

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



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## City Council Regular Meeting

### Minutes - Final

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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

5:30 PM

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. INVOCATION

Pastor Tim Giles, Inspire the Church, gave the invocation.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Mary Lou O'Connell, H.A.V.E.N. Center, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. ROLL CALL

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

\*Councilmember Jim Dolan was present via remote conferencing.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 [ID 25-4953](#) Action: Approve the September 23, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes (*Kelly Williams*)
- 5.2 [ID 25-4945](#) Action: Resolution No. 25-3873 Approving Abandonment of the Southerly 40-Foot of the Existing 10-Foot-Wide Public Utility and Drainage Easement on the Easterly Property Line of 3375 Yavapai Drive, Tract 2250, Block 19, Lot 38, Excluding the Northerly 10-Foot (*Trevor Kearns*)
- 5.3 [ID 25-4959](#) Action: Resolution No. 25-3874 Ratifying Submission of a Grant Application to the Arizona Department of Public Safety for Funds Under the Victims of Crime Act, Crime Assistance Grant, for Victim Assistance Services, and Authorizing Execution of Necessary Documents and Implementation of the Activities Funded by the Grant (*Kelly Garry*)
- 5.4 [ID 25-4934](#) Action: Partnership Agreement to Publicly Display a U.S.S. Arizona Relic with the Lake

Havasu Detachment 757, Marine Corps League, Inc. (*Kelly Garry*)

- 5.5 [ID 25-4954](#) Action: Call for Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S.§ 38-431.03(A) 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2025 (*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 Diaz, Councilmember Moses and Vice Mayor Lin

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

- 6.1 [ID 25-4955](#) 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 noted that applications were available at City Hall and on the City's website.

- 6.2 [ID 25-4956](#) City Manager's Report (*Jess Knudson*)

City Manager Jess Knudson reported on the following:

- Announced various awards, ceremonies, events and proclamations.
- A General Plan Update Open House will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mohave County Library.
- Republic Services will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at 2065 Kiowa Boulevard North (Fire Station No. 2).
- Recognized National Parks Week and spotlighted Robyn Parrot Park.
- Project Updates:
  - o Traffic signal at Jamaica Boulevard and McCulloch Boulevard
  - o Milling and paving at Jamaica Boulevard
  - o Infrastructure upgrades at Acoma Boulevard South
  - o Site 6 Fishing Dock

- 6.3 [ID 25-4957](#) Go Lake Havasu Annual Update

Mr. Shawn Buckley, CEO of Go Lake Havasu, gave a presentation and update on the recent accomplishments and future goals for Go Lake Havasu. His presentation highlighted Go Lake Havasu's structure and funding, research and data, visitor income and spending, visitor origins, economic impact, event roster, marketing and public relations (including social media, paid media, website, and newsletter), visitor center performance, destination directory portal, financial statements, and industry challenges including trends and

opportunities.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7.1 [ID 25-4961](#) Discussion and Action: Resolution No. 25-3875 Opposing the Permanent Transfer of 4th Priority Colorado River Water from GSC Farm, LLC, to the Town of Queen Creek  
(*Kelly Garry*)

City Attorney Kelly Garry explained that in 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution opposing the transfer of 4th priority Colorado River Water from GSC Farm (Greenstone), LLC, to the Town of Queen Creek. At that time the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) recommended that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) approve the transfer of Greenstone’s 4th priority Colorado River entitlement to Queen Creek. About a decade ago, Greenstone bought about 500 acres of farmland in the Cibola area, located in La Paz County (along the Colorado River, in the Ehrenberg area south of I-10); however, a few years later, Greenstone sold the water rights for that farmland to Queen Creek. She said the on-River communities have been battling this transfer ever since, and explained that the transfer reverses a long-held policy that 164,652 acre-feet per year of 4th priority water be reserved for use on the mainstem of the Colorado River for agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses. She said it is important to note that this is the first ever transfer of Colorado River Water from an on-River entitlement holder to metropolitan central Arizona that was not allocated through the Central Arizona Conservation District, known as the Central Arizona Project (CAP). She said transfers of water entitlements from smaller river communities to benefit metropolitan areas which have alternative water supplies available establishes a bad precedent and places the local water supplies and economic future of rural jurisdictions at risk. Ms. Garry said this item requests the council’s consideration in adopting a resolution renewing its opposition to this transfer in response to the Bureau of Reclamation’s Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Greenstone to Queen Creek Water Transfer Project. Historically, the 2019 Greenstone application was initially denied by ADWR, but upon reconsideration, and despite overwhelming opposition from Colorado River Communities, the ADWR ultimately recommended approval of the transfer. During the initial process, Reclamation was urged through public comment to engage in a full EIS; however, the Reclamation determined that a less-intensive Environmental Assessment (EA) was all that was necessary to evaluate the Permanent Transfer. She explained that Reclamation’s EA determined that the impacts were not significant and published an official Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in August 2022, permitting the Permanent Transfer to begin in 2023. In December 2022, Mohave, La Paz, and Yuma Counties and the City of Yuma filed a lawsuit against Reclamation seeking a preliminary injunction against the Permanent Transfer and remand to conduct a full EIS. The City as well as many river communities joined in amicus supporting the litigation. The preliminary injunction was denied, and the Permanent Transfer began in June 2023. The litigation continued and in February 2024 the Counties and City of Yuma prevailed on Summary

