



## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minute summary of the regular meeting of the City Council of Sierra Vista held on the 26<sup>TH</sup> of October 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of November 2023

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Maria G. Marsh  
Deputy City Clerk

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Jill Adams  
City Clerk

Sierra Vista City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2023

Mayor McCaa called the October 26, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Roll Call:

Mayor Clea McCaa II – present  
Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Umphrey – present  
Council Member William Benning – present  
Council Member Gregory Johnson - present  
Council Member Angelica Landry – present  
Council Member Marta Messmer - present  
Council Member Mark Rodriguez – present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager  
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager  
Chris Hiser, Police Chief  
Brad Dever, Deputy Fire Chief  
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director  
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director  
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney  
Gabriel Squires, Public Works Internal Operations Manager  
Adam Curtis, Public Affairs and Communications Manager  
Dianna Cameron, Economic Development Business Liaison  
Mike Cline, Human Resources Management Analyst

Invocation – Pastor Greg Rowles, God is Good Church, led everyone present in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Messmer moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of October 26, 2023 be approved. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Messmer, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

Presentations and Awards

Ms. Cameron stated that according to the SBA, military veterans own over 2 million businesses across the country. They employ over 5 million Americans and contribute over \$1.2 trillion to the economy in revenue. A 2021 Gusto's survey revealed that 10.7 percent of new businesses were veteran owned, almost double that of the year in 2019. Veterans not only make great entrepreneurs because of the skills they acquired during their service to the country but are also 45 percent more likely to start a business and become self-employed. The City of Sierra Vista's shared economy with Fort Huachuca means that the area has a greater than average number of veteran entrepreneurs providing much appreciated goods, services, and jobs.

As part of National Veteran Owned Business week for the City of Sierra Vista, Mayor McCaa and Council presented a proclamation declaring October 29, 2023, through November 4, 2023, as Veteran Small Business Week to Aaron Hennequin and Victoria Holts, owners of Doc's Watering Hole.

Wallace Ricks, Economic Development Commission Vice- Chair, presented to Aaron Hennequin and Victoria Holts, owners of Doc's Watering Hole, an award as the Veteran Small Business of the Year. Ms. Holts stated that they are honored for being nominated as a veteran owned business. She thanked the Mayor, Council, and the Economic Development Commission for recognizing them and stated that they try to give back to the community as much as they can.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek announced that next regularly scheduled work session is on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and the regularly scheduled Council Meeting is on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., also in the Council Chambers. He reminded everyone that City's offices will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day on Friday, November 10, 2023, and encouraged everyone to go to the Veterans' Day Parade. He also announced that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the work session of Tuesday, November 21, 2023, and the regular meeting of Thursday, November 23, 2023, will be cancelled, and on Thursday, November 24, 2023, and Friday, November 25, 2023, the City's offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. He reported that the RFP for the feasibility study for a municipal court for the City are due November 15, 2023, the commercial pool resurfacing at the Cove was awarded to Superior Pool Plastering Management, and work is expected to start mid-November, which will take six to eight weeks to complete. Lastly, he reported that the construction of the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center Improvement and Expansion Project is expected to start in March 2024.

## Item 2 Consent Agenda

**Item 2.1** Discussion and Possible Action of the Work Session Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023

**Item 2.2** Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2023

**Item 2.3** Discussion and Possible Action of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023

**Item 2.4** Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2023-078, Acceptance of Radford Hyde's resignation from the Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Diversity Commission

Council Member Rodriguez moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of October 10, 2023 Work Session, October 12, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting, October 17, 2023 Special City Council Meeting, and Resolution 2023-078, acceptance of Radford Hyde's resignation, with regret from the Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Diversity Commission, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Messmer, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

## New Business

**Item 3** Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2023-079, Authorization to Accept Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Funding (Contract #2024-AL-034)

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2023-079, acceptance of the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Funding, Contract #2024-AL-034, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Police Chief Hiser stated that this grant agreement is in support of the Police Department's participation in the Southeastern Arizona DUI Task Force that has existed for over 20 years. The officers deploy on holiday weekends on overtime to proactively look for impaired driving that has always been very successful. One of the last deployments had 10 DUI arrests and this grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety will reimburse for overtime on these deployments. The Department is asking for \$20,900 in overtime reimbursement, which should cover the Department through the year on these deployments. In addition, the Department will receive \$8,354 in employee related expense reimbursement that includes the public safety pension cost reimbursement.

