



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, April 15, 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

Vice Mayor Schroeder gave the invocation and Councilmember Heck 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
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Kayla Fulmer, Director of Marketing and Communications
Michael Pooley, Police Chief
Rudy Esquivias, Development Services Director
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
Angelie Hawley, Finance Director
Amy Greening, Deputy City Clerk
Keith Gabriel, Police Officer
Sidney Urias, Planning Manager
Kelsey Schattnik, Planner
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst
Johnny John, Assistant Police Chief
Jared Grimm, Recreation Coordinator
Jorge Gutierrez, Digital Communications Specialist
Gina Scorza, Public Information Officer
Matthew McNulty, Production/Marketing and Communications Specialist
Elliott Anuta, Recreation Coordinator

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser 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. [25-061](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [25-062](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2025.
3. [25-155](#) Consideration of approval of a Replat of Blossom Rock Phase 1 to divide Parcel 10 into two parcels zoned Master Planned Community (MPC).

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. [25-139](#) Presentation of 25-Year Service Award to Matthew McNulty.

Director of Marketing and Communications Kayla Fulmer recognized Matthew McNulty's 25 years of service with words of appreciation, and a list of his professional accomplishments. She also spoke of his family history working with the City. City Manager Bryant Powell addressed Mr. McNulty with a certificate and service award. He shared several photos and highlighted some of the larger projects that Mr. McNulty has contributed to over the years.

Mr. McNulty introduced his family and friends that were in attendance and thanked everyone for the recognition.

5. [25-130](#) Proclamation designating April 25, 2025, as "National Arbor Day."

Mayor Wilson read the Proclamation designating April 25, 2025, as "National Arbor Day." Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach, and Recreation Coordinators, Jared Grimm and Elliott Anuta accepted the proclamation. Ms. Langenbach thanked the Mayor and Council and shared several activities the department has done this month to celebrate Earth day. She also stated Mr. Anuta and Park Maintenance Supervisor Shauna Hash will represent the City at the State Capital this week to receive the second year designation as a Tree City USA member. She listed projects that the Parks and Recreation department has participated in with the SRP Right Tree Right Place Program.

6. [25-150](#) Proclamation designating the week of April 21st - 28th, 2025 as "International Dark Sky Week."

Mayor Wilson read the Proclamation designating the week of April 21st - 28th, 2025, as "International Dark Sky Week." Senior Planner Kelsey Schattnik and Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach accepted the proclamation. Ms. Schattnik thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the City's dark sky efforts. She gave a brief update on the application process.

Councilmember Cross recognized Vice Mayor Schroeder for starting the process on this initiative.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

7. [25-063](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Cross announced that he was recently appointed to serve on the board for the East Valley Partnership. He spoke about the meeting he attended which focused on data centers and changing technology. Mr. Cross also attended a monthly Pinal County breakfast where a topic of discussion included the need to power these data centers.

Councilmember Heck shared the final attendance numbers for the Lost Dutchman Days event, the total amount of money raised and highlighted the organizations that helped make it a success. He thanked all the volunteers and everyone who attended.

Mayor Wilson attended the Battles of the Badges which is the annual baseball game between the Apache Junction Police Department and the Superstition Fire and Medical teams. He also attended the Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony.

Mayor Wilson toured the new LG facilities in Queen Creek and shared that the job training will be held at Central Arizona College, Superstition Mountain campus.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

8. [25-064](#) City Manager's Report

City Manager Bryant Powell shared photos from the Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony, highlighted the importance of their families and announced the 2024 Officer of the Year was Detective Dylan Kennard. He thanked the Police Department for all their hard work.

9. [25-065](#) Announcement of Current Events.

Management Analyst Eli Richardson shared upcoming events:

- Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Prospector Park Softball Complex, 3015 N. Idaho Road, Apache Junction.

- April Pools Day on Saturday April 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at 1091 W. Southern Ave, Apache Junction.

- 2025 Building Expo on Saturday May 3, 2025, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds, 1590 E. Lost Dutchman Blvd, Apache Junction.

Mayor Wilson commented on the success of last year's Building Expo and how much fun the kids had.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**I. OLD BUSINESS**

J. NEW BUSINESS**K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF****L. SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES**

10. [25-149](#) Selection of dates, times and location for budget work sessions, public hearings, and adoption of tentative and final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Councilmember Cross moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that a budget work session be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 5, 2025, in the city council chambers; and

That a Public Hearing and adoption of the Tentative Budget be held at a special city council meeting, as required by state law, at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 19, 2025, in the city council chambers; and

That a Public Hearing and adoption of the Final Budget be held at a special city council meeting, as required by law, at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 16, 2025, in the city council chambers, located at 300 E Superstition Boulevard.

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

No: 0

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Nancy Andruschak, 925 N. Plaza Drive #19, Apache Junction, shared her concern for affordable housing for lower income families and seniors.

Donna Carr, 2178 W. Virginia St, Apache Junction, stated she does not agree with tearing down the Animal Shelter and building a new one.

Lori Medina, 1821 S. Pino Circle, Apache Junction, spoke about her non-profit and her support to change the City Code regarding fortune telling businesses.

Councilmembers asked City Staff to review the building permit policy regarding low-income housing.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:44 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