

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



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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6401 E. LINCOLN DRIVE**  
**PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA 85253**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026**

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

Mayor Stanton called to order the Town Council Meeting for Thursday, March 12, 2026 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 Christine Labelle  
Council Member Ellen Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Karen Liepmann  
Council Member Scott Moore  
Council Member Julie Pace  
Council Member Anna Thomasson

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Town Manager Andrew B. Ching  
Town Attorney Andrew J. McGuire  
Commander Joseph DiVenti  
Town Clerk Duncan Miller  
Community Development Department Chad Weaver  
Public Works Superintendent Chris Martinez  
Town Engineer Shar Johnson  
Capital Projects Manager Sam Kayat  
Management Analyst Amy Rebenar

**2. STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

**26-064          Discussion of Legislative Update and Summary of Bills Relevant to  
Paradise Valley**

Highground Public Affairs Consultants Chief Operating Officer Doug Cole and Management Analyst Amy Rebenar summarized the status of pending bills in the 2026 legislative session with potential impacts on the Town. They focused on bills related to photo enforcement (SCR1004 ballot measure referral prohibiting photo enforcement unless municipalities with a current photo enforcement contract obtain

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approval from the voters in the 2028 election), zoning/housing (SB1473 assisted living homes occupancy), and municipal / county taxation (HB4030 prohibiting counties and municipalities from approving new or increased fees, taxes, surcharges, and utility rates through 2030).

Mr. Cole recommended that the Town Council actively oppose HB4030.

### **26-065 Discussion of Fiscal Year 2027 Fee Schedule and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program**

CFO Leslie DeReche provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget and timeline. She highlighted the Fire Service Enterprise Fund which has been operating in a deficit since 2018. The Fund was created and the rates were set in 2013. Since then, expenses have increased 54% but the rates have remained unchanged.

She presented the following options:

- Do nothing. Will need to continue to subsidize Fire Service Fund with General Fund revenues.
- Raise rates to cover costs – one time. A 67% rate increase will be needed to cover current costs and prepare for capital purchases.
- Raise rates over time to desired levels and continue to subsidize until rates are high enough to support the services.
- Absorb the entire cost in the General Fund

The Council directed staff to bring back additional information on the history of the fee, annual expenditures, percent of collection, cost of collection, options to authorize a fee escalator, and budget impact if it were absorbed into the general fund.

Ms. DeReche summarized the FY 2026 budget and proposed FY 2027 budget and expenditure limitation. She noted that because of high interest income revenue, it would not be necessary to issue bonds to finance the capital improvement program. She said the FY 2027 General Fund (departmental budget) is projected to increase by only 1.8%.

The Council requested a financial update on FY 2026 budget to actual for the next meeting.

Town Engineer Shar Johnson and Capital Projects Manager Sam Kayat presented the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2027 – 2031. They defined what constitutes a CIP project, explained the annual process to develop and rank projects, summarized the status of the current year CIP program, provided an overview of the five-year CIP, and detailed the FY 2027 projects.

Mayor Stanton recessed the meeting at 5:55 PM.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 26-060**        **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.

**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**

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**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Historical Advisory Committee Chair Catherine Kauffman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

**26-063            Discussion and Possible Action to Recognize 5525 E Lincoln Drive Unit 121 as a Historic Property in the Town of Paradise Valley**

Historical Advisory Committee Chair Catherine Kauffman presented the Committee’s recommendation to recognize the Daggett home located at 5525 E Lincoln Drive Unit 121 as an official historic property in the Town of Paradise Valley.

The Town Council approved the Historical Advisory Committee’s recommendation by unanimous consent.

Mayor Stanton read a proclamation recognizing the addition of the home to the Historic Property Program and presented owners with a bronze plaque to mount on the property.

**9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**26-061 Minutes of Town Council Meeting February 26, 2026**

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

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

**11. PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings.

**12. ACTION ITEMS****26-067 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Job Order Contract for the McDonald Drive and 45th Street Curb Replacement Projects**

Capital Improvement Program Manager Sam Kayat presented a construction contract with M. R. Tanner Construction to replace failing asphalt curbing with MAG Standard concrete curbing on McDonald Drive from 40<sup>th</sup> Street to 44<sup>th</sup> Street and on 45<sup>th</sup> Street from McDonald Drive to Valley Vista Lane at a not to exceed price of \$510,221. He stated that the existing asphalt curbs along both corridors are significantly deteriorated, exhibiting cracking, erosion, and general wear. These conditions compromise the integrity of adjacent pavement and may lead to more extensive and costly repairs if not addressed.

Mr. Kayat responded to questions from the Council.

There were no public comments.

**A motion was made by Council Member Pace, seconded by Council Member Liepmann, to approve CON-25-031-PBW, Job Order #3 with M R Tanner Construction for construction of the McDonald Drive (40th St. to 44th St.) and 45th Street (McDonald Dr. to Valley Vista Ln) curb replacement projects in the amount not-to-exceed \$510,221 and authorize the Town Manager to execute the agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Stanton  
Vice Mayor Labelle  
Council Member Liepmann  
Council Member Moore  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Andeen-Keller

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****26-062 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.

AT 6:40 PM Mayor Stanton recessed the meeting and the Council reassembled in the Boardroom to continue discussing item 26-065 FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

Mayor Stanton reconvened the meeting at 6:50 PM.

**2. STUDY SESSION ITEMS CONTINUED****COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Mark Stanton

Vice Mayor Christine Labelle

Council Member Ellen Andeen-Keller

Council Member Karen Liepmann

Council Member Scott Moore departed at 7:10 PM

Council Member Julie Pace attended by telephone conference call

Council Member Anna Thomasson

The Council continued discussion of the proposed 2027 CIP Plan. They requested additional clarification regarding how projects were identified and ranked, and, in particular, how the stormwater projects included in the Plan align with the project prioritization in the approved Stormwater Master Plan.

**15. ADJOURN**

**A motion was made at 7:19 PM by Council Member Andeen-Keller, seconded by Council Member Liepmann, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Stanton  
Vice Mayor Labelle  
Council Member Andeen-Keller  
Council Member Liepmann  
Council Member Pace  
Council Member Thomasson

**Not Present:** 1 - Council Member Scott Moore

Mayor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

SUBMITTED BY:

*Duncan Miller*  
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, March 12, 2026.

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.



*Duncan Miller*  
Duncan Miller, Town Clerk