

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
August 18, 2025

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened using the Zoom Cloud Meeting platform in open and public session at 5:32 p.m. All participants attended by phone or video.

Members Present: Mayor Mike Pineda; Vice Mayor Curtis Nielson; Councilmembers Tina Conde, Jeannette Garcia, Gloria Solorio, Shari Weise, and Max White.

Note: All attendees attended the meeting virtually.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Katie Gregory, Assistant City Manager; Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Barbara Coppage, City Auditor; Albert Bates, Assistant Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Julie Knoll; Deputy City Clerk; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 1 member of the public joined the online meeting.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the City Council at a work session. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Councilmembers may pull items from consent if they would like them to be considered separately.

Mayor Pineda asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember White requested item 3b be pulled from the consent agenda to be considered separately. Motion was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Weise, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 3b.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

a. MINUTES

City Council approved the July 7, 2025 and July 14, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.

b. APPROVAL OF SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Item is listed below in more detail.

c. SOLID WASTE BUDGET CONTINGENCY TRANSFER

City Council amended the Fiscal Year 2025 budget by approving a budget transfer from contingency appropriation, increasing the award authority, and authorizing the Finance and Budget Department staff to take the steps necessary to execute the transfer.

d. CONTRACT FOR SERVICES, LEASE AGREEMENT, AND ITEMIZED BUDGET - AREA AGENCY ON AGING FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

City Council a) approved a contract with Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$418,429; b) approved a Vehicle Lease Agreement in the amount of \$5; c) adopted an itemized budget for the Senior Services division; d) authorized a transfer of expenditure appropriations from the grant contingency account to provide the expenditure authority for these funds; and e) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 1052-0825 - RENEWAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRST THINGS FIRST - SERVICES AT THE ARIZONA COMPLETE HEALTH AVONDALE RESOURCE CENTER

City Council adopted Resolution 1052-0825, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council of the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, doing business as First Things First, to receive \$250,000 in funding for services at the City of Avondale Family Resource Center for fiscal year 2026 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 1053-0825 - AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRST THINGS FIRST - SERVICES AT THE ARIZONA COMPLETE HEALTH AVONDALE RESOURCE CENTER

City Council adopted Resolution 1053-0825, approving Amendment No. 1 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council of the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, doing business as First Things First, for the provision of services at the City of Avondale Family Resource Center, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. ORDINANCE 2031-0825 - AVONDALE CITY CODE AMENDMENT, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 4 RELATING TO EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

City Council adopted Ordinance 2031-0825, amending Avondale City Code Chapter 2, Article II, Division 4, relating to Employee Relations and declaring an emergency, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. ORDINANCE 2032-0825 - ACCEPTANCE OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT FROM GS 10, LLC, RELATED TO THE FUZE 623 AND FLATZ 623 DEVELOPMENT

City Council adopted Ordinance 2032-0825 authorizing the acceptance of a right-of-way easement agreement from GS 10, LLC, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

NOTE FROM THE CITY CLERK: THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY.

b. APPROVAL OF SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT

City Council considered a request from the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Northern Arizona University for a compensated teaching position for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Councilmember White requested information regarding the job description be shared to provide additional transparency.

In response, Mr. Corbin noted a copy of the requested job description has been submitted to the City Clerk and City Council to be included in the record. He stated he will be a professor teaching human resources related matters for a small cohort of students who are completing their bachelor's degree in public administration. The course will be an in-person class in Tempe. The course will last eight weeks and will begin in January.

Councilmember Solorio requested a press release be submitted as this item is positive for the city as a whole.

Councilmember Garcia congratulated Mr. Corbin and supported Councilmember Solorio's suggestion for a press release.

Mayor Pineda expressed his gratefulness for hiring a City Manager and other staff who have the credentials and experience to receive such offers.

Councilmember Solorio moved to approve a request from the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Northern Arizona University for a compensated teaching position for the 2025-2026 academic year; Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember White moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Councilmember Conde seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.


Mike Pineda (Sep 9, 2025 13:15:54 PDT)
Mike Pineda, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 18th day of August 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

September 8, 2025

Date Approved by City Council