

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF COLORADO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024, AT 25 S CENTRAL STREET, COLORADO CITY,
ARIZONA**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Howard Ream.

Roll call showed present: Mayor Howard Ream, Vice Mayor Dalton Barlow, and Council Members: John Chatwin, Jerusha Darger, Alma Hammon, Thomas Holm, and Nathan Burnham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jerusha Darger.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting, and March 4, 2024, special meeting was presented, and no corrections were made.

A motion was made by Council Member Alma Hammon to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting, and March 4, 2024, special meeting. There was a second from Council Member Nathan Burnham, and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INFORMATIONAL SUMMARIES

No public comment

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The department reports were in the information packet.

Airport

Building

Police

Public works

Utilities

Town Manager

Magistrate Court

Vance Barlow answered questions and clarified the department reports.

Judge Barbara Brown answered questions and clarified the magistrate court report.

Consider Resolution Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month to Encourage Equal Housing Access as a Fundamental Human Right for all Americans.

April is National Fair Housing month, and the Town would like to sponsor a proclamation declaring fair housing month which urges fair housing. This is an affirmative step to further fair housing and Annual fair housing training is given to Town staff during the month of April.

It is unlawful for any person to discriminate in connection with housing because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, familial status, or disability.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06 proclaiming fair housing month was made by Council Member Nathan Burnham and seconded by Council Member John Chatwin. All voted in favor.

Consider Resolution Sponsoring Spring Clean Up Week April 1st through April 5th and Encouraging all Citizens to Join in a Community-Wide Clean-Up Around Their Homes and Businesses

The Town has sponsored a community spring clean-up event in years past and would like to do so again to improve the community and assist low-to-moderate-income families.

The clean-up event will be for one week beginning Monday, April 1st and ending on Friday April 5th, 2024.

The Town will place roll-off dumpsters, free of charge to deposit refuse in. They will be located at the City Offices of both Colorado City & Hildale.

Town residents can also haul covered and secured loads of household refuse to the Landfill (during regular Landfill hours) during this time period free of charge if they have proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-07 sponsoring community spring clean-up event and encouraging citizens to improve surroundings and clean up along the streets in their neighborhoods was made by Mayor Howard Ream with the modification of dates starting March 30th ending April 6th for both the roll-off dumpsters and the Landfill hours to include two Saturdays. There was a second from Council Member Nathan Burnham, all voted in favor.

Consider Zoning Map Amendment -- Parcel 404-53-487 from RE-1A Residential Estate to R1-12 Single Family Residential

The Planning Commission considered the request for zoning map amendment by Bud Cooke at the March 4, 2024, Planning Commission meeting and unanimously recommended approval by the Town Council.

The developer's intent of this rezone is to develop an additional lot for single family residential.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-08 approving rezoning Parcel 404-53-487 from RE-1A Residential Estate to R1-12 Single Family Residential was made by Council Member Alma Hammon and seconded by Council Member Jerusha Darger. All voted in favor.

Consider Zoning Map Amendment – Parcel 404-53-262 from RE-1A Residential Estate to R1-20 Single Family Residential

The Planning Commission considered this request for zoning map amendment by Thomas Holm at the March 4, 2024, Planning Commission meeting and unanimously recommended approval by the Town Council.

The developer's intent of this rezone is to develop an additional lot for single family residential.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-09 approving rezoning Parcel 404-53-262 from RE-1A Residential Estate to R1-20 Single Family Residential was made by Council Member John Chatwin and seconded by Council Member Dalton Barlow. All voted in favor except Council Member Thomas Holm who abstained.

Consider Contract with Energy Services, LLC for Drilling Wells No. 25 & 26

On March 4, 2024, the Town Council awarded the bid for drilling wells No 25 & No. 26 to Energy Services, LLC. Presented was the Construction Contract between the Town and Energy Services, LLC to perform the work.

