

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
April 06, 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 5:35 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*.

*Councilmembers Conde attended virtually. Councilmember White attended virtually and arrived at the completion of the presentation items.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Katie Gregory, Assistant City Manager; Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Barbara Coppage, City Auditor; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Julie Knoll; Deputy City Clerk; Craig Jennings, Judge; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Abril Ruiz-Ortega, Court Administrator; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; Jennifer Stein, Economic Development Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director; Stacy Swainston, Parks, Recreation & Libraries Assistant Director.

Audience: Approximately 75 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Bethany Horner, Dispatcher
- Juan Romero, Records Clerk
- Noel Molina, Detention Officer
- Brandi Datcher, Victim Advocate Supervisor
- Evelyn LaCour, Dispatcher
- Kaylee Finklea, SWFAC Therapist
- George Velez, Forensic Interviewer
- Paola Ponce, Dispatcher

b. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing April 12-18, 2026 as the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This item was for discussion only.

c. PROCLAMATION – MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

City presented a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child. This item was for discussion only.

d. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND 2026 BOOKMARK CONTEST

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing April 19th - 25th, 2026 as National Library Week, celebrating the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Additionally, City Council recognized the three winners of the 2026 Bookmark Contest. 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 Solorio, 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 February 18, 2026 Special City Council meeting minutes.

b. RESOLUTION 1025-0426 - REPEAL RESOLUTION 1037-0625 AND APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY AND THE CITIES OF AVONDALE, BUCKEYE, EL MIRAGE, GLENDALE, GOODYEAR, PEORIA, SURPRISE, TOLLESON, AND THE FIRE DISTRICTS OF DAISY MOUNTAIN AND SUN CITY FOR USE OF FIRE APPARATUS

City Council adopted Resolution 1025-0426, authorizing the repeal of Resolution 1037-0625 and approving the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority, the Cities of Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Peoria, Surprise, Tolleson, the Fire and Medical Districts of Daisy Mountain and Sun City for use of fire apparatus and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE 2009-0426 - ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS – CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE 1 (ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES); ARTICLE 5 (SPECIAL DISTRICTS; OVERLAYS) - APPLICATION PL-26-0048

Lead Senior Planner Josh Orton presented Application PL-26-0048, a City-initiated text amendment to the Zoning Code. He noted that the Avondale Zoning Ordinance, originally adopted in 1951 and last updated in January 2026, currently states that all site plan and design review applications except those within the BLVD District are approved administratively.

With the adoption of HB 2447, cities are now required to administratively approve all site plan and design review applications, including those in special districts. The proposed amendment aligns the Zoning Ordinance with State law by updating Sections 28-6 and 28-91 to replace references to Planning Commission and City Council approval with the Zoning Administrator.

All required public notifications were completed, including a post on Avondale Connect, and no comments have been received. At the March 18, 2026, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the proposed text amendment following staff clarification that site plans within the BLVD District are subject to administrative approval. Staff recommends approval of Application PL-26-0048.

Mayor Pineda opened the public hearing and did not receive any requests to speak. Mayor Pineda closed the public hearing and opened the floor for comments from Council.

Councilmember White moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-0426, to reflect changes in State law related to administrative approvals, allow for continued refinement of the Zoning Ordinance, provide for cross-references, allow for clerical corrections, and

address the overall accuracy and usability of the Zoning Ordinance and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents; Vice Mayor Nielson 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

b. WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

Public Works Director Kirk Beaty, provided an update on Avondale’s water portfolio, noting that while the City maintains a robust mix of renewable resources, external pressures such as statewide drought conditions and uncertainties surrounding the Colorado River could affect long-term resilience.

He reported that Avondale’s renewable water supply is composed of 44 percent Salt River Project (SRP) water, 18 percent Colorado River water delivered through the Central Arizona Project (CAP), and 33 percent effluent, with the remaining five percent derived from groundwater allocations and long-term storage credits totaling 143,200 acre-feet. Avondale’s total Designation of Assured Water Supply is 30,833 acre-feet, and annual demand continues to increase, with approximately 50 percent of the portfolio 15,909 acre-feet used in 2025, primarily within the SRP service area.

