



# 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.*

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Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Johnson gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Schroeder led 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  
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk  
Joel Stern, City Attorney  
Johnny John, Assistant Chief of Police  
Ted Wolff, Public Works Director  
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director  
Angelie Hawley, Finance Director  
Evie McKinney, Deputy City Clerk  
Sidney Urias, Interim Planning Manager  
Raquel Schatz, Public Works Project Engineer  
Rob Wisler, Management Analyst

Councilmember Soller asked for a moment of silence for Scottsdale Detective Ryan So, killed in the line of duty on June 13, 2024. Detective So served the Scottsdale Police Department for over 9 years. Services will be held Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Highlands Church, located at 9050 E. Pinnacle Peak Road, Suite 100, Scottsdale, AZ, with internment to follow at Hansen Desert Hills Mortuary and Cemetery, located at 6500 E. Bell Road in Scottsdale.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Vice Mayor Schroeder moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to approve the Consent Agenda, with Councilmember Cross and Heck recusing themselves due to a conflict of interest on Item No. 13, Resolution No. 24-25, Case P-22-72-SD.**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Schroeder, Councilmember Nesser, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Soller

**No:** 0

**Recused:** 2 - Councilmember Heck and Councilmember Cross

1. [24-492](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [24-493](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 4, 2024.
3. [24-468](#) Acknowledge receipt of the Annual Report of the Apache Junction Public Library Board of Trustees for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
4. [24-358](#) Consideration of approval, effective July 1, 2024, of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Health and Human Services funding contracts between the City of Apache Junction and A New Leaf in the amount of \$6,750.00, the Apache Junction Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$3,937.50, the Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$10,237.50, Superstition Community Food Bank in the amount of \$56,250.00, Bigger Than Us in the amount \$5,625.00, Begin Again Homes in the amount \$3,375.00, Horizon Health & Wellness in the amount of \$450.00, and Desert Chapel in the amount of \$3,375.00. This item was presented for discussion at the May 20, 2024 Council Work Session.
5. [24-440](#) Consideration of approval of a contract with Consultant Engineering, Inc., not to exceed \$450,000 per year beginning 7/1/2024 and ending 6/30/2028 for Master Planned Communities Superstition Vistas Development Unit (DU) #1 and DU #2 for construction inspection services and possible engineering services.
6. [24-464](#) Consideration of approval of Resolution No. 24-22, allowing the city to enter into a Mutual Aid Compact with the Emergency/Management Division of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.
7. [24-472](#) Consideration of approval of Map of Dedication for Warner Avenue Phase 1 (SV-23-9).
8. [24-473](#) Consideration of approval of Map of Dedication for Elliot Avenue Phase 1 (SV-23-46).
9. [24-477](#) Consideration of approval of Final Plat for Blossom Rock Phase 3 Commercial; SV-24-10.

10. [24-478](#) Consideration of approval of Final Plat for Blossom Rock Phase 5 Commercial; SV-24-11.
11. [24-479](#) Consideration of approval of Final Plat for Blossom Rock Phase 8 Commercial; SV-24-12.
12. [24-488](#) Consideration of approval of Final Plat for Infrastructure for Superstition Vistas Development Unit 2 - Idaho Road- Phase 1 (SV-22-18-BI).
13. [24-487](#) Consideration of approval of proposed Resolution No. 24-25, a final plat approval for case P-22-72-SD for the proposed "Goldfield Estates" subdivision, a 209-unit townhome development located at the southeast corner of Starr Road and 28th Avenue requested by David Bohn of the BFH Group, following the prior approvals of the rezoning by planned development cases P-21-94-PZ and P-21-95-PZ, and the preliminary plat case P-21-96-PZ.
14. [24-490](#) Consideration of approval of extension through August 31, 2024, of the individual towing contracts currently in place with Apache Sands Towing, CL King Towing, and Phoenix Metro Towing which are due to expire on June 30, 2024.