Council Member Landry highlighted that the Sierra Vista Police Department's ability to participate in these deployments is only possible with off duty officers who volunteer to work overtime on the deployment. She thanked all the officers that are willing to work the deployments.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Messmer, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

**Item 4** Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2023-080, Approval of 2023-2026 Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan for the City of Sierra Vista / Vista Transit

Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey moved that Resolution 2023-080, the 2023-2026 Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan for the City of Sierra Vista/Vista Transit, be approved. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams stated that this is the triennial update to the Vista Transit Title VI Nondiscrimination Program. Title VI is a nondiscrimination federal law that applies to the City, and the Federal Transit Administration requires, as part of the City's participation in their grant programs, that the transit system itself have a program that sets out all the goals, metrics, and the different programs done to ensure that their clients are not discriminated against. The updated program is not significantly different from the 2020 Plan that was approved by Council, except that the census conducted in 2020 revealed that households in the City of Sierra Vista that identify as Limited English Proficient has gone above the five percent threshold for those identifying as Spanish speaking households. Therefore, the City must adhere to the requirements for different types of communication and outreach. The City is taking all the vital documents such as ride guides, schedules, and applications for paratransit services and translating those into Spanish to make those available to the Spanish speaking population. The City is reinstating the language line for Spanish or any other language for translation citywide, not just for the transit system. The City has a vendor that can be called for a three-way call to get a translation and is also working on a program for the future where more surveying of ridership will occur to gather data on the different groups that are riding the bus. As these plans are further updated, the City will know where the outreach is needed and where things need to be corrected quickly and efficiently.

In response to Council Member Rodriguez, Ms. Adams stated that in answer to his question during the Tuesday, October 24, 2023 work session on vehicle load factors, those are simply a metric, data that is collected due to studies of capacity on buses at certain peak hours of certain routes. This is done to collect data on ridership so that when there is planning, adjusting services or routes, there is data to be taken into consideration.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Messmer, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

#### **Item 5 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2023-081, an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whetstone Fire District for Fueling Services**

Council Member Benning moved that Resolution 2023-081, an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whetstone Fire District for Fueling Services, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey seconded the motion.

Mr. Squires stated that the City owns its own fueling station and in addition to providing fuel services for its own vehicles and different equipment, the City also sells fuel to other government agencies. That fuel is sold at the cost of what the City pays plus a markup of \$0.05 per gallon. The Whetstone Fire District has requested to be able to purchase fuel from the City; therefore, the resolution is to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Whetstone Fire District for fueling services.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Messmer, and Rodriguez voted in favor.

#### **Call to the Public**

Julia Balasa shared that she and Mayor McCaa have had business relationships in the DoD community, and it is nice to see him on the dais. She stated that she was speaker 22 at Council's last meeting, and she wanted to emphasize to the Council to consider the safety of the community, its residents in Sierra Vista, and that if anybody is interested in making this a sanctuary city, to please uphold the safety for the community and say no to making Sierra Vista a sanctuary city.

Paul Varble stated that this is an exposure and voiced his displeasure at being cut two minutes short the last few times that he spoke at Council's meetings. He noted that he plans to tag on the four minutes Council took from him, and Council cannot tell him no because Council cannot take his time away nor stop him from talking. He further stated that Council is always asking for community input, and when the community speaks, Council wants to shut them down; but he does not believe in censorship. He cautioned that if Council tries to shut the people down again, he will make sure everybody across the state and country knows about Council's violation of his First Amendment rights. He asked not to be interrupted because if Council will not answer questions, then Council does not have the right to interrupt. He also stated that he did not appreciate Council Member Johnson texting him that Council cannot legally answer questions at the Call to the Public. He stressed that the people put Council in office, pay their salaries, finance the building, and are the bosses because Council works for the people. The people do not work for Council; therefore, when the people ask questions, Council should answer them. Until the Council defies the illegitimate President Biden and Katie Hobbs, a fraud, and stops complying with their treasonous actions of shutting down the borders and not preventing

