

Action Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers, Sedona City Hall,
102 Roadrunner Drive, Sedona, Arizona
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Mayor Jablow called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Scott Jablow, Vice Mayor Holli Ploog, Councilor Melissa Dunn, Councilor Pete Furman, Councilor Kathy Kinsella, and Councilor Derek Pfaff. Councilor Brian Fultz was absent and excused.

Staff Present: City Manager Anette Spickard, Deputy City Manager Andy Dickey, Assistant City Attorney Monique Coady, Director of Financial Services Barbara Whitehorn, Procurement Officer Ian Coubrough, PD Commander Chris Dowell, Police Chief Stephanie Foley, Public Works Director/City Engineer Kurt Harris, Planning Manager Cari Meyer, Special Initiatives Coordinator Kegn Moorcroft, Assistant Director of Public Works Sandy Phillips, Associate Engineer Johnathan Hoffman, Deputy City Clerk Marcy Garner, and City Clerk JoAnne Cook.

2. Roll Call

3. Consent Items

- a. **Minutes - May 27, 2025 City Council Special Meeting - Executive Session.**
- b. **Minutes - May 27, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.**
- c. **Minutes - May 28, 2025 City Council Special Meeting.**
- d. **Minutes - June 10, 2025 City Council Special Meeting - Executive Session.**
- e. **Minutes - June 10, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.**
- f. **Minutes - June 11, 2025 City Council Special Meeting.**
- g. **AB 3229 Approval of a Final Plat for Navajo Lofts, to create 60 separate condominium units (30 duplexes) on approximately 4.5 acres. (Navajo Lofts Project currently under construction). The subject property is zoned Commercial (CO) and is located at 10 Navajo Drive. APN: 408-24-536B. Applicant: MK Company (Keith Holben) Case Number: PZ24-00004 (SUB)**
- h. **AB 3231 Approval of Amendment #1 to the contract with Tourism Economics to extend the contract for an additional fiscal year and increase the cost by \$51,775 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$108,775.**
- i. **AB 3217 Approval of an Ordinance amending Sedona City Code Title 6 (Animals), by adopting a new Chapter 6.20 (Wild or Exotic Animal Display or Performance).**
- j. **AB 3228 Approval of a Resolution designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the fiscal year 2026 expenditure limitation report to the Arizona Auditor General.**

Item 3g AB 3229 was pulled by Councilor Kinsella. Item 3i AB 3217 was pulled by Councilor Dunn. Councilor Kinsella advised that she pulled item 3g AB 3229 so she could vote differently and that no discussion was necessary.

Motion: Councilor Kinsella moved to approve consent items 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3h, and 3j. Seconded by Vice Mayor Ploog. Vote: Motion passed with six (6) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Kinsella, Dunn, Furman, Pfaff) and zero (0) opposed.

Motion: Councilor Ploog moved to approve the proposed Final Plat as set forth in case number PZ24-00004 (SUB), Navajo Lofts, based on compliance with all ordinance requirements and satisfaction of the Subdivision criteria and applicable Land Development Code requirements. Seconded by Councilor Furman. Vote: Motion passed with five (5) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Furman, Pfaff) and one (1) opposed (Kinsella).

Questions and comments from City Council regarding item 3i AB 3217.

PD Commander Dowell and Chief Stephanie Foley answered questions from City Council.

Opened to the public at 4:57 p.m.

Questions and comments from City Council

The following voiced concerns regarding the proposed ordinance as written:

Alan Abul-Haj, Sedona, John Duff Jr., Sedona, Seth Byerley, Sedona.

Brought back to City Council at 5:07 p.m.

Motion: Councilor Kinsella moved to defer item 3i AB 3217 to the August 12, 2025 City Council meeting. Seconded by Vice Mayor Ploog. Vote: Motion passed with six (6) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Furman, Kinsella, Pfaff) and zero (0) opposed.

4. Appointments - None.

5. Summary of Current Events by Mayor/Councilors/City Manager & Council Assignments

Mayor Jablow –

Advised the Sedona Community Center serves lunch daily and is open to the public, and volunteer drivers are needed for the Meals on Wheels program.

