

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
June 15, 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; Jennifer Stein, Assistant 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; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Julie Knoll; Deputy City Clerk; Corey Larriva, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Ted Flores, Interim Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Mark Neerings, Assistant Chief Information Officer; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; Cheryl Covert, Interim Economic Development Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 20 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. PROCLAMATION – JUNETEENTH DAY OF OBSERVANCE

City Council presented a Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth Day of Observance. Cheryl Thurman-Gipson name shared a historical background of the day and accepted the proclamation. This item was for Discussion only.

b. PROPERTY ALL-STAR CURB APPEAL AWARD PROGRAM

City Council recognized the following property owners in Avondale that demonstrate community pride and maintain their properties to a higher standard. This item was for discussion only.

- Sedona Peaks Apartment Homes – Commercial Category
- Andrew & Lorena Magdaleno – Residential Category

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Barney Hernandez, resident of Avondale, spoke as a representative of Cantada Ranch Community noted the recent death of a child in the community. Mr. Hernandez requested answers regarding when the future crosswalk installation will be completed. As a result, Mayor Pineda directed Engineering Director Kim Moon to proceed to the lobby to speak with Mr. Hernandez.

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 Solorio, seconded by Councilmember White, 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 May 18, 2026, City Council meeting minutes.

b. RESOLUTION 1042-0626 - ADOPTION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (MIDS)

City Council adopted Resolution 1042-0626, adopting property tax levies for Maintenance Improvement Districts (MIDs) and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. RESOLUTION 1043-0626 AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GRANT FUNDING

City Council: a) adopted Resolution 1043-0626, accepting grant funding from the Arizona Department of Administration for the Law Enforcement Records Management System in an amount not to exceed \$72,500 for the implementation, maintenance, and support of a Law Enforcement Records Management System; 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; c) authorized the Finance Director to make all necessary budget transfers and adjustments to receive and expend grant funds in accordance with the terms of

the award; and d) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 1044-0626 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH AVONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR RECYCLING SERVICES

City Council adopted Resolution 1044-0626 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Avondale Elementary School District for recycling services, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 1045-0626 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PENDERGAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR RECYCLING SERVICES

City Council adopted Resolution 1045-0626 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pendergast Elementary School District for recycling services, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 1046-0626 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR RECYCLING SERVICES

City Council adopted Resolution 1046-0626 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Littleton Elementary School District for recycling services, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 1047-0626 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LITCHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR RECYCLING SERVICES

City Council adopted Resolution 1047-0626 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Litchfield Elementary School District for recycling services, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. RESOLUTION 1048-0626 - AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RPTA) – FY2027 TRANSIT SERVICES

City Council adopted Resolution 1048-0626 approving an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transportation Authority for Fiscal Year 2027 (Contract #106-75-2027-15-00) relating to public transportation services, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

i. ORDINANCE 2018-0625 – MIAMI AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY DEANNEXATION AT SHADOW RIDGE

City Council adopted Ordinance 2018-0626 authorizing the deannexation of Miami Avenue right-of-way at Shadow Ridge and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

j. ORDINANCE 2019-0626 – AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF 4TH STREET AND EAST OF 111TH AVENUE

City Council adopted Ordinance 2019-0626 authorizing the sale of real property generally located south of 4th Street and east of 111th Avenue and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

k. ORDINANCE 2020-0626 - AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM 545657, INC. LOCATED SOUTH OF ROOSEVELT ROAD AND EAST OF AVONDALE BOULEVARD

City Council adopted ordinance 2020-0626, authorizing the acquisition of real property from 545657, Inc located south of Roosevelt Road and east of Avondale Boulevard, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary city documents.

l. LICENSE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION (WAPA)

City Council authorized a License Agreement with the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to allow the installation of street, curb, sidewalk, handrail, electrical, landscaping, irrigation, and storm drain facilities crossing beneath WAPA's Liberty to Westwing and Liberty to Rudd 230-kV Transmission Lines and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

m. APPROVAL OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BROOKFIELD LAKIN, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 16-INCH WATER LINE ALONG DYSART ROAD

City Council approved an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with Brookfield Lakin, LLC for the construction of a 16-inch water line extension along Dysart Road and authorized the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. RESOLUTION 1049-0626 - SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY

City Council adopted Resolution 1049-0626, setting the primary and secondary property tax levy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Presented by Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director, noted the purpose of the item is to adopt the property tax levy for fiscal year 2027: Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute, the City is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed tax levy which was completed on June 1, 2026. The City is not increasing the primary property tax rate so there was not a "Truth in Taxation" Hearing. The primary levy will only increase the amount related to growth and new construction.

Ms. Weatherless compared the following property tax rates:

Property Tax Rates	FY2026 Rate	FY2027 Rate
Primary (for general purposes)	0.6095	0.5813
Secondary (restricted to repayment of bond principal and interest)	0.8497	0.8779
Total	1.4592	1.4592

Fiscal Year 2027 Combined Property Tax Levy	FY2027 Levy	FY2027 Levy
Primary	\$4,527,130	0.5813
Secondary	\$6,837,490	0.8779
Total	\$11,364,620	1.4592

Ms. Weatherless shared the historical property tax rate, noting the combined is well below the policy-set maximum amount of \$2.00 and has been very stable over several years. An example property tax bill was presented, demonstrating the amounts divided between schools, county, city, and special districts.

Vice Mayor Nielson moved to adopt Resolution 1049-0626, setting the primary and secondary property tax levy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and authorizing the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents; Councilmember Weise seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 6 to 1.

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

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

Councilmember Solorio attended the Dive-in-Movie event at the Avondale Aquatic Center. She also shared news about receiving a scholarship for a college course that she

just completed, Housing as an Economic Tool Developer. She noted she now has a better understanding of the terminology and how it ties into Avondale.

Councilmember Conde also attended the Dive-In-Movie event at the Avondale Aquatic Center. She shared the late swim schedule and encouraged listeners to visit the Aquatic Center website for more details.

Councilmember Garcia attended the West Valley Women's Veterans Day event, noting women veterans in the valley often feel overlooked. She recognized women veterans, including those in the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilmember White attended the Arizona Department of Transportation listening session, which provided her an opportunity to hear about the concerns coming from the west valley and encouraged listening to be prepared for future construction coming to the area. She attended the Tolleson Police Department's Community Room and gave kudos to the organization for allowing the public to use the space for a meeting. Lastly, she attended the Arizona West Valley Alumni Chapter Sorority Year of Delta Sigma Theta, noting she just finished her second term as Vice President for that organization.

7. 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) and (A)(3) for: a) discussion of the evaluation and salary of the City Auditor; b) discussion of the evaluation and salary of the City Manager; and c) discussion or consultation with the City Attorney for legal advice on the evaluation and salary of the City Auditor and the City Manager; Councilmember White 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 6:12 p.m.

Mike Pineda

Mike Pineda (Jul 7, 2026 09:39:34 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 15th of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.



Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

July 6, 2026

Date Approved by City Council