invaders from coming into the country, Council may be brought down and suffer the penalties for treason. No more catch and release, catch and deport to the to the Ukraine, who can financially afford to house, feed, and accommodate them with all the billions of taxpayers' monies. Aiding and abetting is treason, and all the single fighting aged males should be put into the Ukrainian army. The people are angry and want their money back to help its own people and to fix the country. The people are going to MAGA by removing the domestic terrorists that exist in government. Democrats and rhinos should be forcefully removed with federal marshals doing their jobs because the courts, the judges, the prosecutors, the mayors, the governors, and representatives are all corrupt, which have forced the illegal death jab, vaccinations, masks, social distancing, and continue to do so - complicit in crimes against humanity. There are a lot of problems in the state, county, and city, and they are putting everyone's lives in danger. The people, American citizens are scared to death with these people in charge. People are afraid of the high crime, rapes, thefts, murders, burglaries, foreign guns, fentanyl, and other drugs running rampant across the communities, and these \*\*\*\*\* will not do a thing about it (written comments attached).

Randall Limbaca stated that prior to relocating to the City five years ago, he had been visiting Sierra Vista for decades and once upon a time believed it to be a nice place to live. This was a family/friendly town with business, enterprise, dining, and entertainment. However, years of incompetence, corruption, and inaction have left much of the town desolate and in various states of decay. Worthwhile businesses have been discouraged from taking root, the streets, buildings, and neighborhoods crumble. Sierra Vista has no architectural identity or consistency; parking lots are designed to maximize vehicle collisions and the dirt roads of Tombstone put the paved streets to shame. The City's priority was placed on solar panels, electric charging stations, and fee waiver programs rather than repair of infrastructure to attract clean manufacturing and family friendly businesses. He is critical of this town because Council is not. The council has no standards when it comes to the planning, operation, and maintenance of the town; but Council does have a penchant for glad handing constituents, celebrating one another, and placing their pet projects above the City's infrastructure and well-being. Some Council Members complain that there is insufficient interest among the citizenry to compel Council to do the right things, to encourage Council to make decisions that serve the community rather than themselves. In closing, he thanked Council for the city manager, who now has everyone's attention and needs close supervision. It is also clear that Council needs to replace him, and most if not all of City Council.

Trisha Gerrodette stated that she listened to the work session on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, and noted that there was a presentation about the Strategic Plan that she hopes to hear more about, especially around the water issue. She added that it has been a decade since she paid attention to the Strategic Plan, and she does not know if it is early enough to engage at whatever level is appropriate. However, she thinks that a huge change needs to occur in how that component of the Plan is approached. There was a world shift for the community a couple of months ago in terms of water issues. It is imperative that the City do more planning around the implications for water rights, numbers being assigned to the SPRNCA, and what that means for the Fort and the City. Lastly, she stated that Castle and Cooke saw what it means, and it did not take them long to abandon Tribute. It is going to be hard to get the ability to deliver as much water as they had hoped because it is going to be a fight from now on.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Johnson had nothing to report.

Council Member Messmer announced the Father of Lights Festival at Saint Andrews, usually a West End event, but this year the event has been switched to be inside Saint Andrews Church on Halloween, October 31, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Also announced was the blessing of the Fry Cemetery on November 2, 2023, at 4:30p.m.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked all Veterans, Veteran-owned businesses, and the families of Veterans, doing great things in the community, as well as the Veterans on the dais. He stated that there are a lot of Halloween events going on during the weekend and asked people to be safe out there and watch out for the little goblins running around in the streets. He announced that during the weekend there is a vendor market at Bell Bottom Beauty, located at 155 El Camino Real, where 20 percent of their sales will go towards school lunches and gift cards for kids. On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, there is an open house at Spruce and Sky Gifts and Interiors to celebrate their one-year anniversary, and on November 1, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., the Sierra Vista Chamber will be hosting their Bring a Veteran to Lunch Event at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center.

