

TOWN *of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 6401 E. LINCOLN DRIVE PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA 85253 MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanton called to order the Town Council Meeting for Thursday, September 25, 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 attended by video conference
Council Member Anna Thomasson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Town Manager Andrew B. Ching
Town Attorney Andrew McGuire
Police Commander Joseph DiVenti
Town Clerk Duncan Miller
Community Development Director Chad Weaver
Public Works Director Isaac Chavira
CFO Leslie DeReche
Human Resources Director Gina Monger

2. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

25-213 Discussion of Bond Financing Options

Mark Reader, Managing Director, Stifel, briefed the Council on the Arizona Expenditure Limitation Law and the potential issuance of excise tax revenue bonds. He explained that amounts received from the issuance of bonds and payment of principal and interest on such bonds are exempt from the expenditure limit. He provided data on Arizona cities and towns which have adopted an alternative expenditure limit and recent Arizona County tax-exempt borrowing to fund capital improvement projects. He reported on current bond market trends and scenarios for sale of bonds.

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25-214 Discussion of Arizona Expenditure Limitation Adjustment Options

Town Clerk Duncan Miller explained that the Arizona Expenditure Limitation Law is a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1980. The purpose of the law is to control local government spending and ensure that future increases in spending are tied to changes in population and inflation. The law also allows for exclusions such as debt service, capital leases, grants, excess Highway User Revenue Funds, and investment income. Each year the spending limit is calculated by the Economic Estimates Commission by adjusting a 1979-1980 base year for population growth and inflation. He said the Town's annual expenditures are approaching the limit. He presented the four options authorized by statute to adjust the limitation and their pros and cons. Each option requires voter approval at a regular primary or general election.

1. Home Rule
2. One-time Override
3. Capital Projects Accumulation Fund
4. Permanent Base Adjustment

He presented a sample timeline to place a question on the November 2026 ballot.

Before deciding if and when the Town's expenditure limit should be adjusted, the Council requested additional information on the capital improvement program including long-term project planning, timelines, cost estimates, and funding projections; and information on expenditure limitation trends and bond financing options.

A motion was made at 4:30 PM by Council Member Thomasson, seconded by Council Member Labelle, to go into executive session to discuss items 25-215 and 25-208. 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

- 25-215 Discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney, as authorized by A.R.S. §38 431.03(A)(3), for legal advice regarding Zoning Code Text Amendments.**

- 25-208** Discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney in order to consider the Town Council's position and instruct the Town Attorney regarding the Town's position regarding contracts that are subject to pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation related to Five Star Development project as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4); and discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding the development agreement and associated agreements with Five Star Development as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).
- 25-210** 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
Council Member Scott Moore
Council Member Julie Pace attended by video conference
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Public Works Director Isaac Chavira
CIO James Bailey
IT Team Lead Taylor Hunter

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PV Arts Board Chair Colleen Steinberg, featured artist Barbara Lacy, and her daughter Jessica Lacy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

8. PRESENTATIONS

**25-222 Presentation by Congressman David Schweikert regarding
Paradise Valley Post Office**

Congressman David Schweikert addressed the Council regarding the Town's successful efforts to appeal the decision by the United States Post Office to close the contract postal unit in Town Hall. Town officials coordinated with the Congressman who pursued the Town's cause at the federal level. He stated that Paradise Valley's Post Office serves as a model for how other contract stations can continue to operate.

**25-219 Recognition of Artist-in-Residence Barbara Bayless Lacy for
Displaying her Artwork at Town Hall**

The Mayor and Council recognized Barabar Bayless Lacy for displaying her art at Town Hall over the last year and presented her with a plaque commemorating her time as the featured artist for 2024-2025.

25-217 PV Arts Board Update

PV Arts Board Chair Colleen Steinberg presented the Board's annual report to Council. She summarized the feature artis program, student art show, and artists' studio tour.

25-216 Hillside Building Committee Update

Hillside Building Committee Chair Scott Jarson presented the Committee's annual report to Council. He said the Committee's role is to review plans for new and modified construction on hillside properties to promote compliance with development regulations. He summarized the types of applications they received, development trends, and educational outreach efforts.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Christopher Ajluni, Chuck Albrecht, and Cricket Peterson, made comments about Congressman David Schweikert.

Resident Judith Lee Brown addressed the Town Council regarding an incident in 2015 in which her father was struck and killed by a vehicle in Paradise Valley.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

25-211 Minutes of Town Council Meeting September 11, 2025

A motion was made by Council Member Thomasson, seconded by Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller, 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

25-203 Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Expenditure of Budgeted Funds for Information Technology Managed Services and Annual Software Renewals with Sentinel Technologies, Inc

IT Team Lead Taylor Hunter presented a request to spend budgeted funds for information technology managed services and annual software renewals with Sentinel Technologies. He said the Town has worked with Sentinel since 2021. They provide 24/7 systems and cyber security monitoring, software licenses and subscriptions, and other professional services for continuous improvements. The total annual contract expenditure is \$520,000. This is a routine notification to Council, as required by budget management policies, of an expense to a single vendor in excess of \$100,000.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Labelle, to authorize the expenditure of budgeted funds for information technology managed services and annual software renewals with Sentinel Technologies, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$520,000. 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

25-220 Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance 2025-03, Amending Chapter 2 of the Town Code: (i) Article 2-2, Section 2-2-2 Relating to the Annual Process for Selection of the Vice Mayor, and (ii) Article 2-6, Section 2-6-6, Relating to Modified Posting Requirements to Align with Changes in State Law

Town Attorney Andrew McGuire stated that the Council reviewed draft Ordinance 2025-03 at the Council study session on June 12, 2025. The ordinance proposes to replace the current process of electing a Council Member to serve a one-year term as vice mayor with a rotating process based on seniority. Subsequent to the meeting in June, an amendment in a different section of Chapter 2 was added to the ordinance to bring the Town Code into conformance with a change in state law related to public notice posting requirements for adopted ordinances.

Residents Jini Simpson, Rick Adams, and Paul Dembow spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Resident Janie White did not speak but submitted a comment card in opposition to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Pace, seconded by Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller, to adopt Ordinance 2025-03. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Stanton
Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller
Council Member Labelle
Council Member Pace

Nay: 3 - Council Member Liepmann
Council Member Moore
Council Member Thomasson

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

25-212 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.

Council Member Moore departed the meeting at 7:50 PM

15. ADJOURN

A motion was made at 7:55 PM by Vice Mayor Andeen-Keller, seconded by Council Member Thomasson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moore

Mayor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

SUBMITTED BY:

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, September 25, 2025

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, Town Clerk