Met with the League of AZ Cities and Towns regarding Short-Term Rental issues.

Attended meeting hosted by Yavapai County Supervisor, Nikki Check along with Deputy City Manager, Andy Dickey.

Attended a meeting with Police Support Services Manager, Erin Loeffler regarding a communications dispatch center.

Vice Mayor Ploog –

Invited all to attend the official signing ceremony for the first Sister City Canmore, Canada will be held at the library on June 28th, a live broadcast from Canada will be streamed.

Councilor Furman –

The Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association held its biannual Water Utilities User Forum, presentations are available at namwua.org.

June 18th Coconino Water Plateau hosted a Rural Groundwater Resilience Workshop.

Councilor Kinsella –

Thanked Yavapai County Supervisor, Nikki Check for making an additional \$10K in funding available to the Sedona Community Center and encouraged all interested in serving as a board member to reach out to the Center.

a. Executive Session Report

Monique Coady advised that City Council accepted the resignation of Magistrate Judge Schegel, effective July 17, 2025, and City Council will hold an executive session meeting on July 8th to meet with candidates for interim presiding magistrate candidates.

6. Public Forum

Opened to the public at 5:28 p.m.

Marlys Mallet, Sedona and Mural Project Artist spoke regarding the destruction of the art she created at the Sedona Art Center and stated that she has not yet received compensation.

Michael Redhawk, Sedona, spoke regarding the destruction of his wife’s Mural Project at Sedona Art Center. He said the Mural Project launched the city’s art program and said they need to have a resolution of the matter.

Alice Madar, Sedona, invited all to attend the Sedona Hummingbird Festival on July 25th -27th. There is no fee to attend.

The following spoke in favor of affordable housing at the Western Gateway:

Linda Scott, Village of Oak Creek and Anne Emerson, Sedona.

Brought back to City Council at 5:38 p.m.

7. Proclamations, Recognitions & Awards

a. Recognition of Lew Hoyt.

Mayor Jablow presented Lew Hoyt an award from City Council for his generous philanthropic support and mentorship he has provided to children in Sedona. Lew was commended for being a role model and a true community champion. Tom Swaniger, Sedona Oak-Creek School District Superintendent commended Lew for his mentorship, love and care.

Lew expressed his thanks to City Council and commended them for being good custodians of the city budget and Sedona. He acknowledged his wife Nancy, Tom Swaninger, Heather Isom, Principal Sedona Red Rock High School/Jr. High School Principal, Jay Weber, Patrick Schwiess of the Sedona Film Festival, Mike and Kathy Stevenson, Cherie and Randal Reed. He thanked the Sedona Police Officers and encouraged all to do the same.

8. Regular Business

a. AB 3230 Discussion/possible action to approve the Arts & Culture Organizations Grants program effective in FY26.

Councilor Kinsella left the dais at 5:51 p.m. She returned to the dais at 5:53 p.m.

Councilor Furman moved to go into Executive Session for legal advice regarding item 8a AB 3230 at 5:52 pm. Seconded by Councilor Dunn. Vote: Motion passed with five (5) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Furman, Pfaff) and zero (0) opposed (Councilor Kinsella was away from the dais).

Reconvened in open session at 6:15 p.m.

No action taken.

Presentation by Anette Spickard and Sedona Small Grants Program Citizen Work Group Chair and Program Facilitator, Stephanie Giesbrecht.

Questions and comments from Council.

Opened to the public at 6:41 p.m.

Tim Perry, Sedona, spoke in opposition of the program.

The following spoke in favor of the program: Melissa Pontikos, Sedona, Chair of Sedona Art Center, Patrick Schwiess, Sedona, Executive Director of the Sedona International Film Festival.

Brought back to City Council at 6:50 p.m.

Comments from City Council.

By majority consensus, City Council directed staff to make the following changes to the proposed, 1) include a definition of arts and culture, 2) broaden what the mission can include, 3) cleanup on being consistent with the operating income vs. budget qualifier, 4) applicants need to state how the entity provides a direct benefit to the city or how their activity provides a direct benefit to the city, 5) define what the economic benefit is to the community, 6) add that activities funded by the grant can include festivals.