Mr. Beaty reviewed regulatory constraints, including SRP water use limitations within the on-project area, and emphasized that CAP and effluent supplies can be stored as long-term credits without usage restrictions. He noted that potential reductions to the Colorado River allocation could significantly impact off-project areas where much of the City’s growth is occurring.

Mr. Beaty also reported that city staff submitted renewal applications for both the Designation of Assured Water Supply and the Avondale Wetlands Underground Storage Facility in December 2023, and no response has yet been received from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), likely due to statewide uncertainties related to the Colorado River. He concluded by highlighting the Water Resource Management Ordinance adopted in July 2025, which ensures that all development-related departments incorporate water resource considerations into project review and that prospective developers understand applicable criteria.

Mr. Beaty reported that Avondale remains in Stage One of its Drought Preparedness Plan, which emphasizes water conservation and requires the City to reduce use through efficiency checks and operational adjustments. A recent water efficiency

audit, funded through a Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) grant, identified approximately 3 million gallons in potential annual savings. As part of this effort, a leak in the water feature outside Council Chambers was discovered and repaired, resulting in an estimated 850,000 gallons of annual savings. Additional recommendations from the audit are underway and expected to be completed by summer. Mr. Beaty noted that residential and commercial customers are encouraged to reduce water use, and the city continues to offer conservation education and rebate programs.

He added that other municipalities are in similar stages of their drought plans, and regional discussions are occurring regarding potential movement to higher stages in response to ongoing uncertainties surrounding the Colorado River. Many cities are considering whether coordinated action would provide a consistent regional message about water resources and shortages, and updates will be provided as these discussions progress.

Mr. Beaty also highlighted legislative activity, noting that 122 water-related bills were introduced this session, with 49 still active. Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator, Liz Barker Alvarez and Water Resources Manager, Cole Pihl are working closely with the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA), which has taken positions on 28 bills, many related to resuming development halted by groundwater shortages and the existing moratorium. Bills of particular interest to Avondale include HB 2166, HB 2099/SB 1201, and HB 4030/HCR 2016.

In June 2023, the City of Phoenix released an Active Management Area Groundwater Model, which led to the Governor's prohibition on new development that relies solely on groundwater in areas without access to renewable supplies. This action prompted significant legislative activity, the creation of new regulatory programs, and multiple lawsuits.

He explained that the Alternative Designation of Assured Water Supply (ADAWS) program was established as an alternative path for water providers that do not hold a designation and cannot meet the 100-year assured water supply requirement. Providers pursuing ADAWS must secure non-groundwater supplies and commit to offsetting future groundwater pumping. Although intended to facilitate the resumption of development in affected areas, only two water providers statewide have successfully met the program's requirements. Mr. Beaty noted that lawsuits related to both the development prohibition and the ADAWS framework continue to be monitored closely by AMWUA, given their potential implications for municipal water management and regional growth.

Mr. Beaty provided an update on current conditions along the Colorado River, noting that ongoing negotiations among basin states and the Federal Government remain a major regional issue. He explained that the Southwest continues to experience a long-term drought exceeding 25 years, which has reduced renewable water supplies statewide and will continue to affect Avondale.

Within the Salt River system, overall storage is 57 percent full, down from 68 percent the previous year, and watershed precipitation is at 110 percent of average due to fall rainfall; however, limited snowpack has resulted in below-average inflows. Conditions on the Colorado River and Central Arizona Project (CAP) remain strained, with Lake Mead at 34 percent full, Lake Powell at 25 percent, and snowpack at 67 percent of average, producing reduced runoff. Mr. Beaty reviewed the Colorado River allocation structure, noting that the seven basin states share 16.5 million acre-feet under the 1922 Compact, although current annual flows are estimated at only 12 million acre-feet, creating a structural deficit of approximately 4.5 million acre-feet. He added that Arizona holds the junior priority on the river and therefore absorbs the first reductions to its 2.8 million acre-foot allocation during shortages.