#### **E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES**

15. [24-494](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Mayor Wilson attended an 80th anniversary celebration in honor of D-Day, where a local veteran was recognized. This gentleman is 101 years of age, and is also the original owner of James Tire in Apache Junction. Mayor Wilson toured the Pinal Votes Election Center in Florence, AZ. The facility has been constructed to leave room for growth, it is very open and has a viewing area to see all ballot activity. He also attended the Superstition Regional Public Land Managers Group meeting, where discussion was on the future growth in Pinal County, the number of businesses coming, and with that the future job opportunities. Some very good information was shared on additional grants that can be obtained through the State Parks Program. The Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport presented Mayor Wilson with an Outstanding Leadership Award, and thanked him for serving as the Chairman of the Board this past year.

#### **G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

16. [24-495](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell recognized and thanked Mayor Wilson for having served as the Chairman of the Board for the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport, and shared photos of various events the Mayor attended during this term served.

17. [24-496](#) Announcement of Current Events.

Management Analyst Eli Richardson shared highlights for the upcoming 4th of July Celebration, beginning at 8:30 p.m., to be held at the Superstition Shadows Park, 1091 W. Southern Ave, Apache Junction, AZ.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

18. [24-491](#) Presentation, discussion, public hearing, and consideration of Resolution No. 24-24, authorizing the submission of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and State Special Project (SSP) grant applications.

**Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Resolution No 24-24, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, authorizing the submission of applications for Fiscal Year 2024 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Account (RA) and State Special Project (SSP) Funds be approved.**

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

**No:** 0

Finance Director Angelie Hawley presented a CDBG grant process review, which had been shared at the May 21, 2024, Council Meeting.

Council items of discussion included specified funding requirements, qualifications for consideration of funds, and inclusion of public input from the previous Public Hearing.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby explained the purpose of this Resolution is to use the funding for some park improvements and lighting retrofits to meet the Dark Sky requirements.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach addressed the Council to explain the amount of funding this grant equals, and the time frame the funds need to be used. She also expressed due to the small amount, it will be used for other areas than at the Rodeo Grounds. She clarified this Resolution is only for the \$169,215. The application for the additional funding amount of \$750,000 is not due as immediate, and once that grant is approved the public comment suggestions will be considered for use of those funds.

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing, receiving no comments the Public Hearing was closed.

## I. OLD BUSINESS

## J. NEW BUSINESS - Amended 06.17.2024 Adding Item #20

19. [24-469](#) Presentation, discussion, and possible consideration of approval of Resolution No. 24-23, allowing the city to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert to exchange three Motorola 7500 radio consoles and associated equipment for a recruit training officer position in Gilbert Academy.

**Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Resolution No. 24-23, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, authorizing the City of Apache Junction to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert for radio consoles in exchange for a recruit training officer position be approved.**

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

**No:** 0

Assistant Chief of Police Johnny John presented the possibility of Apache Junction Police Department obtaining 3 Motorola 7500 radio consoles, valued at approximately \$600,000, in trade for a Police Recruit Training Officer position with the Town of Gilbert Police Academy for the next 2 classes. When this Recruit Training Officer is supplied, the Gilbert academy will give us 4 free slots for Recruits, valued at \$4000.00 per officer. This exchange would allow for growth in the dispatch department with the radio consoles, and training abilities for new staff.

- 20.** [24-504](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 24-26 authorizing the city to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment No. 1 with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for additional state funds to cover the increased construction costs in the amount of \$96,000 for street light improvements on Apache Trail between Palo Verde Drive and SR88, and on Superstition Boulevard between Meridian Drive and SR88.

**Councilmember Heck moved, seconded by Councilmember Cross that Resolution No. 24-26, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, authorizing the City to enter into Amendment No. One to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona for the 2022 Street Light Improvement Project be approved.**

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

**No:** 0

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz explained that the City of Apache Junction pursued additional state funds for street light improvements on Apache Trail, between Palo Verde Drive to SR88, and on Superstition Boulevard, between Meridian Drive and SR88, to cover the increased construction costs in the amount of \$ 96,000 since the design began in 2022. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) attempts to utilize all the spending authority made available to the region. Unobligated funds are available through the end of the current state fiscal year (June 30th). Timing is extremely crucial since we are at the very end of the state's fiscal year.

Ms. Schatz explained the overage of costs is due to the timing of the project, which actually began in 2019. Since that time, costs of all products has increased significantly.

#### **K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF**

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

#### **M. CALL TO PUBLIC**

#### **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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WALTER "CHIP" WILSON  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER PEÑA  
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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JENNIFER PEÑA  
City Clerk