Council Member Landry shared that recently she was able to do a ride along with the Refuse Department's drivers, where she learned a lot of things that she was not aware of, i.e., putting out the bin by 7:00 a.m., even if it gets picked up later in the morning because sometimes the routes may change; bagging all trash because that prevents loose things from flying around when they are dumping the truck, especially if it windy; making sure that everything fits in the bin, and if anything does not fit saving it for another time, or calling for a Wednesday pickup; making sure that the bin is four feet from other objects i.e., vehicles, mailboxes, basketball hoops, or trees that may be obstructing the truck's hand that comes out that can hit things or be unable to grab the bin. She also noted that some things not to do is to force things in the bin and have them sticking out because when the bin is picked up, things fall out. Also, do not put trash on top of the lid or next to it because the drivers cannot get things around the bin. Lastly, do not toss embers in the bins because they may cause a fire, especially if it is windy or if it is fire season, nor put hazardous materials in the bin i.e., oil, paint, or chemicals. There are special places where people can go to dispose of these items. In closing, she implored everybody to watch where they are going when out and about while driving because there are cyclists out on the road and on the multi-use path, runners, and people that are walking. There have been way too many close calls. Lastly, she congratulated Doc's Watering Hole and thanked them for all that they do in the community.

Council Member Benning thanked Pastor Rowles for his invocation, and what he does in the community; thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their support; thanked the community in the audience; gave kudos to the Economic Development Commission for showing up all over the community, the minority business of the year, the veteran owned business of the year, and helping businesses, people, working and partnering together; congratulated Doc's Watering Hole. He stated that he loves hearing from everybody, whether it is one minute or five minutes; however, if people want to have an in-depth conversation, he is available via phone and e-mail. People can give him a call and he will sit and talk to them at any time, he will show them respect, but they must show him respect as well and not cuss or curse at him. He noted that there may not be 100 people in the audience, but there are people watching on YouTube, and the use of profanity is setting the wrong precedent. There can be discord and arguments, but there is no need to cross the line to where there are threats and profanity. If people want to have a great conversation, they can give him a call, he will sit down and talk to anybody, and for those that know him, voted for him, and put him on the dais, they know that he would do that.

Mayor Pro Tem Umphrey congratulated Doc's Watering Hole for receiving the title of Veterans' Small Business of the Year, shared that she is going to make it to one of those line dancing classes, and thanked them for continuing to offer those things and being involved in the community, making all those connections for people. She commented on Council Member Landry's ride along and noted that she had never thought to do that and noted that the City's refuse drivers are great, responsible, and she is always proud of staff. Lastly, she stated that Council is still taking comments for the General Plan, the City's 10-year General Plan.

Mayor McCaa announced that following the Council Meeting, the Buena's Colts' will have their last volleyball game at 6:00 p.m. at the gym against Empire. He further announced that it is Berean Academy's last game as well and it is on the City's new field at 7:00 p.m., who are still undefeated, and gave kudos to eight-man football Berean Academy Head Coach, Jalen Hampton. On Friday, October 27, 2023, the Buena High Football Team will go to Sunnyside; therefore, he encouraged people to attend to cheer them on. In closing, he thanked everyone for their comments and echoed Council Member Benning's comments, his door is always open, and he is willing to sit down and talk, it is all about communication.

#### Adjournment


Mayor McCaa adjourned the October 26, 2023, meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:41 p.m.



Clea McCaa, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

Attest:



Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk



Jill Adams, City Clerk

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City Council meeting

Well, the last two times I spoke at this meeting you cut me short two minutes each time so right now when I'm getting ready to speak I have five minutes and I'm gonna tag on the four minutes you took from me and don't be telling me I can't ,because you can't take my time from me And you can't stop me from talking, you're always asking for community input and when the community speaks you want to shut them down!

well, we don't believe in censorship try to shut us down again, and I assure you I will make sure everybody across this state and country knows about your violating our first amendment rights, and don't bother interrupting me because if you won't answer questions then you don't have the right to interrupt.think about it before you open up your mouths! I have a saying, and you guys might think about it,engage your brains before you put your mouths in gear, because I don't feel like having a battle of the wits with unarmed opponents! there will be accountability! and I didn't appreciate one of your members (Gregory) texting me telling me you guys could not legally answer our questions.

Let me tell you puppets something, we the people put you in office we the people pay your salaries we the people finance the building that you are sitting in, we, the people are your bosses And you work for us we don't work for you, SO when we the people ask you questions, you damn well better answer them!