Judgment with the Federal Court finding that there were questions of significant impact that needed to be addressed through a full EIS. The matter was remanded to Reclamation to address the shortcomings and to conduct a full EIS. She said as part of the required EIS process, Reclamation is seeking comments to its Notice of Intent with a target date for completion of the EIS and issuance of a Record of Decision in April 2027.

Ms. Garry said the proposed resolution conveys Lake Havasu City's continued opposition to the Permanent Transfer of Colorado River water to metropolitan Arizona and urges Reclamation to consider alternative actions.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing.

Mr. Robert Fischer, citizen, addressed the council and encouraged the City to continue objecting to any water transfers.

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

**Councilmember Moses moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-3875 opposing the transfer of Fourth Priority Colorado River Water from GSC Farm, LLC, to the Town of Queen Creek, seconded by Councilmember Diaz, and carried by the following vote:**

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

- 7.2 [ID 25-4949](#) Discussion and Action: Ordinance No. 25-1370 Amending City Code Chapter 12.08, Building Codes, to Adopt Designated Updated Editions of Published Building Codes, Declaring as Public Records the Local Amendments to the Published Building Codes, and Adopting the Local Amendments by Reference (Introduction) *(Steven Blake)*

Building Official Steven Blake advised that before the council is an introduction to an ordinance amending City Code, Chapter 12.08, Building Codes, to adopt designated updated editions of published building codes. Mr. Blake outlined the following in his presentation:

Building Codes = Safety

- Building Codes are established to protect our community
- Establish minimum standards for safety and public health
- New codes reflect safer code practices and new technology
- Code amendments are needed to address unique local conditions and to deal with construction problems based upon city staff's expertise and experience

Background

- International Code Council (ICC) publishes new building codes are not retroactive.
- The city is currently operating under the 2018 International Codes I-Codes) which

were adopted in 2021.

- Standard practice for cities and towns is to adopt current building codes on a 6-year cycle.

#### Proposed New Technical Codes with Amendments

- 2024 International Building Codes
- 2024 International Mechanical Code
- 2023 National Electrical Code
- 2024 International Existing Building Code
- 2024 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2024 International Plumbing Code
- 2024 International Property Maintenance Code
- 2024 International Residential Code

#### New Codes Keep Lake Havasu Safe

- Ensures construction in Lake Havasu City is safe and utilizes updated technology
- Several Phoenix Metropolitan areas have adopted 2024 Codes with several other jurisdictions adopting early 2026
- The Insurance Services Office (ISO) recommends that we adopt the most current building codes

#### Code Adoption Process

- The City is proposing to adopt the 2024 I-Codes with local amendments
  - Detailed review of new I-Codes by staff.
  - Develop updated Lake Havasu City amendments.
  - Posted amendments on City's website for community input.
  - Email notification sent to all builders, architects, engineers, and draftsman requesting input on all local amendments and proposed code adoption.
  - No comments received back.
  - No major changes will adversely affect the development community.

#### Implementation Process

- The 2018 Codes will be allowed for projects submitted up to 90 days from the effective date
- Standard plans will be given 180 days from the effective date to be updated to new code
- Effective and continued communication with development community to ensure seamless transition
- Building Division staff will be properly trained to support community and transition
- Staff recommends adoption at the next council meeting of February 1, 2026

Councilmember Diaz asked about the proposed amendments in Section 105.5 (Exhibit A) that states that every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced and a required inspection as outlined in Section 110 is scheduled within 180-days from the permit issuance date, to which Mr. Blake explained that once a permit is issued you have 180-days to commence the project with inspections every 180-days after that, and added that the clock resets after each inspection.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing.

