

Mayor Cal Sheehy
Vice Mayor David Diaz
Councilmember Nancy
Campbell
Councilmember Jeni Coke
Councilmember Jim Dolan
Councilmember Michele Lin
Councilmember Cameron
Moses



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City Council Regular Meeting

Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sheehy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Pastor Kay Zimmerman, City on a Hill International Church, gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members from Havasu Stitches Quilt Guild led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cal Sheehy, Councilmember Nancy Campbell, Councilmember Jeni Coke, Councilmember Jim Dolan, Councilmember Cameron Moses, Councilmember Michele Lin and Vice Mayor David Diaz

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 [ID 26-5087](#) Action: Approve the January 13, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes (*Kelly Williams*)
- 5.2 [ID 26-5075](#) Action: Resolution No. 26-3892 Approving Abandonment of the Easterly 5-Foot of the Existing 20-Foot by 166-Foot Public Utility and Drainage Easement on the Westerly Property Line of 1800 Lantern Drive, Tract 2278, Block 6, Lot 19, Excluding the Rear Most 10-Foot (*Trevor Kearns*)
- 5.3 [ID 26-5076](#) Action: Resolution No. 26-3893 Approving Abandonment of the Easterly 3-Foot of the Existing 8-Foot by 134-Foot Public Utility and Drainage Easement on the Westerly Property Line of 1980 Chip Drive, Tract 2302, Block 5, Lot 21, Excluding the Rear Most 10-Foot (*Trevor Kearns*)
- 5.4 [ID 26-5082](#) Action: Resolution No. 26-3894 Approving Abandonment of the Westerly 2-Foot of the Existing 10-Foot Wide Public Utility and Drainage Easement along the Easterly Property Line of 284 Mulberry Avenue, Tract 142C, Block 5, Lot 20, Excluding the Southerly

Most 10-Feet (*Trevor Kearns*)

- 5.5 [ID 26-5069](#) Action: Cooperative Purchases of Supplies and Products with Amazon.com Services, LLC (*Jill Olsen*)
- 5.6 [ID 26-5094](#) Action: Use Agreement with the Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization for Office Space in the Transit Building (Renewal) (*Anthony Kozlowski*)
- 5.7 [ID 26-5088](#) Action: Call for Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S.§ 38-431.03(A) 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2026 (*Kelly Williams*)

Councilmember Coke moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Moses, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Sheehy, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Coke, Councilmember Dolan, Councilmember Moses, Councilmember Lin and Vice Mayor Diaz

6. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CITY MANAGER REPORT

- 6.1 [ID 26-5089](#) Announce Vacancies on Lake Havasu City Boards, Committees, and Commissions (*Kelly Williams*)

City Clerk Kelly Williams announced the current vacancies on various Lake Havasu City Boards, Committees, and Commissions. She added that applications are available at City Hall and on the City's website.

- 6.2 [ID 26-5090](#) City Manager's Report (*Jess Knudson*)

City Manager Jess Knudson reported on the following:

- Announced various events, ceremonies, and promotions.
- Acknowledged the retirement of Linda Wooters, Public Works Department, with 24 years of service.
- A Lunch and Learn for Contractors will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Havasu City Municipal Court.
- Registration is now open for the Havasu Residents Academy 8-week program from March 5, 2026, to April 23, 2026.
- A Coffee with the Mayor and Two Chiefs will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Lake Havasu City Council Chambers.

Mr. Knudson showed a safety and educational video regarding e-bikes in the community. Police Captain Chad Williams spoke on the Police Department's education and outreach efforts on e-bike safety and provided some statistics on e-bike incidents and speed studies.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7.1 [ID 26-5062](#) Discussion and Action: Series #12 Restaurant Liquor License, Boat House Grill, 801 Beachcomber Boulevard/Maples (*Kelly Williams*)

Ms. Williams advised that Ms. Jonell Maples has applied for a Series #12 Restaurant Liquor License for Boat House Grill located at 801 Beachcomber Boulevard. She said all posting requirements have been met, all fees have been paid, and no objections were received. Ms. Williams added that the location is properly zoned for a Series #12 Restaurant Liquor License.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Diaz moved to recommend that the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control approve a Series #12 Restaurant Liquor License for Boat House Grill, 801 Beachcomber Boulevard, seconded by Councilmember Moses, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Sheehy, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Coke, Councilmember Dolan, Councilmember Moses, Councilmember Lin and Vice Mayor Diaz

- 7.2 [ID 26-5081](#) Discussion and Action: Services Agreement with Clothes Closet to Provide Services to City Problem-Solving Court Participants, City Court Justice Involved Individuals, and City Police Department Contacts for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27 (*Mitchell Kalauli*)

Councilmember Lin recused herself from participating and voting on this item.

