

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
May 18, 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; Katie Gregory, Assistant City Manager; Dale Nannenga, Assistant 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; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation 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; Cheryl Covert, Interim Economic Development Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 30 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. PROCLAMATION – MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month. This item was for discussion only.

b. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Water Safety Month. This item was for discussion only.

c. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing May 17 through May 23, 2026, as Public Works Week. This item was for discussion only.

d. CITIZEN'S WATER ACADEMY RECOGNITION

The 2026 Avondale Citizen's Water Academy graduates were recognized for completion of the program. This item was for discussion only.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Natosha Edmonds, an Avondale resident, spoke regarding the April 17th child fatality. She stated that, according to ADOT, pedestrian deaths in Arizona have reached a five-year high, and MAG data identifies the stretch of Lower Buckeye Road as a danger zone. She campaigned for immediate action by honoring the child's life through improvement prioritizations.
- Joe Naylor, an Avondale resident, spoke regarding water conservation efforts and data center development. He shared that he has been attending meetings with the Avondale Public Works Department HOA Committee Water Conservation Group and supports the discussions around saving water. However, he said it is difficult to encourage residents in his neighborhood to conserve water when they see a data center across the street and hear that the City is providing large amounts of water to existing and future data centers. He referenced a Wisconsin city that passed a resolution opposing additional data center development due to water concerns and encouraged the Council to consider a similar resolution. Mr. Naylor also noted the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Litchfield Road and Lower Buckeye Road.
- Ron Corbin, City Manager, recognized Assistant City Manager Katie Gregory for over 30 years of public service. He stated that since joining the City two years ago, Ms. Gregory has been generous and dedicated to serving the community. As this was her final City Council meeting with the City of Avondale, he publicly thanked her for her service and wished her success in her promotion and future endeavors.

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 April 20, 2026, City Council meeting minutes.

b. SERIES 7 (BEER AND WINE BAR) AND SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE — GAME-ON GOLF & LOUNGE

City Council recommended approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) and Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Maher Nawfal Ghazool for the sale of alcohol at Game-On Golf & Lounge located at 645 N Avondale Blvd #100 in Avondale and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE — THAI ORCHID GARDEN

City Council recommended approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Piya Rajcharoen for the sale of alcohol at Thai Orchid Garden located at 12725 W Indian School Rd A-104 in Avondale and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE — GYROS AND MORE

City Council recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Luis Antonio Castillo for the sale of alcohol at Gyros and More located at 1467 N Dysart Rd #107 in Avondale and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 1031-0526 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) FOR DESIGN, ROW ACQUISITIONS, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECT ON LOWER BUCKEYE ROAD, FROM LITCHFIELD ROAD TO 107TH AVENUE

City Council adopted Resolution 1031-0526, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the design, ROW acquisitions, construction, and maintenance of a roadway widening project on Lower Buckeye Road between Litchfield Road and 107th Avenue, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 1032-0526 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION (EVP) SYSTEMS AT INTERSTATE 10 AND DYSART ROAD, INTERSTATE 10 AND 107TH AVENUE, AND INTERSTATE 10 AND 99TH AVENUE

City Council adopted Resolution 1032-0526, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the procurement and installation of Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) systems at the Interstate 10 and Dysart Road, Interstate 10 and 107th Avenue, and Interstate 10 and 99th Avenue intersections, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 1033-0526 - AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR THE WEST VALLEY SEX TRAFFICKING TASKFORCE

City Council adopted Resolution 1033-0526, authorizing an amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the partnering agencies of the Southwest Family Advocacy Center (SWFAC), which includes the City of Buckeye, the City of Goodyear, and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. The amended IGA provides a continuation of operations for the West Valley Sex Trafficking Task Force under the previously amended DEMA grant and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. RESOLUTION 1034-0526 - SECOND AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

City Council adopted Resolution 1034-0526, amending the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Maricopa County Human Services Department, Workforce Development Division for the provision of workforce development services provided by the Workforce Development Coordinator and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

i. RESOLUTION 1035-0526 - AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR PM-10 STREET SWEEPER GRANTS FUNDING

City Council: a) adopted Resolution 1035-0526, accepting grant funding from the Maricopa Association of Governments for the FY2026 PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Program in an amount not to exceed \$840,276 for two replacement street sweepers; b) authorized and directed staff to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of documents related to the award and to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution; and c) 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

Councilmember White shared that she recently visited the West-MEC campus in Glendale, thanking the organization for the opportunity. On May 10th, she attended Dave & Buster's in Glendale, celebrating Mother's Day. On May 12th, she attended a Pre-K graduation at Vida Eterna Church. On May 13th, she attended the Gila River Forum. Lastly, she noted her attendance at the WestMARC Economic Development event, where she heard a presentation from Interim Economic Development Director Cheryl.

Councilmember Garcia shared that she attended the West Valley Regional Chamber event last week, where a local panaderia on Western Avenue was recognized for its contributions to the community. She announced that she graduated from Leadership West and expressed appreciation for the opportunity, stating it was a great experience learning from many different leaders. Lastly, she thanked Police Officers in recognition of National Police Week.

Vice Mayor Nielson spoke about attending the West Valley Regional Chamber event and enjoying the opportunity to learn more about regional activities and initiatives. He also attended the Gila River Forum and learned more about potential future opportunities for the City.

Mayor Pineda shared remarks from the Estrella Mountain Community College commencement ceremony held the previous week. While watching the student procession, he recognized Municipal Security Officer Carolyn Aguilar among the graduates. He stated that seeing a familiar face and witnessing her educational accomplishment was meaningful.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember Garcia moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting into Executive Session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38--431.03(A)(1) for discussion of the evaluation and salary of the City Attorney; Councilmember Solorio 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 6:22 p.m.

Mike Pineda

Mike Pineda (Jun 18, 2026 14:46:41 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 May 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Sarmiento

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

June 15, 2026

Date Approved by City Council