This is a project funded as an ARPA subrecipient grant from Mohave County.

The contract has been sent to the Town's attorney for legal review.

A motion to approve the Contract to Energy Services, LLC for Drilling Wells No. 25 and No. 26 pending final legal review was made by Council Member Nathan Burnham and seconded by Council Member Jerusha Darger. All voted in favor.

Second Reading, by Title Only, of Ordinance 2024-07 adopting amendments to the Town Code Title XV Chapter 152 Zoning Code

To be read by the Town Clerk Shirley Zitting Ordinance 2024-07 by title only. Ordinance 2024-07 was declared a public record and had a first reading by title only at the February 12, 2024, meeting.

Ordinance 2024-07 which will reduce the frontage required in an R1-8 single family residential zone from 70 feet to 55 feet is presented for a second reading by title only in the adoption process.

The ordinance was presented for a second reading in the adoption process.

Council Member John Chatwin asked for clarification if we are adopting the Title only or the Ordinance.

A motion to read, by title only, Ordinance 2024-07 adopting amendments to the Town Code Title XV Chapter 152 Zoning Code as a second reading in the adoption

process was made by Council Member Alma Hammon and seconded by Council Member Jerusha Darger. All voted in favor.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance 2024-07 adopting amendments to the Town Code Title XV Chapter 152 Zoning Code

Now that the second reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2024-07 was completed, consider adopting amendments to the Town Code Title XV Chapter 152 Zoning Code, the Town Council will need to make a formal motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-07.

Ordinance 2024-07 will reduce the frontage required in an R1-8 single family residential zone from 70 feet to 55 feet.

The effective date of the changes will be thirty days after adoption, which will be April 11, 2024.

The proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the Towns legal counsel with no concerns noted.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-07 approving the amendments to the Town Code Title XV Chapter 152 Zoning Code was made by Council Member John Chatwin and seconded by Council Member Nathan Burnham. All voted in favor.

Consider Adopting Resolution 2024-08 HCC Utility Department Classifications & Steps

The Utility Department staff have developed a classification & steps pay scale for the utility department.

The proposed scale has been vetted by staff and reviewed by the Utility Advisory Board at their January 25, 2024, meeting with a recommendation to approve the pay scale.

By adopting and setting a classification and step matrix it minimizes the subjectivity in determining payrates and provides a road map for employees to move up in the scale.

Mayor Howard Ream asked if this was similar to a merit-based pay scale.

Town Manager Vance Barlow responded that it is similar and based on tenure and certifications.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-08 adopting the HCC Utility Department Classifications & Steps was made by Council Member Alma Hammon and seconded by Council Member John Chatwin. All voted in favor.

THERE WAS NOT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THIS MEETING

BUDGET REPORT AND ORDER TO PAY DUE CLAIMS

The Council reviewed the budget report and a detailed report of the due claims.

A motion to accept the budget report and order to pay due claims was made by Council Member Nathan Burnham and seconded by Council Member Jerusha Darger. All voted in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Nathan Burnham asked about implementing a regular schedule for road maintenance.

Mayor Howard Ream thanked Public Works for their detailed report and for all the work they do for the city.

Council member Alma Hammon thanked the Police Department for getting the travel trailer on Central St removed.

Council member Thomas Holm stated that Academy Crossing looks great but inquired about getting the abandoned cars removed.

Council Member John Chatwin asked about Christmas lighting for the town. Mayor Howard Ream replied that it will be part of the discussion in the work session on March 14, 2024.

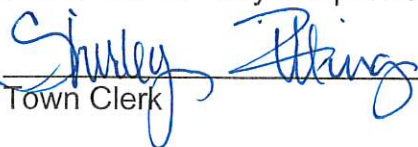
Council Member John Chatwin inquired about doing fundraisers for the Police Department to increase their budget.

ADJOURNMENT 7:04 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of Colorado City held on the 11th day of March 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of April 2024


Town Clerk