He further explained that the 2019 Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan established a framework for determining shortage tiers and associated delivery reductions; however, the plan expires in October 2026, and the seven states have not reached agreement on a replacement despite two federal deadlines. Disagreements persist between the upper and lower basin states regarding how to address the deficit, how reductions should be distributed, and how they should be administered. In response, the Bureau of Reclamation has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement for New Operations, which contemplates significant reductions to Arizona and CAP deliveries. Additional concerns include the ability to continue generating hydropower and the operational safety of major dams under prolonged low-water conditions.

Mr. Beaty continued his update with an overview of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, noting that the document evaluates seven operational alternatives for the Colorado River system. Under all options, the Upper Basin states would not experience reductions to their allocations, while the projected impacts to the Central Arizona Project (CAP) range from 32 percent to 98 percent. None of the seven basin states support the outcomes presented in the EIS, and the most likely scenario, the Basic Coordination Alternative, would result in an estimated 70 percent reduction to CAP deliveries. Avondale anticipates a reduction of 50 to 55 percent, roughly equivalent to the volume the City stores annually as long-term storage credits.

The Bureau of Reclamation has received comments from all stakeholders, but no action has been taken. Upper Basin states have indicated they will not accept reductions, while Arizona has stated it will not shoulder the full burden and is preparing for potential litigation. In response, CAP has formed a statewide coalition of cities, Tribes, and economic partners including Avondale to advocate for the importance of Colorado River water and the CAP system to Arizona's future.

Mr. Beaty emphasized that staff would continue monitoring developments and evaluating potential impacts on Avondale. He noted that the City's water resources remain stable due to long-standing investments in a diverse portfolio, infrastructure improvements, and regional collaboration. Avondale continues to work closely with

neighboring municipalities on storage credits and participates in educational partnerships such as Project WET, the Annual Water Festival with the City of Goodyear, which teaches fourth-grade students about water sources and conservation. The city also collaborates with regulatory agencies, including Maricopa County and ADWR, to ensure compliance with operating permits and water-quality standards, particularly regarding the Lead and Copper Rule Revision and PFAS treatment. Avondale's inventory of lead service lines is nearly complete, and once the final lines are verified, the City will be considered a zero-lead certified provider.

Mr. Beaty added that the potential loss of Colorado River supplies underscores the need to pursue new water resources. The Bartlett Dam project remains the most viable augmentation option, though projected costs have increased to \$45 million. Phoenix and other cities are advancing advanced wastewater treatment technologies, and while Avondale is not currently a partner, staff are monitoring these efforts as part of a future regional solution.

The WIFA long-term water augmentation fund is also exploring new supply projects, and Avondale participates on the Offtake Committee to help shape decisions and preserve opportunities for future involvement. Effluent resources continue to expand, with construction on the new Water Reclamation Facility beginning this summer; effluent represents one-third of Avondale's portfolio and supplies 65 percent of off-project demand, helping offset potential Colorado River reductions.

In closing, Mr. Beaty stated that Avondale's water resources remain strong, but drought conditions and regional negotiations continue to present significant challenges. Staff will continue monitoring legislation in coordination with AMWUA, tracking the status of the City's Designation of Assured Water Supply and Underground Storage Facility permits, pursuing additional resources, investing in infrastructure, and updating the City Council as conditions evolve.

Mayor Pineda and Councilmembers were given an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions.

Mayor Pineda commented on the complexity and importance of the water-resource issues presented, noting his appreciation for the historical context included in the report and the proactive measures taken by previous Councils to position Avondale for long-term stability. He emphasized that while regional conditions may appear increasingly challenging, Avondale has consistently taken the necessary steps to prepare for the future, and additional decisions will be required as circumstances evolve. He stated that the presentation provides valuable information for both the Council and the community, particularly as external variables continue to shift and require adaptation, often at significant cost. The Mayor expressed his gratitude to staff for their expertise and ongoing efforts to guide the City through these challenges.

