

**MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
February 9, 2026

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; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering 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 5 members of the public were present.

**1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK**

**2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

**a. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Frederick Flatt, Solid Waste Lead Equipment Operator
- Sergio Mejia, Civil Engineer
- Anthony Jones, Solid Waste Service Worker
- Bradley Tabora, Fleet Heavy Equipment Technician
- Christopher Gonzales, Street Maintenance Worker I
- Michael Gerhard, Water Meter Technician
- Rudy Toro, Wastewater Collections Operator

**b. PROCLAMATION - GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS DAY - FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing February 20, 2026, as Government Communicators Day to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of public communicators across the nation. This item was for discussion only.

### 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 Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, 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 January 12, 2026, and January 26, 2026, City Council meeting minutes.

#### b. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Council approved the following appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions as recommended by the City Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions and authorized the City Clerk to process the appointments.

##### Board of Adjustment

- Irene Rivas Barrera as a Regular Member with a partial term to expire on 12/31/2027.
- Jay Koenig as a Regular Member with a partial term to expire on 12/31/2026.

##### Municipal Art Committee

- Bryan Kilgore as a Regular Member (Art Teacher) with a full term to expire on 12/31/2028.

##### Risk Management & Workers' Compensation Board

- Bryan Kilgore as a Regular Member with a partial term to expire on 12/31/2026.
- Joanne Spina as a Regular Member with a full term to expire on 12/31/2028.

**c. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT FOR THE CLAIM OF DONNELL MACKIE**

City Council approved the settlement agreement with Donnell Mackie in the amount of \$168,000 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

**d. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT FOR THE CLAIM OF JAMES PLYMESSER**

City Council approved the settlement agreement with James Plymesser in the amount of \$194,500 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

**e. RESOLUTION 1009-0226 - AGREEMENT FOR LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDIT TRANSFER BETWEEN THE CITY OF AVONDALE AND CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

City Council adopted Resolution 1009-0226, authorizing entry into the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Transfer Agreement for Long-Term Storage Credits, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute necessary documents.

**f. RESOLUTION 1010-0226 - AMENDMENT TO MARICOPA HOME CONSORTIUM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

City Council adopted Resolution 1010-0226, approving an amendment to the Maricopa HOME Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maricopa County Human Services Department (MCHSD) to add the City of Goodyear as a new member of the HOME Consortium and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

**g. ORDINANCE 2003-0226 - SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE VALLEY**

City Council adopted Ordinance 2003-0226, approving the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Avondale and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley to clarify maintenance and lighting responsibilities, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance obligations, incorporate an updated legal description following the City's recent replat of the property and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

**h. ORDINANCE 2004-0226 - ACCEPTANCE OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF EASEMENT FROM MARICOPA COUNTY**

City Council adopted Ordinance 2004-0226, authorizing the acceptance of an assignment of a drainage easement from Maricopa County and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

## **5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

Vice Mayor Nielson attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new coffee shop on Lower Buckeye and Avondale as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony for The Human Bean.

Councilmember Weise shared she attended the grand opening of a new restaurant, Paco Madre, and noted she enrolled in the Fire and Medical Department's citizen academy.

Councilmember White shared she attended the Black History Month kickoff event, hosted by the Arizona Governor's Office. She sat through a panel and heard from the Department of Housing, Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Governor's Office for Resiliency. She spoke about an upcoming panel that she will be on at the Archwood Center, celebrating Black History Month.

Councilmember Conde shared she attended the Movie in the Park event. Mr. Corbin shared dinner was provided courtesy of Councilmember Conde.

Mayor Pineda shared he attended Miriam Hall's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. He attended APS event and heard from APS regarding data centers and power initiatives, noting APS is being cognizant of the fact rates for data centers will be coming from a separate bucket than those of residents. Lastly, he shared that he is working with the Marketing and Public Relations department on the State of the City video, highlighting 80 years of progress.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Mike Pineda (Mar 3, 2026 09:56:25 MST)

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

**February 23, 2026**

Date Approved by City Council