City Magistrate Mitchell Kalauli advised that this item is to award a services agreement with Clothes Closet to provide services to City Problem Solving Court participants, City Court Justice involved individuals, and City Police Department contacts for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27. Judge Kalauli explained that this partnership with Clothes Closet would benefit individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues that need basic amenities and community resources. He reviewed the terms of the agreement and costs.

Discussion ensued related to the quarterly report requirements and how individuals would be identified in needing these program services.

Mayor Sheehy noted that there are services that Clothes Closet is already providing; however, the services through this agreement would enhance the Building Bridges Court.

Councilmember Coke asked how the costs were determined and how many individuals they anticipate in this program, to which Judge Kalauli said through an assessment they determine whether an individual is high-risk and high-need which is the best fit for this program. He said he would anticipate, based on needs, approximately ten individuals being

in the program annually, and added that the costs were determined based on a cost per month for ten individuals.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing.

Ms. Christine Watson, Clothes Closet, thanked the council for this opportunity and provided a brief background on Clothes Closet and the number of individuals served over the past six months.

Councilmember Moses said when he spoke previously with Ms. Watson transportation was a need and asked if some of this money would be used to provide transportation, to which Ms. Watson said due to the number of individuals in need of services, more employees are needed.

Discussion ensued regarding taxpayer dollars being used to fund non-profit organizations. Vice Mayor Diaz noted that this is a different situation as this is not a non-profit organization asking the City for money but providing a service that the City is asking them to do.

The following individuals spoke in support of the services agreement with Clothes Closet:

- Ms. Kimberly Zanon, citizen
- Mr. Rich Tully, citizen
- Ms. Sarah Tully, citizen
- Ms. Ricarda DeAnda, AZ Youth Partnership
- Mr. Todd Baldwin, citizen
- Ms. Judy Zelleck, citizen

There being no further comments, Mayor Sheehy closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Moses emphasized the need for accountability when it comes to this program.

Councilmember Dolan stated that he does not support giving taxpayer dollars to non-profit groups, but said Clothes Closet is providing a service to the City that is needed.

Vice Mayor Diaz moved to approve the Services Agreement with Clothes Closet to provide services to City Problem-Solving Court Participants, City Court justice involved individuals, and City Police Department contacts for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27; authorize the use of Contingency funds in the amount of \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, and carried by the

following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Sheehy, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Coke, Councilmember Dolan, Councilmember Moses and Vice Mayor Diaz

Recused: 1 - Councilmember Lin

- 7.3 [ID 26-5083](#) Discussion and Action: Resolution No. 26-3891 Approving Services Agreement with Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 to Continue the Kinder Swim Program and Initiate the Mission 5: Ready to Rescue Program (*Gabby Vera*)

Parks and Recreation Director Gabby Vera advised that this item is to approve a services agreement with the Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 to continue the Kinder Swim Program and initiate the Mission 5: Ready to Rescue Program. Mr. Matt Dickinson and Mr. Max Wilke, with the Parks and Recreation Program, highlighted the Mission 5: Ready to Rescue Program, and outlined the following in their presentation:

Background of Mission 5: Ready to Rescue

- American Red Cross Mission CPR
 - o Found a disparity exists in bystander CPR response which impacted-out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) survival.
 - o Bystander CPR can significantly improve survival rates.

Red Cross Mission 5 Hands-Only CPR Course

- Free Course
- Length: 30 min
- Purpose: Teach untrained bystanders how to perform hands-only CPR.

Overview Mission 5: Ready to Rescue

- This will be an extension of our already successful Kinder Swim Program. It will aim to provide a structured follow-up experience for 5th graders.

Revisit the Swim Skills from Kinder Swim

- Jump in
- Float on their back
- Swim to safety

New Skills the Students will Learn

- Integrate lifesaving skills using American Red Cross: Mission CPR Hands-only CPR course.
- Teach simple life saving water skills taught by our own American Red Cross Lifeguards.

Councilmember Lin asked if individuals after taking the program would be certified in CPR, to which Mr. Dickerson said they would not be certified but would gain the knowledge.

Ms. Vera recognized the London Bridge Rotary Club for their annual donation towards the Kinder Swim Program since 1999. She said the Parks and Recreation Department is also working with the City's Grants Division on grant opportunities to help fund the Mission 5: Ready to Rescue Program.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing.

Ms. Laura Sprott, citizen, addressed the council regarding the health benefits of water fitness and the need for a second pool.

