



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 18, 2025

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
Johnny John, Assistant Police Chief
Thomas McDermott, Municipal Judge
Amy Greening, Administrative Assistant
Kelsey Schattnik, Planner
Rob Wisler, Management Analyst
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst
Jody Dutra, Recreation Coordinator
Elliott Anuta, Recreation Coordinator
Cindy Ewer, Commander

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Heck moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that the consent agenda be accepted and approved as presented, and authorize Presiding Magistrate Thomas McDermot to execute the Associate Magistrate Agreements for Michael Kielsky, Liz Nguyen, Cody Weagant, Megan Weagant and Geraldine Roll and appoint as Juvenile Hearing Officers Presiding Magistrate Thomas McDermot, Associate Magistrates Michael Kielsky, Liz Nguyen, Cody Weagant, Megan Weagant, and Geraldine Roll be approved.

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

No: 0

1. [25-051](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [25-052](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2025.
3. [25-111](#) Consideration of approval of Resolution No. 25-02, a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, designating Angelie Hawley the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting and certifying the accuracy of fiscal year 2026 expenditure limitation report to the Arizona Auditor General.
4. [25-116](#) Consideration of award of contract to Viasun Corporation for the construction of curbing for the Apache Trail medians between Ocotillo Drive and approximately 1/2 mile west. The work would be through Pinal County cooperative job order contract No. 175623 in the amount of \$469,237.04 plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen change orders in the amount of \$46,923.70 for a total project cost not to exceed \$516,160.74. Work will result in curbing to facilitate roadway drainage and protection to the next phase of median beautification improvements. Work is planned to take place in April and May 2025.
5. [25-119](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of approval of municipal court associate magistrate agreements.
6. [25-121](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of approval of request for juvenile hearing officer appointments.
7. [25-122](#) Consideration of approval of the Final Plat for Blossom Rock - Parcel 8 in order to facilitate a 575-lot residential subdivision consisting of approximately 125-acres zoned Master Planned Community (MPC).

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

8. [25-112](#) Proclamation for "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month."

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation for "Teen Dating Violence Awareness" and presented it to Chief Pooley and School Resource Officer (SRO), Crystal Hall. Chief Pooley spoke about the rapport the SRO's have been able to build with Apache Junction students. SRO Hall thanked Council for their support and shared that having officers at each school has made such an

important impact.

Councilmember Soller gave his appreciation to Chief Pooley for placing a SRO in each school in the City.

9. [25-113](#) Proclamation designating March 29, 2025, as "Vietnam War Veterans Day."

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation designating March 29, 2025, as "Vietnam War Veterans Day." He presented it to James Johnson, VFW Post 9399, Frank White, VFW Post 7968 and Larry Renee, American Legion Post 27. Mr. Johnson thanked Council on behalf of all the Veterans in the room and shared a story of his recent bonding with another Veteran while golfing.

All Veterans at the meeting were called up to take a photo together with Mayor Wilson.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

10. [25-053](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Mayor Wilson attended the Pinal County Fair and spoke about the contributions from the local 4-H group in Apache Junction. He shared photos of the animals they have raised and welding projects they have worked on. He gave a special thank you for their hard work.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

11. [25-054](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell announced that several members of the Citizen Leadership Institute class of 2025 were in attendance. He also shared that staff is working on a plan for items that were discussed at the City Council Retreat. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their energy and effort at the retreat and also thanked the Vietnam Veterans.

12. [25-055](#) Announcement of Current Events.

Management Analyst Eli Richardson shared upcoming events:

- Household Hazardous Waste Day on March 22, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Public Works Yard, 575 E. Baseline Ave. For details on traffic and what items are accepted please visit <https://www.apachejunctionaz.gov>.

- Earth Day Celebration and Ladybug Release on April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Flatiron Community Park, 100 N. Apache Trail.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

13. [25-115](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 25-04, a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, urging the state legislature of the State of Arizona to respect local control of municipal governments and to abstain from adopting laws that negatively impact municipal finances.

Councilmember Soller moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Resolution No. 25-04, a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, urging the state legislature of the State of Arizona to respect local control of municipal governments and to abstain from adopting laws that negatively impact municipal finances be approved.

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 Resolution No. 25-04 is urging the state legislature to respect local control of municipal government. He stated Mayor Wilson has been working with other Mayors in the state regarding these issues with the legislature trying to control housing policies, like short-term rentals and the residential rental tax.

Mayor Wilson spoke of the increase in short-term rentals and the issues it is causing for residents that need to find places to live. He also stated several zoning issues that the state legislature is attempting to pass bills on that would violate the general plan. He emphasized the importance of this Resolution as it protects the City and the community.

Councilmembers stated their support of this Resolution.

City Clerk Evie McKinney read the Resolution in its entirety.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Mayor Wilson stated he had two Request to Speak forms, but the first one did not have a name listed. He called out by address of 788 S. Del Rio Court, Apache Junction, but no one approached the podium to voice any comments.

Donna Carr, 2178 W. Virginia Street, Apache Junction, inquired on the amount of signatures needed on a petition to stop the new legislative bills and offered to help gather signatures.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 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