Councilmember Conde thanked Mr. Beaty and the Water Resources team for their continued vigilance and preparation for the future, echoing the Mayor's

acknowledgment of past Councils' foresight in strengthening Avondale's water portfolio. She noted her appreciation that the City's water resources remain stable and expressed hope and confidence that this stability will continue.

Councilmember White requested clarification regarding the distinction between SRP on-project and off-project areas, noting that although SRP represents the largest portion of Avondale's water portfolio, much of the City's population resides outside the SRP service area. She asked whether the inability to store SRP water creates a disadvantage. Mr. Beaty confirmed that SRP water cannot be stored and is used as it is delivered; however, he explained that water entering the wastewater system is treated at the Water Reclamation Facility and becomes effluent, which can then be used anywhere in the city. He described the facility as effectively converting SRP water into a renewable resource that supports off-project needs.

Councilmember White asked about the City's drought preparedness stages, confirming that Stage Four represents the highest level of drought response. She noted that indicators appear to be trending toward Stage Two and asked whether the city might return to Stage Zero given the positive report. Mr. Beaty stated that staff do not anticipate returning to Stage Zero due to expected reductions in Colorado River supplies. He indicated that staff may recommend moving to Stage Two this winter, which would focus on increased conservation rather than imposing new restrictions. He added that some Valley cities facing severe Colorado River impacts may move to higher stages as early as October, and Avondale will consider both regional coordination through AMWUA and local conditions before making any changes.

Councilmember White asked whether progress toward a new Colorado River agreement is expected, given that two federal deadlines have already passed. Mr. Beaty responded that the matter is now in the hands of the Bureau of Reclamation, and any decision is likely to result in litigation, potentially delaying resolution beyond October 2026. He noted that inflows to the Colorado River are currently around 2 million acre-feet, far below outflows, and that projections show Lake Powell could reach levels that prevent hydropower generation at Glen Canyon Dam by December. He emphasized that while Avondale's drought preparedness plan does not rely solely on Colorado River conditions, other factors such as reduced SRP watershed inflows or regulatory changes could also influence future drought-stage recommendations.

Councilmember White then asked whether litigation could interrupt water deliveries. Mr. Beaty stated that he does not anticipate an immediate cutoff, as the Bureau would likely maintain operations under an interim approach until legal matters are resolved. He cautioned, however, that if Lake Powell drops below the elevation needed for releases through Glen Canyon Dam, water would no longer flow to Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, or the CAP system, making continued monitoring essential.

Councilmember Weise referenced a slide indicating Avondale's total designation of 30,833 acre-feet, noting that the city uses approximately 52 percent of its portfolio, or 15,909 acre-feet, and asked whether most of that use is SRP water and whether any

unused SRP water can be stored. Mr. Beaty confirmed that SRP water comprises most of that usage and cannot be stored; the city may only store effluent and CAP water.

Councilmember Weise thanked staff for addressing recent questions regarding the data center project and noted that she was pleased to learn the impact equals six homes rather than ten. She also expressed appreciation for the City's water-conservation rebates and asked whether additional public education could be provided, particularly given recent discussions about rate adjustments. She referenced information in the land-use assumptions indicating that the City accounts for roughly 2 percent of water meters but uses approximately 23 percent of total water and asked whether the recently identified 850,000-gallon leak contributed to that usage. Mr. Beaty confirmed that it did.

Councilmember Weise expressed appreciation for the audit that uncovered the leak and asked whether the City uses cisterns or rain barrels to capture stormwater. Mr. Beaty explained that the City does not, noting that such systems are intended for small-scale residential use and would not meaningfully impact municipal-level water volumes. Instead, the City focuses on higher-impact strategies such as leak prevention, reducing winter overseeding, and minimizing water loss. He reported that Avondale's FY 2025 water-loss rate was 5 percent, well below the 10 percent maximum allowed by ADWR, and noted that proposed legislation may lower the allowable threshold to 8 percent—a standard Avondale already meets. Councilmember Weise thanked staff for their proactive efforts.

