

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
October 9, 2025

Mayor McCaa called the City Council Regular Meeting of October 9, 2025, to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Roll Call:

Mayor Clea McCaa – present
Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Umphrey – present
Council Member Faye Jackson – absent
Council Member Ken Kilmurray - present
Council Member Angelica Landry – present
Council Member Brian Miers - present
Council Member Mark Rodriguez – present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Chris Hiser, Police Chief
Lis Chatham, Commander, Police Department
Brian Jones, Fire Chief
Laura Wilson, Leisure, Parks, and Library Director
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Jeff Pregler, Planner
Blake Fisher, Planner
Jill Adams, City Clerk
Adam Curtis, Marketing and Communications Manager
Dianna Cameron, Management Analyst

Invocation - Reverend Greg Adolf, St. Andrews Catholic Church, led everyone present in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Item 1](#) Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Kilmurray moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of October 9, 2025, be approved as written. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

Presentations and Awards

A Proclamation declaring the week of October 13 through 19, 2025 as Women in Business Week was presented to Dianna Cameron.

Mr. Krueger presented the Economic Development Commission Award for Women-Owned Business of the Year to Dawn Tuthill, owner of Ash Canyon Soaps.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that the next regularly scheduled work session is on October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and the regularly scheduled

council meeting is on October 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., also in the Council Chambers. He reported that the firefighter and medical evaluations request for proposals was awarded to Doctor Wilde and the pre-proposal conference request for proposals for the employee health benefits broker consultant was held on September 11, 2025, where three interested firms were present. Those proposals are due on October 13, 2025. In closing, he stated that there was no SEACOM JPA meeting due to a lack of agenda items and the August sales tax numbers have not yet come in.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

[Item 2.1](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Work Session Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2025

[Item 2.3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2025

Council Member Rodriguez moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of September 23, 2025, the Special City Council Meeting of September 25, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2025, be approved. Council Member Miers seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

Public Hearing

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2025-078, Interim Permit for an Owner Transfer for a Limited Liability-type Series 6 Liquor License for Kevin Arnold Kramber on behalf of LOAWS Enterprises Inc. dba High Heat Sports Grill

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2025-078, an interim permit for an owner transfer for a limited liability-type series 6 liquor license for Kevin Arnold Kramber on behalf of LOAWS Enterprises Inc. dba High Heat Sports Grill, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

[Item 4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2025-079, Amendments to Chapter 110, Business Licenses and Chapter 113, Transient Merchants; Solicitors of the City Code and Declaring a 30-Day Public Record

Council Member Miers moved that Resolution 2025-079, amendments to Chapter 110, Business Licenses and Chapter 113, Transient Merchants; Solicitors of the City Code and declaring a 30-day public record, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

New Business

[Item 5](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2025-080, Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Sierra Vista and the Town of Huachuca City for Animal Care Services

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2025-080, renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Sierra Vista and the Town of Huachuca City for Animal Care Services, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

[Item 6](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2025-081, Grant Agreement with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$77,854.00

Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey moved that Resolution 2025-081, a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$77,854.00, be approved. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

[Item 7](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2025-082, Submission of Substantial Amendments to the Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Council Member Kilmurray moved that Resolution 2025-082, Submission of Substantial Amendments to the Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

[Item 8](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2025-083, Authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to File Legal Action against John A. Williams, Jr.

Council Member Rodriguez moved that Resolution 2025-083, Authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to file legal action against John A. Williams, Jr., be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

[Item 9](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2025-084, Authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to File Legal Action against Rufino Dante Ong, Jr.

Council Member Miers moved that Resolution 2025-084, Authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to file legal action against Rufino Dante Ong, Jr., be approved. Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 6/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Kilmurray, Landry, Miers, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

Call to the Public

Sarah Pacheco on behalf of the Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation stated that the Foundation heard concerns from the Council that there is a need for a conference space in Sierra Vista with the closing of the Windermere several years ago and most recently the closure of TMAC on post. The Foundation has been working to transform its property on

Enterprise Way into a conference space, which used to be a call center for 20 years and a school for a few years after that. She explained that this is a 45,000 square foot building that has been given a new life to function as a small business co-working space, a high-tech training center, and a conference space open for large businesses, the community, and nonprofit events. The ballroom is over 16,000 square feet of open space and this is where they host main events, and the stronghold multi-purpose room has over 3,000 square feet. There are also three additional classroom-size spaces that are open to the public to use for meetings. To date, the Foundation has hosted large charity fundraising events with over 300 people. Most recently, the Foundation hosted a mental health conference focused on women's mental health and next week they will host the Arizona Transportation Policy Summit, which has never come to Sierra Vista. The Summit is expected to have over 300 people coming into Sierra Vista.

Comments and Requests of Council

Council Member Kilmurray stated that the executive report that the Council received during the work session on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, is the second one that he has reviewed since joining the Council and he was able to absorb and understand the value of the document because it identified all the unknowns things to him, the inner workings of the City that he did not understand, the number of arrests, the number of calls from the fire department, the state of the City's roads and the library. He noted that all those details are extremely valuable as a snapshot of everything that the staff is doing for the City every day.