Mr. Fischer addressed the council concerning the proposed amendments raising the cost of building and construction for everyone.

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

Mayor Sheehy thanked Mr. Fischer for his comment and said he looked at that; however, the updates proposed to this particular code are insignificant and spoke on the balancing effect with the ISO rating levels when it comes to updated codes for the health and safety of users.

**Councilmember Coke moved to introduce Ordinance No. 25-1370 amending City Code Chapter 12.08, Building Codes, to adopt designated updated editions of published building codes, declaring as public records the local amendments to the published building codes, and adopting the local amendments by reference, seconded by Councilmember Moses, and carried by the following vote:**

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

- 7.3**     [ID 25-4952](#)     Discussion and Action: Ordinance No. 25-1371 Amending City Code Chapter 12.12.010, Adoption of International Fire Code, to Adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Fire Code, Declaring as Public Record the Local Amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code, and Adopting the Local Amendments by Reference (Introduction) *(Chief Pilafas)*

Fire Chief Pete Pilafas said the City is currently operating under the 2018 International Fire Code and this item is the introduction of an ordinance to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code with local amendments. He outlined the following in his presentation:

Fire Codes = Safety

- Fire codes are established to protect our community i.e. citizens, visitors, and first responders
- Establish minimum standards for safety for both new construction and existing hazardous business processes

- Provides for the maintenance of existing life safety systems
- New codes reflect safer code practices and opportunities for new technology to provide safe solutions

#### Amendments = Local Conditions

- Code amendments are needed to address unique local conditions and to and offer local safety solutions based upon city staff's expertise and experience
- In the proposed illustrated fire code amendment:
  - o Code numbers to the proposed 2024 IFC code section
  - o Black text is the proposed surrounding code language
  - o Blue text is current amendment language carried forward
  - o Red text is new to the amendment

#### Background

- International Code Council (ICC) publishes new building codes on a 3-year cycle.
- The city is currently operating under the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes) which were adopted in 2021.
- Standard practice for the fire code to follow in sync with building codes.
- Standard practice for the local fire code to match the State adopted fire code (Spring 2026).

#### Proposed New Technical Code with Amendments

- 2024 IFC (Fire)
- Works in harmony with the other adopted technical I-Codes for the building trades.

#### New Codes Keep Lake Havasu Safe

- Ensures a consistent level of safety while providing for progressive forms of new construction practices and technological advancements in manufacturing goods, services, and processes.
- Several Phoenix Metropolitan areas have adopted 2024 Codes with several other jurisdictions adopting early 2026, including the State of Arizona.
- The Insurance Services Office (ISO) recommends that we adopt the most current building codes.

#### Code Adoption Process

- Follows the same timeline as the Building Codes
- The city is proposing to adopt the 2024 I-Codes with local amendments
  - o Detailed review of new I-Codes and development of local amendments by staff
  - o Posted amendments on lhcaz.gov for community input
  - o Email notification sent along with the Building Codes
  - o Previous comments over the last 12 months incorporated into new proposed

amendments

- o No major changes that will adversely affect the development or business community

#### Implementation Process

- Follows the same timeline as the Building Codes
- The 2018 Codes will be allowed for projects submitted up to 90 days from the effective date
- Effective and continued communication with development community to ensure seamless transition
- Building Division staff will be properly trained to support community and transition
- Staff recommends adoption at the next council meeting with an effective date of February 1, 2026

Councilmember Campbell questioned the amendments to the automatic sprinkler systems and expressed concern with the language “may be omitted” on Page 3, to which Chief Pilafas explained the proposed amendments and said a shipping container considered an occupiable space (for example a container being used as a restaurant) must be protected with sprinkler systems; however, a shipping container not being used as an occupiable space could be deemed omitted. Chief Pilafas added that the requirement of sprinkler systems would depend on the hazard being stored.

