

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
September 22, 2025

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 West Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Mike Pineda led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

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

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; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; Jennifer Stein, Economic Development Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 10 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following employees were introduced to City Council. This item was for discussion only.

Development Services Department

- Martin Moreno, Planner
- Zachary Jones, Planner
- Gilbert Garcia, Bldg. Permit Technician II (Internal Promotion)

Economic Development Department

- Carter Wright, Economic Development Manager

Engineering Department

- Joshua Begay, Associate Engineer

Finance & Budget Department

- Jaime Allen, Accounting Specialist

Office of Public Safety

- Carolyn Aguilar, Municipal Security Officer

Parks, Recreation, & Libraries Department

- Ashlie Yingling, Recreation Programmer
- Mayra Felix, Librarian I (Internal Promotion)
- Christina Amarillas, Librarian II (Internal Promotion)

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

4. 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 considered separately.

Mayor Pineda asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Having no requests from Council, motion was made by Vice Mayor Nielson, seconded by Councilmember Conde, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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 August 25, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.

b. SERIES 4 (WHOLESALE) LIQUOR LICENSE - JALISCO INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS, INC

City Council recommended approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 4 (Wholesaler) Liquor License submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller, authorizing the distribution of all types of liquor (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) to Arizona-licensed retailers at Jalisco International Imports, Inc., located at 1100 North 127th Avenue, Suite 100, in Avondale and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. SERIES 10 (BEER AND WINE STORE) LIQUOR LICENSE - CIRCLE K #9602

City Council recommended approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Maria Danielle Burgess to sell beer and wine at Circle K #9602 located at 10715 West Broadway Road and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 1058-0925 - AUTHORIZING PASS-THROUGH GRANT FROM GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

City Council adopted Resolution 1058-0925, authorizing the City of Avondale's acceptance of grant funding through the Gila River Indian Community Grant and passing those grant funds to the eligible City-sponsored non-profit, A Mighty Change of Heart, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC ART UPDATE

City Council received an update from staff regarding public art. This item was for discussion only.

Marissa Dailey, Arts, Culture and Library Manager, presented the Public Art Projects completed in fiscal year 2025, current projects in progress, and the recommended project schedule for fiscal year 2026. For fiscal year 2025 the Public Art team completed 14 public art projects, began 11 new projects and awarded 3 scholarships to Avondale High School Seniors through the Achieving Artists Scholarship Art Contest. The Municipal Art Committee members were introduced.

The following completed projects were presented:

- Inspiring Young Minds at Mountain View Community Center
- Hometown Hero Banners
- Harmony of Rivers at Fire Station 172
- Confluence at Park Avenue Plaza
- Utility Box Art Wraps

The following in-progress projects were presented:

- Fire Station Mural
- Cooper's Hawk Mural
- The Grid

Funding of the fiscal year projects was presented.

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember White attended the Arizona Black Law Enforcement (ABLE) Conference and first annual Criminal Justice Conference. She acknowledged and expressed her appreciation to the Police Department staff who attended the conference and participated in the cultural celebration. She participated in the National Transportation in Indian Country Conference, which provided an opportunity to hear from the United States Department of Transit and the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Garcia attended the West Valley Chamber Gala as well as the Charlie Kirk Memorial Service. She spoke on the assassination of Charlie Kirk, expressing the need to come together as a community, through differences, and continue civil conversations.

Mayor Pineda attended the Avondale Youth Summit hosted by the Neighborhood and Family Services Department at La Joya Community High School. He attended the Avondale Innovate Summit hosted by the Economic Development. Lastly, he met with the Agua Fria High School District Superintendent, Mark Yslas, and learned about the district's academies.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember Conde moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Councilmember Weise 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 5:59 p.m.


Mike Pineda (Oct 21, 2025 09:03:58 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 22nd day of September 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

October 20, 2025

Date Approved by City Council