Council Member Kilmurray stated that yesterday, October 8, 2025, the in-person voting opened for the November 4, 2025 ballot initiative to approve or disapprove the Cochise County Jail District. He stated that the bottom line is that the County needs a new jail and has needed it for several years. The current cost of building a jail is far less than the cost of not building the jail and it is not just a County concern. The ballot question is not whether a jail is going to be built. The question is how to pay for the jail district. It can be currently paid for with a predictable funding source shared across the entire County, or it can be paid for later after some unknown, completely foreseeable emergency that pushes the County's hands, and they end up pouring unknown piles of money to put out the fire. Predominantly it will be the City of Sierra Vista on the hook for those costs, and they are going to be unbudgeted costs. Therefore, without an identified funding source, the half-cent sales tax, the Sheriff would likely have to charge the Sierra Vista Police Department a per prisoner price. Currently the unbudgeted price tag could exceed \$500,000 per year, based on 2016 numbers and the City Manager would ask the City Council to completely reprogram many of its high priorities, roads, parks, fire, and medical.

Council Member Kilmurray stated that last month he requested a list of the golf course investments and utilities that came out to about \$800,000 to date which he thought was reasonable. At the last work session, he found out about \$5,000,000 being budgeted for additional improvements, which lowered the operating cost of the golf course that the City does not pay. Then on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, he found out about another \$1,000,000 budgeted item to improve the clubhouse and this could specifically lead to the City competing with private businesses i.e., the Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation. The City should not be competing with private industry because the City is in the business of governing. Lastly, he stated that he is not an opponent of the golf course, and he fully supports the decision that the Council made last year by taking control of it and hiring a qualified vendor to run it. However, he needs to understand the full scope of the City's investments to be able to balance those against the other priorities that the City has, particularly when unexpected costs, i.e., the increased cost of the jail. Lastly, he requested that at an upcoming work session, the Council have a presentation of the City's complete actuals and projected budget for the golf course through the end of Fiscal

Year 2026 to include the acquisition costs, electricity, water, everything that the City is paying for the golf course, the City's revenue share since the contract's inception.

Council Member Landry stated that there is a lot going on during this time of the year in Sierra Vista. She announced that on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Huachuca Art Association located at 1835 Paseo San Luis there will be three artists being featured. Also on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., the Nancy J Brua Animal Care Shelter is having a senior spotlight, showcasing their senior animals. Lastly, she announced that the Sierra Vista Police Department is raising awareness on domestic violence, and they have available purple end domestic violence bracelets, a great way to bring attention and for people to ask questions and learn more about the resources that are available. They also have pink patches for breast cancer awareness.

Council Member Miers stated that he is not an opponent of the golf course, and he supports the decision to acquire the golf course because everything that he has seen indicates that the City acquired it below value and saved the residents' property values. However, he agrees with Council Member Kilmurray that the City should not be in the golf course business and is troubled by how the City running the golf course is beginning to compete with small businesses, i.e., a conference center in town and other businesses. There is some encroachment occurring and Sierra Vista is not a big city. He further stated that the golf course is becoming the big logo event in town, and it is going to overshadow some of the small businesses. He further stated that it is his understanding that the City acquired the golf course for \$600,000 because Castle and Cooke left and it is currently worth \$2.5 million. During the work session, there was discussion about \$1.5 million in upgrades because there are codes that must be met and upgrades to make it ADA compliant. However, there does not seem to be any effort to solicit buyers, and the golf course is currently worth a certain amount of money, even if the City were to solicit buyers and make it more lucrative, the City is going to come out ahead.

Council Member Rodriguez voiced his appreciation to Ms. Pacheco and noted that at the League of Cities and Towns, there was a huge buzz about the Rural Transportation Conference coming to Sierra Vista and he looks forward to the influx of people. He reported that the Youth Council held its first meeting on September 30, 2025, and held their elections and got their first project, Imprints of Honor. Therefore, they will be interviewing veterans in the community or their family and publishing a book that will be sent to the Library of Congress. The Youth Council is still partnering with Peaches Pantry and Cultivate Cochise and will be meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 6049 Highway 92, Suite 2, Sierra Vista, Arizona. He shared that he met with the new CEO of Canyon Vista during its open house, reported that National Night Out was a huge success, where all the agencies were present, and gave a special shout out to the fire department, who used their ladder truck to get the flagpole fixed at the Landmark Cafe. He announced that there are skating events scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2025, and Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the gym at the AZ Prep Academy, and the fall concert series have commenced at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey stated that a lot of what she was going to say was mentioned by Sarah Pacheco who has been a great partner to the City. She further stated that hosting the Transportation Summit in Sierra Vista is a great opportunity to attract people, many of which are elected officials at the state level and ADOT. She thanked Ms. Wilson for setting up the golf tournament on their first day in Sierra Vista and the local private partners helping with catering, a big boon to the economy.

Mayor McCaa shared that during the morning, he had the privilege of having breakfast with the pastors in Sierra Vista to share what is going on in the City. He announced that on Friday, October

10, the Buena High School Football Team will be playing against Vista Grande from Phoenix. He also announced that on the same day at 11:00 a.m., the Faith and Blue event to raise domestic violence awareness is at Lori's Place, 214 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Adjournment

Mayor McCaa adjourned the Council Meeting for October 9, 2025, of the Sierra Vista City Council at 6:04 p.m.

Clea McCaa II, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

Attest:

Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk

Jill Adams, City Clerk

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