There being no further comments, Mayor Sheehy closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Coke moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-3891 approving the Services Agreement with Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 to continue the Kinder Swim Program and initiate the Mission 5: Ready to Rescue Program, seconded by Councilmember Dolan, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Sheehy, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Coke, Councilmember Dolan, Councilmember Moses, Councilmember Lin and Vice Mayor Diaz

- 7.4 [ID 25-5084](#) Discussion and Action: Ordinance No. 26-1377 Amending Lake Havasu City Code Chapter 11.06 Related to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Officer Terms, Attendance, Meeting Frequency, and Powers and Duties (Adoption) (*Gabby Vera*)

Ms. Vera said this item is to adopt an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 11.06 related to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ("Board") officer terms, attendance, meeting frequency, and powers and duties. She said the proposed amendments reflect the suggested changes by the council that was introduced at the City Council meeting on January 13, 2026. Ms. Vera highlighted the proposed amendments as follows:

- Establishing clear annual officer selection and term dates.
- Defining attendance standards to support consistent participation and quorum.
- Clarifying meeting frequency requirements while allowing flexibility based on business needs.
- Updating and clearly outlining the advisory Board's powers and duties, including its role in supporting the development and updating of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Councilmember Lin said the proposed amendments to Items 5 and 6 under Section 11.06.070, Powers and Duties, could be combined, and asked for clarification on whether the powers and duties listed including: 1) assisting and advising the Parks and Recreation Director in the development of a continuing plan for the city's park system and recreation programs (under Item 5), and 2) establishing priorities in the first quarter of each calendar year for those items related to park acquisition, park or ballfield development, and park of ballfield improvements (under Item 6), would be forwarded to the City Council by the City Manager during the annual budget process, to which Ms. Vera replied yes.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Dolan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-1377 amending Lake Havasu City Code Chapter 11.06 related to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Officer Terms, Attendance, Meeting Frequency, and Powers and Duties, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Sheehy, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Coke, Councilmember Dolan, Councilmember Moses, Councilmember Lin and Vice Mayor Diaz

- 7.5** [ID 26-5086](#) Discussion and Action: Ordinance No. 26-1378 Amending City Code Section Chapter 11.10.030, Location and Relocation of Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way, Regarding Damage to City Rights-of-Way and Facilities (Introduction) (*Bill Young*)

Deputy Director of Public Works Bill Young advised that this item is an introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 11.10.030 regarding the location and relocation of facilities in public rights-of-way and damage to City rights-of-way and facilities. Mr. Young explained that the amendments to the ordinance are based on industry best practices and are designed to reduce the number of street cuts in newly paved streets with 0–5-year-old asphalt. He reviewed the requirements and expectations of the City to properly maintain and restore its streets and the necessary information that must be completed and the responsibilities for anyone cutting City streets. Mr. Young explained that staff plans to work with all utility contractors to provide the City's five-year plan and make sure communications are in place so they can do any work prior to the City putting down pavement.

Councilmember Dolan asked if staff reviewed what other cities and towns were doing and was comfortable that the proposed ordinance would protect the roadways, to which Mr. Young said after reviewing many city and town practices, staff is comfortable with the proposed ordinance, requirements, and expectations. Mr. Young further explained the proposed compaction testing, permitting, and inspection process.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing. There being no comments, he closed the public

hearing.

Councilmember Dolan moved to introduce Ordinance No. 26-1378 amending City Code Section 11.10.030, Location and Relocation of Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way, seconded by Councilmember Moses, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Sheehy, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Coke, Councilmember Dolan, Councilmember Moses, Councilmember Lin and Vice Mayor Diaz

- 7.6** [ID 26-5091](#) Discussion and Action: Cooperative Purchase of LED Lighting for the Rotary Park Ball Fields 1, 2 & 3 and SARA Park Ball Fields 1 & 2 Lighting Improvement Project to MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC (*Guy Reynolds*)

Parks Maintenance Superintendent Guy Reynolds advised that this item is requesting approval of a cooperative purchase agreement to purchase LED lighting for Rotary Park Ballfields 1, 2 & 3 and SARA Park Ballfields 1 & 2 from MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC, in the amount of \$672,000. Mr. Reynolds explained that many of the existing ballfield lights have been in service for 30 years with the older technology showing inherent traits; dimming bulbs, a yellow haze causing less field coverage, and inefficient shielding projecting night glare. He said there are four different lighting products throughout the parks system consisting of the new MUSCO flat projection LED stadium lights at Cypress Park and metal halide or mercury vapor bulbs with polished refractor and glass lens utilized at SARA Park, Dick Samp Park, Island Ballfield, and Rotary Park. Mr. Reynolds noted that the MUSCO LED 1200 series flat projection outdoor lighting has proven to be an excellent product with no reported maintenance problems.

