for home consumption. The bill was amended to allow municipalities who currently impose the TPT on retail food to continue to implement it at a rate of 2%. Increases would not be permitted. He also went over the impact to the City if this bill passes.

Councilmembers concerns included if this type of bill has been proposed prior, other cities being in debt that do not charge TPT on retail food, and how this bill will hurt the community.

Mr. Wisler responded to all concerns.

8. [25-097](#) AJPD Update

Police Chief Michael Pooley presented the following updates on the Apache Junction Police Department for 2024:

- Increase in hiring and recruitment - they are fully staffed with a waiting list
- Added technology - Overt Camera Trailers, Motorola APX N70 Radios, VirTra simulation training, Peregrine, UAS Team, Flock Safety, and SPIDR Tech
- Special Events - 70+ community events
- New beat system
- Increase in calls for service
- Homeless outreach with a dedicated officer

Councilmembers complimented Chief Pooley on a job well done by bringing these updates to the department and keeping the community safe. He also highlighted the recent large operation that targeted online predators.

9. [25-050](#) Announcement of Current Events

Management Analyst Eli Richardson shared that the Apache Junction Water District (AJWD) and Arizona Water Company (AWC) have partnered with the Boyce Thompson Arboretum to give away 2 free plants per household for AJWD customers. This event is on March 8, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and a valid ID and utility bill is required.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

10. [25-096](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 25-03 a resolution of the mayor and city council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona ("Apache Junction"), located in the counties of Maricopa and Pinal, calling and ordering a special election in each county to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Apache Junction the question of changing the mayoral term of office from two years to four years.

Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Resolution No. 25-03, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, located in the counties of Maricopa and Pinal, calling and ordering a special election in each county to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Apache Junction the question of changing the mayoral term of office from two years to four years be approved.

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

No: 0

City Attorney Joel Stern presented Resolution 25-03 which calls for the election on November 4, 2025, and changing the City Code regarding the Mayoral term from 2 years to 4 years.

Councilmembers had no concerns.

J. NEW BUSINESS

11. [25-079](#) As required by Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 3, Administration, Article 3-2, Department of City Clerk, §§ 3-2-1(B)(2) and 3-2-4, the city manager is seeking ratification of Evie McKinney for appointment to the position of City Clerk.

Councilmember Cross moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to ratify the appointment of Evie McKinney to the position of City Clerk.

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

No: 0

City Manager Bryant Powell presented Evie McKinney for ratification for City Clerk. He shared her years of service and gave his support.

Ms. McKinney thanked City Management and the Council for their support over the last few months. She introduced the Clerk's department and shared memories of her years of service with the City. She also stated the importance of maintaining a good relationship with the Mayor and Council and shared her goals for the Clerk's department.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Jeremy Jackson, 1353 S. Belair Road, Apache Junction, thanked Mayor and Council for representing the community and led a prayer.

Catherine Meek, 1327 S. Belair Road, Apache Junction, shared upcoming events at the Superstition Mountain Museum.

Donna Carr, 2178 W. Virginia St, Apache Junction, shared frustrations with the Police Department and the food tax.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

EVIE MCKINNEY
City Clerk