Motion: Councilor Kinsella moved to defer this item to future date, when staff is ready. Seconded by Councilor Furman. Vote: Motion passed with six (6) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Furman, Kinsella, Pfaff) and zero (0) opposed.

Mayor Jablow moved item 8d AB 3237 ahead of the following item.

b. AB 3111 Discussion/possible action regarding the award of a construction contract for the Dry Creek Road Shared-Use Pathway Improvements Project, Gringo Road to White Bear Road, to Doege Development LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$1,930,259.00.

Presentation by Sandy Phillips and Johnathan Hoffman.

Questions and comments from City Council.

Opened to the public at 8:53 p.m.

Dyanna Nichols, Sedona, spoke regarding the access to the Kachina subdivision neighborhood and in favor of the project.

Tim Perry, Sedona, spoke against the project.

Brought back to City Council at 8:58 p.m.

Comments from City Council.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ploog moved to approve the award of the construction contract with Doege Development LLC for the Dry Creek Road Shared-Use Pathway Improvements Project, Gringo Road to White Bear Road, including the path alignment change between Kachina Drive and White Bear Road, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,930,259.00, subject to approval of the written contract by the City Attorney's Office. Seconded by Councilor Dunn. Vote: Motion passed with six (6) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Furman, Kinsella, Pfaff) and zero (0) opposed.

- c. AB 3188 Discussion/possible direction/action regarding proposed State legislation, short-term rental legislation, lobbying efforts, and State budget and their potential impact on the City of Sedona.**

Monique Coady advised that Governor, Katie Hobbs signed the AZ Budget Bill this afternoon.

Question and comments from City Council.

- d. AB 3237 Discussion/possible direction/action regarding a Resolution formally opposing the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land for Housing provision added to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute and deliver a letter to federal representatives to this effect.**

Presentation by Monique Coady.

Questions and comments from City Council.

Opened to the public at 7:14 p.m.

The following spoke in opposition of the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land for Housing provision added to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and encouraged City Council to contact their legislators:

Nikki Check, Jerome and Yavapai County Supervisor, Judy Sulltrap, Prescott, spoke on behalf of Senator Kelly's office, Kevin Adams, Village of Oak Creek, Peggy Chaikin, Sedona, Birgit Loewenstein, Sedona.

Tim Perry, Sedona, spoke in favor of the disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land for Housing provision.

Closed the public comment at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Jablow read comments from Councilor Brian Fultz in opposition to the disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land for Housing provision added to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and in support of the Resolution.

Brought back to City Council at 7:34 p.m.

City Council directed staff to amend the proposed Resolution to use more broad language

so the Resolution is applicable to any mandatory sale of Bureau of Land Management Land or National Forest System Land for any reason or in the future. City Council agreed to have Councilor Kinsella review the Resolution prior to the letter being sent.

Motion: Councilor Kinsella moved to approve Resolution 2025-11, formally opposing the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land as amended at Council and directing the Mayor to execute and deliver a letter to federal representatives to this effect and to the League of AZ cities and towns as amended by the Assistant City Attorney. Seconded by Councilor Furman. Vote: Motion passed with six (6) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Furman, Kinsella, Pfaff) and zero (0) opposed.

Break at 7:39 p.m. Reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

e. AB 3066 Discussion/possible action regarding future meeting/agenda items.

Mayor Jablow advised that there is a Council meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. Councilor Dunn requested two items be added to a future work session meetings, 1) development of policy and procedures for evaluations for all positions that report directly to City Council, 2) a discussion regarding flock cameras, City Council supported her requests.

9. Executive Session

Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the Council may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:

a. To consult with legal counsel for advice on matters listed on this agenda per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

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b. Return to open session. Discussion/possible action on executive session items.

Reconvened in open session at 6:15 p.m.

No action taken.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Jablow adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m. without objection.

I certify that the above are the true and correct actions of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 24, 2025.


JoAnne Cook, CMC, City Clerk

7/8/2025
Date