Until you defy that illegitimate president Biden, and that fraud, katie Hobbs, and stop complying with their treasonous actions of shutting down the borders, and by not preventing these invaders from coming in, you too will be brought down and suffer the penalties for treason!

No more catch and release!

catch and deport to the Ukraine, who can financially afford to house them feed them, and accommodate them (aiding and abetting)! TREASON 🙄

with all our billions of taxpayers monies! Put all the single fighting aged males into the Ukrainian army!!!

we the people are pissed off! We want our money back to help our people and fix this country!

We the people are going to Maga by removing the domestic terrorists that exist in government. They would be Democrats and rinos and they have to be forcefully removed with federal marshals doing their jobs, because the courts, the judges, the prosecutors, the mayors, the governors the representatives are all corrupt and if I'm wrong, tell me which ones aren't corrupt!!! but I'm pretty sure you can't do that!

because you would be exposing yourselves! All of you Who have forced the ILLEGAL DEATHJAB vaccines, masks,and social distancing and continue to do

PAUL R. VARBLE - Paul R. Varble  
SIERRA VISTA



so are COMPLICIT In Crimes against humanity!!!

We have a lot of problems here in this state, this county and this city and all of you guys from here and across the state are putting all of our lives in danger!

Our people, our American citizens are scared to death with you guys in charge, we're afraid of the high crime the rapes, the thefts, the murders, the burglaries, foreign guns, fentanyl and other drugs running rampant across our communities and you bastards won't do a damn thing about it,

so it's time we start doing it ourselves Unless you muster up some backbone, we shouldn't have to do your jobs for you you are not protecting us. You are not preventing these invaders from coming across our borders, your encouraging them by picking them up and dropping them off in all the places that have poor economies, as if we could take care of them when we can't even take care of our own,

so I'm curious, you guys seem to be the puppets so you want to tell us who your puppet masters are so we can approach them ? NO! don't tell us we already know who they are and you're protecting them, knowing that all of them have committed fraud and various other crimes you are complicit and accomplices in their criminal activities,

like election interference, and using machines with obsolete operating systems, along with your fraudulent mail in voting schemes of fraud! Like Katie Hobbs, running her own elections or her sidekick, Adrian Fontes you know the former Sinaloa drug cartel Atty.?Kari and Abe Won!

You do nothing to protect our children!

in the schools you allow drag queens to perform, and you allow gender mutilations, of which you won't prevent ,

you allow the pride rainbow brigades to march in the streets, you protect antifa, BLM and Muslims.

You won't stand up against the upper echelon and protect us ! and this is bullshit. you allow CRT and core math And you wanna do background checks and fingerprint parents if they want to pick up their children at schools violating their fourth amendment rights!

their school books are filled with disgusting filth stuff that violates the laws of God. You do prayers at the beginning of these meetings and even the Pledge of Allegiance but you don't believe in either, because if you did this crap wouldn't be going on and people like me wouldn't be in here in your face's !!

FRANK Antonori, Gail Griffin, Juan ciscomani Lupe Diaz Brandon Martin, cannot be trusted, FRANK is a polished Rino who tried to shut down one of our meetings in Tombstone. Gail is not doing anything to protect our water rights and was supporting a criminal right here in Sierra Vista. Juan and Lupe cannot be trusted and neither can that criminal Brandon Martin, who we removed. Legally,

*Paul R. Varble*

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our CCRC is back open for business. and we are not a sanctuary Office this is not a sanctuary city and this is not a sanctuary state, and since you won't protect us, I advise everybody that I encounter to arm themselves because our second amendment rights are a quicker response time. so now I'm gonna ask a question, maybe a couple, and if I don't get an answer, we will take it as you being part of the problem and not the solution. Are you going to protect us from becoming a sanctuary city? Yes or no?

Are you going to Demand that katie Hobbs closes the border and brings the National Guard down to protect the border? yes or no?

And every time you have invaders in your grasp, are you going to deport them or just release them into our society? yes or no?

Show your backbones, and don't disappoint we the people by being spineless PUSSIES  
Have a good day

Paul R. VARBLE