Mr. Reynolds highlighted the Lighting Improvement Project as follows:

- MUSCO LED light mounting is a direct retro fit to existing MUSCO cross arms. The LED product is more efficient using less energy.
- Lights, drivers, hardware and cross arm wiring is all new.
- MUSCO is all American made with standard warranty and extended services contracts available.
- The new lighting system will provide a cleaner brighter shielded field lighting system that will improve safety, game play and support the dark/sky light pollution initiative.

Vice Mayor Diaz asked what kind of system is in place to turn the lights on and off, to which Mr. Reynolds explained that the City has remote automated lighting control on all the park systems that is programmed based on park requests/rentals.

Councilmember Dolan asked why only two of the four ballfields at SARA Park were being

proposed for lighting improvements, to which Mr. Reynolds said the five fields recommended for lighting improvements already have MUSCO poles and arms with direct retrofit. He said the lower ballfields at SARA Park (Fields 3 & 4) have the older style light, but with all the lights on they have a fairly good pattern. He said the City receives a lot of complaints about Rotary Park and SARA Park (Fields 1 & 2); therefore, the City took the worse ones to target first.

Discussion ensued related to the cost of replacing the additional two ballfield lights at SARA Park.

There was consensus from the Council to discuss funding for the additional two ballfield lights at SARA Park at a future meeting.

Councilmember Campbell requested additional information and data related to the electricity savings.

Mr. Reynolds explained two automated lighting control options that could be implemented at one or more of the ballfields to allow for additional field usage.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing.

Ms. Bonny Toy, citizen, addressed the council and asked if the lights are adjustable, to which Mayor Sheehy explained that the bulbs and pitch of the lights are engineered to provide effective field coverage.

Mr. Tim Murray, citizen, addressed the council regarding safety concerns with the current ballfield lighting.

Mr. Taylor Harrison, citizen, addressed the council and spoke in support of the ballfield lighting improvements.

There being no further comments, Mayor Sheehy closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Dolan moved to approve the cooperative purchase of LED lighting improvements from MUSCO, LLC, in the amount of \$672,000, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Sheehy, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Coke, Councilmember Dolan, Councilmember Moses, Councilmember Lin and Vice Mayor Diaz

7.7 [ID 26-5085](#) Discussion: Public Hearing Regarding Annexation Proposal of 3500 Highway 95 North, Mohave County Assessor Parcel No. 120-05-043 (*Chris Gilbert*)

Planning Division Manager Chris Gilbert advised that this item is to receive public comment as the City Council considers annexing a single Mohave County (“County”) owned parcel (formerly the Mohave County Sheriff’s Office Building) located at 3500 Highway 95 North into the City to manage its future reuse and evaluate its potential as a future economic development opportunity. He explained that the initial steps, as required by Arizona State Statutes, have already been completed (as noted within the staff report) and this public hearing is the final step before the City can move forward with notifying the County to begin the process that would be required to approve this annexation from their site. He said following this, the City would be able to acquire their signature on the annexation petition and move forward with the final steps in the process. He said the former Mohave County Sheriff’s Office property, totaling 1.13 acres, is located just north of Tractor Supply Store. This part of Lake Havasu City, just outside of City limits is shown as Commercial Mixed-Use (CMU) on the current General Plan Land Use map, and if annexed, there appears to be no need to alter this designation based upon its location on a major highway. The property is currently located in the County under their zoning scheme, but the logical zoning designation to apply if the property is ultimately annexed would be General Commercial (C-2) to match the existing zoning on the adjacent Tractor Supply Company property. Mr. Gilbert displayed two pictures showing the condition of the property and surrounding uses, and said the property is located within the EPCOR Water District zone of service and is served by a County approved septic tank.

Vice Mayor Diaz clarified that this item is requesting annexation of the land, not buying the property.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

There was consensus from the Council to move forward with the annexation as presented.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Toy addressed the council and spoke regarding crosswalk safety in the downtown area at night.

Mr. Murray addressed the council and said he takes full responsibility for his comments and said if someone has an issue they should come talk to him and not behind his back.

9. CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Campbell said the Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce would be holding their Candidate Forum on June 24, 2026.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

11. FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no requests from Council for future discussion items.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Lake Havasu City Council held on the 27th day of January, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and posted, and that a quorum was present.

Kelly Williams, City Clerk/MMC