

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



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## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 6401 E. LINCOLN DRIVE PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA 85253 MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024**

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

Vice Mayor Stanton called to order the Town Council Meeting for Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 3:00 PM in the Town Hall Boardroom, 6401 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner attended by conference call  
Vice Mayor Mark Stanton  
Council Member Ellen Andeen attended by conference call  
Council Member Christine Labelle was not present  
Council Member Scott Moore  
Council Member Julie Pace attended by conference call  
Council Member Anna Thomasson

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Town Manager Andrew B. Ching  
Attorney John Gaylord  
Chief of Police Freeman Carney  
Town Clerk Duncan Miller  
Community Development Director Chad Weaver  
Public Works Director Isaac Chavira  
Town Engineer Shar Johnson  
Capital Projects Manager Sam Kayat

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Town Manager Ching summarized the Consent Agenda.

**24-225 Minutes of Town Council Meeting June 13, 2024**

**24-228 Discussion and Possible Action on the Kroger Settlement Agreement, Waiving Future Claims Against Kroger related to the National Opioid Epidemic in Order to Participate in a National Settlement**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Kroger Settlement Agreement and authorize the Mayor or Town Manager to complete and execute a Subdivision Participation and

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

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Stanton  
Council Member Andeen  
Council Member Moore  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Bien-Willner (attended the meeting remotely but lost connection and was not present for the vote)  
Council Member Labelle

### 3. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

#### **24-227          Discussion of Doubletree Ranch Road Entryway Improvements**

Community Development Director Chad Weaver introduced Anne DeBoard with Kimley-Horn and Associates who was engaged by the Town to design improvements to the Town entryway at Doubletree Ranch Road and Scottsdale Road. The scope of work included beautification of the walls on the north and south side of Doubletree Ranch Rd, a decorative screen wall on the north side of the street to screen the utility boxes, a complementary wall treatment on the south side of the street, relocation of the Town entry monument to a median island, and enhanced landscaping in the median and along the walls fronting Scottsdale Rd. The concept design was previously discussed on February 8, 2024 and June 13, 2024. At the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council directed staff and the consultant to revise the proposed concept to design based on the following feedback:

- The existing wall should be a smooth finish with a natural desert buff or darker color. The color should complement the screen wall color and not necessarily be the same color as the Ironwood Golf Villas subdivision wall.
- The screen walls should have fewer iron panels and instead have a combination of an iron panel, buff-colored wall panel or perforated iron panel, and stacked stone.
- The landscaping should be enhanced at the corners and extend north and south along Scottsdale Rd to the breaks in the wall.

In response, Kimley-Horn presented updated renderings showing the screen walls with one centered iron panel with a mountain design flanked by perforated panels and stacked stone columns. She presented three color options for the perforated panels. The existing walls were shown with a natural desert buff color similar to the color of the Ironwood Golf Villas perimeter wall. In addition, the landscaping design was enhanced at the intersection and extending north and south along Scottsdale Rd to the breaks in the walls.

There was Council consensus to select the buff color for the screen wall and not to modify the existing wall height. There was support for the enhanced landscaping and new irrigation lines. It was agreed that landscaping is a key design element and creates a sense of arrival.

There was acknowledgment that the City of Scottsdale has been a good partner by allowing the Town to beautify the intersection including the existing wall that was built by Scottsdale. Direction was given to research and report back to Council clarifying the location, ownership, and maintenance of the wall, and confirm who would be responsible for repairing or reconstructing the wall if APS had to excavate the area to access their underground facilities.

There was consensus to finalize the design and move forward to the construction contract stage. There was discussion that bidding the project would be the preferred method of procurement.

#### **24-226          Discussion of Mockingbird Lane (56th Street to Invergordon Road) Project Update**

Capital Projects Manager Sam Kayat introduced Andrew Chill with Kimley-Horn and Associates who was engaged by the Town to design improvements to Mockingbird Lane from Invergordon Rd south of the Indian Bend Wash to Mockingbird Ln and east to 56<sup>th</sup> St. The scope of work included drainage improvements and roadway resurfacing with traffic calming and landscape beautification. The project was previously on February 8, March 23, and June 13, 2024. At the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council provided the following feedback:

1. The low-water crossings should be San Diego buff-colored concrete. The Council did not favor stamped concrete or pavers in low water crossings.
2. Avoid locating chicanes near driveways to avoid potential conflicts between vehicles turning left and bicyclists and pedestrians. Consider locating a chicane on the portion of Mockingbird near Lane 58<sup>th</sup> Place where there are no driveways, but the keep the project cost the same or less.

In response, Kimely-Horn provided updated conceptual design renderings showing the use of San Diego buff-colored concrete at all low waster crossings. The chicane placement was reconsidered based on driveways and access, intersections, optimal traffic calming spacing, bike lanes, utilities, minimizing impacts to existing landscaping, and sight triangles. The chicanes on the west side of the project were moved closer to 58th Place which caused adjustments to other chicanes. Mr. Chill stated that the proposed updates would have minimal impact to the total project cost. There was previously a total of 11 chicanes and 2 medians and now there are 10 chicanes and 2 medians.

There was Council support for the updated design and agreement that the next step should be an open house to present the updated roll plot to the neighbors. It was discussed that the open house could be combined with a regular Council meeting in September.

The Council requested that the speed study be provided at the next meeting.

There was consensus that all effort should be made to stick with the proposed timeline which included authorization of the Construction Manager at Risk selection in October, approval of the 90% plans in December, and approval of the 100% design in February 2025.

There was further direction to staff to draft a resolution formalizing a consistent roadway design process for collector streets and minor and major arterial streets.

#### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**24-224        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).**

This item was not considered.

#### **5. ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Thomasson, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Bien-Willner  
Vice Mayor Stanton  
Council Member Andeen  
Council Member Moore  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Labelle

Vice Mayor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM

#### **TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY**

SUBMITTED BY:

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Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

STATE OF ARIZONA        )

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COUNTY OF MARICOPA    )

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Duncan Miller, Town Clerk of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona hereby certify that the following is a full, true, and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Paradise Valley Town Council held on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

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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Duncan Miller, Town Clerk