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

**Councilmember Diaz moved to introduce Ordinance No. 25-1371 amending City Code Chapter 12.12.010, International Fire Code, to adopt the designated updated edition of the published fire code, declaring as a public record the local amendments to the published fire code, and adopting the local amendments by reference, seconded by Councilmember Moses, and carried by the following vote:**

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

- 7.4**     [ID 25-4948](#)     Discussion and Action: Professional Services Agreement (Design) for Water Conservation and Reuse Improvements to Carollo Engineers, Inc. (*Jason Hart*)

Capital Programs Manager Jason Hart advised that this item is requesting approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$110,528, for the Water Conservation and Reuse Improvement Project at Rotary Park, Cypress Park, and Jack Hardie Park. He said the project scope includes finishing previously created plans and specifications that were created by Carollo Engineers, Inc., in 2018 that involved the design of infrastructure necessary to establish reclaimed water service to the

three parks. Mr. Hart said if approved the project is expected to take five months with an anticipated completion date in April 2026.

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

**Councilmember Moses moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement for Water Conservation and Reuse Improvements to Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$110,528, seconded by Councilmember Coke, and carried by the following vote:**

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

- 7.5**     [ID 25-4951](#)     Discussion and Action: Professional Services Agreement for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Filter Software Integration Upgrade Project with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. *(Josh Riddle)*

Public Works Deputy Director Tim Kellett advised that this item is requesting approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., in the amount of \$167,875, for a filter software integration upgrade project at the Water Treatment Plant. He said the Water Treatment Plant has had a series of software updates throughout the years, and this is the final update to take the City's SCADA system up to current standards and practices.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing.

Mr. Fischer addressed the council and asked if this upgrade would protect the City's systems from security breaches, to which Mr. Kellett explained this project is a process system improvement update and not a security update as the City's SCADA system is held completely external to any business process. He said the system is set to the highest level of cyber security in coordination with the City's Information Technology Department.

Ms. Bonny Toy, citizen, addressed the council and questioned why the project is expected to take five months, to which Mr. Kellett explained that the project scope includes the entire system and requires extensive testing and creation of the software screens.

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

**Councilmember Diaz moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement for the WTP Filter Software Integration Upgrade Project with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., in the amount of \$167,875, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, and carried**

**by the following vote:**

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

**7.6**     [ID 25-4946](#)     Discussion and Action: Cooperative Purchase of a Flygt Submersible Sewage Pump through James, Cooke & Hobson, Inc. (*Thilak Fernando*)

Wastewater Superintendent Thilak Fernando advised that this item is requesting approval of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement and purchase of a Flygt submersible sewage pump to be used at the North Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant with James, Cooke & Hobson, Inc., in the amount of \$150,699. He said the new pump will replace an original 19-year-old pump at the treatment plant.

Mayor Sheehy opened the public hearing.

Ms. Toy addressed the council and suggested the City prohibit the use of flushable wipes.

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

**Councilmember Moses moved to approve the cooperative purchase of the submersible sewage pump through James, Cooke & Hobson, Inc., for \$150,699 plus applicable taxes, seconded by Councilmember Coke, and carried by the following vote:**

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

**8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Fischer addressed the council and said he did not hear anything in the update and presentation from Go Lake Havasu that explained the benefit of their efforts to the residents and taxpayers of Lake Havasu City. He also spoke on the width of the new medians on Highway 95 and said the medians have created a hazard and does not believe they are accomplishing what they were intended to do.

Mayor Sheehy encouraged Mr. Fischer to share his comments regarding the medians with the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Ms. Toy addressed the council concerning the tire markings on the medians on Highway 95 in comparison to other medians in the city, and the broken crosswalk signal on Magnolia Drive.

Ms. Donna McCoy, citizen, addressed the council and thanked the City Council and staff

for their hard work.

Mr. Kim McCoy, citizen, addressed the council and thanked the City Council for approving the partnership agreement with the Lake Havasu Detachment 757, Marine Corps League, Inc., to begin construction to publicly display the U.S.S. Arizona Relic at London Bridge Beach.

Mr. Tim Murray, citizen, addressed the council and thanked the City Council for the roadway improvement projects throughout the city. He encouraged the City to apply the lessons learned from the Main Street Commons Project to future projects.

**9. CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilmember Campbell provided an update on the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC).

**10. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting (CANCELED)

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

**11. FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Councilmember Campbell requested a future discussion item regarding the selection of the Vice Mayor, seconded by Vice Mayor Lin.

**12. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 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 14th day of October, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and posted, and that a quorum was present.

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Kelly Williams, City Clerk/MMC