

# **TOWN** *of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



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## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 6401 E. LINCOLN DRIVE PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA 85253 MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Stanton called to order the Town Council Meeting for Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Town Hall Boardroom, 6401 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Mark Stanton  
Vice Mayor Ellen Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Christine Labelle  
Council Member Karen Liepmann  
Council Member Scott Moore  
Council Member Julie Pace  
Council Member Anna Thomasson

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Town Manager Andrew B. Ching  
Attorney John Gaylord  
Police Chief Freeman Carney  
Town Clerk Duncan Miller  
Community Development Director Chad Weaver  
Public Works Director Isaac Chavira  
Human Resources Director Gina Monger  
Management Analyst Amy Rebenar  
Doug Cole, Highground Public Affairs

### **2. STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

#### **25-243      Discussion of 2026 Legislative Agenda**

Public Affairs Consultant Doug Cole, Highground Public Affairs, and Management Analyst Amy Rebenar presented the draft Legislative Agenda for the 2026 legislative session.

The Council suggested grammatical edits, clarifying language, and emphasis on the importance of maintaining local control. The Council discussed other potential legislative topics to track during the session including drone delivery services and timeshare/fractional ownership.

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**25-244 Discussion of Healthcare Request for Proposals**

Human Resources Director Gina Monger stated that the Town has been a member of the *Arizona Metropolitan Trust (AzMT)*, which is a self-insured pool, since July 1, 2017. The AzMT provides employee healthcare benefits which include medical, dental, vision, prescription, short-term disability, employee assistance programming, wellness, and life and accidental death and dismemberment coverages for all eligible employees. The Town's current contract with AzMT expires June 30, 2026.

During the FY 2026 budget process, it was noted that the Town planned to issue a health benefits request for proposal (RFP) to test the market. The Town entered into an agreement with *Capital Financial Consulting (Capfi Consulting)* to support the RFP process. In preparation for the RFP, *Capfi Consulting* conducted a feasibility study to determine if the Town would be a strong candidate to become fully self-insured. The study projections indicated that the fully self-funded model would outperform self-funded pooled model. She provided background on the self-insurance pool model and the fully self-insured model and considerations for both.

Dave Thomas (Partner) and Alison Sparks (Senior Account Executive) with Capfi Consulting responded to questions.

There was Council consensus to proceed with the RFP process for healthcare benefits that includes both self-insured pools and fully self-insured options for bidders.

It was anticipated that the RFP would be issued during the winter and that a recommendation would be presented to Council in March 2026.

**A motion was made at 4:15 PM by Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller, seconded by Council Member Thomasson, to go into executive session to discuss item 25-242. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Stanton  
Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Labelle  
Council Member Liepmann  
Council Member Moore  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**25-242**      Discussion of Town Manager six month performance check in as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

**25-236**      The Town Council may go into executive session at one or more times during the meeting as needed to confer with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding any of the items listed on the agenda as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

### 4. BREAK

**5. RECONVENE FOR REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Stanton reconvened the meeting at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

**6. ROLL CALL****COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Mark Stanton  
Vice Mayor Ellen Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Christine Labelle  
Council Member Karen Liepmann  
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Public Works Director Isaac Chavira  
Municipal Court Director Jeanette Wiesenhofer

**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Maya Abrams, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Cocopah and Evi Abrams, a freshman at Chaparral High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**8. PRESENTATIONS****25-240 Paradise Valley Mountain Preserve Trust (PVMPT) Update**

Paradise Valley Mountain Preserve Trust Chair John Graham presented the Trust's annual update. He reviewed the history and mission of the Trust and highlighted 2024 accomplishments including the Donor Wall dedication and the acceptance of 5562 E Roadrunner Rd.

**25-241 Historical Advisory Committee Update**

Historical Advisory Committee Chair Catherine Kauffman presented her annual update. She stated that the Committee has added 27 new interviews of notable residents to the website bringing the total number of interviews to 98 since 1997. She stated that six homes received the Historic Property Program recognition. The Committee hosted a Heritage Celebration Event in October 2024.

**9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Resident Berkeley Danelski addressed the Town Council related to the Stormwater Master Plan. She stated that there are discrepancies between Maricopa County's 2D flow model and the 2D flow model contained in the Town's Stormwater Master Plan for her neighborhood. She expressed concern that errors at a micro level for a macro level study would be applied to her property.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Ching summarized the items on the items on the consent agenda.

**25-237 Minutes of Town Council Meeting October 9, 2025**

**A motion was made by Council Member Thomasson, seconded by Council Member Liepmann, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Stanton  
Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Labelle  
Council Member Liepmann  
Council Member Moore  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

**11. PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings.

**12. ACTION ITEMS****25-239 Discussion and Possible Action to Reappoint the Municipal Court's Presiding Judge and Associate Judges**

Mayor Stanton stated that the Municipal Court has jurisdiction to hear all criminal misdemeanors, civil traffic offenses, and Town Code violations occurring within the Town limits, as well as jurisdiction over orders of protection, harassment injunctions, and the issuance of summons and arrest warrants within Town limits. The Court is made up of the Presiding Judge and eight Associate Judges who all serve on a volunteer basis, accepting no compensation for their service.

On October 9, 2025, the Town Council met in executive session to review the judicial surveys and performance evaluations for the current judges.

There was no discussion or public comment.

**A motion was made by Council Member Pace, seconded by Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller, to make the following appointments to the Paradise Valley Municipal Court:**

**J. Tyrrell Taber, Presiding Judge  
John L. Auran, Associate Presiding Judge  
Steven A. Cohen, Associate Judge  
Jack Cunningham, Associate Judge  
Stanley J. Marks, Associate Judge  
Terry A. Gould, Associate Judge  
Karen Nagle, Associate Judge  
Linda Lory, Associate Judge  
David Sandweiss, Associate Judge (New Appointment)**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Stanton  
Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Labelle  
Council Member Liepmann  
Council Member Moore  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**25-230 Consideration of Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Town Manager Ching summarized the future agenda schedule.

**14. MAYOR / COUNCIL / MANAGER COMMENTS**

Council Members provided comments and updates on current events.

**15. ADJOURN**

**A motion was made at 6:56 PM by Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller, seconded by Council Member Thomasson, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Stanton  
Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Labelle  
Council Member Liepmann  
Council Member Moore  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

Mayor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY**

SUBMITTED BY:

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Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

**COUNTY OF MARICOPA      )**

I further certify that said Municipal Corporation is duly organized and existing. The meeting was properly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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