Councilmember Solorio thanked staff for the presentation and recognized the efforts of the Water Conservation team, noting that her parents recently completed the Water Academy and received a 20 percent rebate for reducing their water use. she shared that the program was eye-opening for her family and emphasized the value of expanding similar educational opportunities, particularly for younger residents, to build awareness of water conservation.

Councilmember Nielson also thanked Mr. Beaty and staff for their work, noting the importance of Council staying informed amid widespread public concern about regional water issues. He stated that his role on the AMWUA Board reinforces the need for accurate local information and expressed appreciation that Avondale is in a strong position. Speaking from his experience with homeowners' associations, he noted that many HOAs are willing to conserve water but often lack guidance, and he encouraged continued outreach. He asked for clarification regarding effluent recharge, confirming that water sent to the recharge facility does not return immediately. Mr. Beaty explained that water in recharge ponds is subject to evaporation and percolation, and that groundwater movement can shift depending on regional pumping patterns. He noted that increased well use by other municipalities, particularly larger cities, could influence aquifer flows, underscoring the importance of regional collaboration.

Councilmember Nielson then asked how Avondale's projected buildout population of approximately 160,000 would affect water availability and whether there is a maximum threshold that could limit future development. Mr. Beaty explained that the City's Designation of Assured Water Supply accounts for buildout population and that Avondale has made commitments for an additional 3,000 acre-feet, bringing projected use to roughly 60 percent of its portfolio. He emphasized that the City does not intend to reach 100 percent allocation, as the Water Resource Management Ordinance requires careful evaluation of how water is assigned to new development. He noted that Council retains the ability to allocate additional water to projects that provide significant community benefit, such as needed amenities, revenue generation, or job creation.

Mr. Beaty added that current usage trends align with expectations and that staff continue to work closely with HOAs through quarterly meetings to identify conservation opportunities among major water users.

Mayor Pineda revisited a point raised during recent budget discussions regarding development in the southern portion of the City, noting that Avondale has committed to providing a specific volume of water to support that development. He emphasized the importance of planned infrastructure investments, including the new treatment facility, to ensure the City can meet those commitments and remain in compliance with its own agreements. Mr. Beaty explained that Avondale's Designation of Assured Water Supply has been allocated across all parcels citywide, with some parcels already using their allocations and others not yet developed.

The Water Resource Management Ordinance ensures that water is distributed equitably so that all parcels retain access, rather than allowing early projects to consume the entire supply. He noted that future reductions such as a potential loss of 2,500 acre-feet of Colorado River water could require the City to reevaluate allocations or development patterns at buildout, though it is too early to determine whether such adjustments will be necessary. The Mayor added that the complexity and scale of the numbers involved underscore the need for ongoing public education, as many residents may not be aware of the challenges.

The Mayor then asked for clarification regarding snowpack and runoff in the Upper Basin states, noting that those regions typically receive more snowfall than Arizona. He asked whether runoff is captured before reaching the Lower Basin or whether overall precipitation has declined to the point that insufficient water reaches Arizona. Mr. Beaty explained that the Colorado River Basin's snowpack is concentrated in northern states such as Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado, all of which are currently experiencing historically low snowfall. Water feeding the Colorado River originates high in these mountain ranges and is supplemented by tributaries such as the Green River and several upstream reservoirs.

Much of this water is captured above Lake Powell, where the Upper Basin states begin using their allocations. Under the 1922 Compact, the Upper Basin is required to deliver

7.5 million acre-feet annually to the Lower Basin, though the mechanics of enforcing this “compact call” have not been fully addressed. He noted that the Upper Basin argues it has not yet used its full allocation, while the Lower Basin is using its entire share, creating both a physical shortage and a philosophical divide. Mr. Beaty emphasized that despite perceptions, Lower Basin states, including Arizona, have reduced water use over time through conservation and sound management, even as populations have grown. He concluded that both basins are experiencing significant declines in snowpack and runoff, contributing to the ongoing regional water crisis.

6. REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Deputy City Manager Dale Nannenga recognized Assistant City Manager Tracy Stevens for 19 years of service on behalf of City Manager Corbin, the City Management Team and all the employees for the city. With over 30 years of experience in governmental work, he challenged the public to think of a project, development, or anything that occurs within the city that over the years that Tracy did not have her hand in, her touch, or her opinion. She has done a tremendous job in developing our city over the past 19 years. We would like to wish her the best in her opportunities in the state to the west. Please join me in thanking and congratulating her on her service to the City of Avondale.

On Monday, April 13, 2026, there will be a celebration for Tracy’s service to the city at the Vic at 1:00 PM.

Assistant City Manager Stevens expressed her appreciation to the Mayor, current and past Councilmembers, and City staff, reflecting on her tenure since arriving in Avondale in 2007 when much of the community was still undeveloped. She noted how fortunate she feels to have served the residents of Avondale and to have worked alongside an exceptional leadership team and dedicated employees, emphasizing that the City’s progress is the result of collective effort.

- Councilmember Weise thanked Ms. Stevens on behalf of herself and her husband, noting she will be greatly missed.
- Councilmember Garcia expressed gratitude for Ms. Stevens’ guidance and support, particularly as a new Councilmember, and thanked her for her long service to the community.
- Councilmember Solorio shared her appreciation for Ms. Stevens’ service and recalled first meeting while she served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, noting how much she learned from Ms. Stevens.
- Councilmember White thanked Ms. Stevens for her 19 years of service and remarked that much of Avondale’s development bears her influence.
- Councilmember Conde offered her thanks and wished Ms. Stevens well in her next chapter.
- Councilmember Nielson expressed heartfelt appreciation for Ms. Stevens’ friendship, thoughtfulness, and contributions both within and beyond the City organization.
- Mayor Pineda thanked Ms. Stevens for her deep institutional knowledge and the valuable context she has provided over nearly two decades, noting that her

understanding of Avondale's history and development has been instrumental in informing policy decisions. He added that although she is leaving the organization, her insight will continue to be valued, and he looks forward to celebrating her service with the community.

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

- Councilmember Solorio spoke about the Torch Run event and expressed appreciation to both Chiefs for the strong display of camaraderie between Fire and Police personnel. She also recognized Mr. Corbin for his participation.
- Councilmember Weise reported attending the Extravaganza at Don Hale Park on Thursday, followed by a visit to Mercy House, both of which were well-attended and well-executed by City staff. She shared that she is currently participating in the Fire Academy and encouraged the community to attend the four academies.
- Councilmember White highlighted several recent engagements, including representing the City and Valley Metro at the Women's Transportation Seminar Metro Phoenix Chapter Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony. She also attended the Valley Metro Audit and Finance Subcommittee meeting, noting that preliminary results from their first peer audit indicate Valley Metro is on track to become Red Book audited certified. Additionally, she visited West Point High School for the National Honor Society induction ceremony and represented the City and Valley Metro at the Arizona Statewide Transit Conference earlier in the day.
- Mayor Pineda thanked all who attended the recent Coffee with Council event at Starbucks. He also recognized Economic Development Director Jenn Stein for moderating a panel at the Fast Track to Global Connections event, which included representatives from international businesses and the President of Phoenix Raceway. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Silvas for their work on the "Cashin Has Heart" initiative and thanked Parks and Recreation staff for their efforts in coordinating the Extravaganza.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember White moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting into Executive Session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38--431.03(A)(3) and (A)(7) for discussion with designated representatives of the public body to consider its position and instruct its representatives and for discussion or consultation with the City's Attorney for legal advice and to instruct the City's Attorney regarding negotiations of a lease agreement for the Southwest Family Advocacy Center; 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 7:32 p.m.

Mike Pineda

[Mike Pineda \(May 6, 2026 13:34:06 PDT\)](#)

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 6th day of April 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Sarmiento

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

May 4, 2026

Date Approved by City Council