



Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2026

Call to Order

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

Roll Call Ms. Adams called roll, all seven members of the council were present.

Invocation Father Greg from St Andrews Catholic Church led the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Kilmurray led the pledge

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Landry motioned for the approval of the Agenda as written; Mayor Pro Tem Flowers seconded the motion.

Mayor McCaa called for the vote and motion passed 7/0 with Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Flowers, Council Members Jackson, Kilmurray, Landry, Miers and Rodriguez voting in favor.

City Manager's Report:

Ms. Yarborough stated that the next City Council meeting will be the work session on February 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., followed by a Special Meeting and Executive session on February 12, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. for their annual litigation update, and finally the regular City Council Meeting on February 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Yarborough then briefed the council on current procurement contracts. Currently out for bid is the Library's Mona Bishop Meeting Room's A/V upgrades, and The Fire Departments Cancer Screening Services. Recently closed bids included the CDGB funded project at Catholic Community Services. Procurement recently awarded contracts to three civil engineering firms for design consulting and KE&G won the contract for the Buffalo Soldier Trail Multi Use Path, which is scheduled to be finished in May of 2026.

Ms. Yarborough then reported on the City's sales tax numbers for November 2025. The numbers showed no growth or decline, which Ms. Yarborough stated was a positive sign since the government shutdown had dominated the first half of the month, so not losing any sales tax revenue is a positive sign.

Council Member Rodriguez asked why the City is hiring outside engineering services and Ms. Yarborough explained that the engineering department at Public Works is short staffed and has been for many years, so utilizing outside resources will help projects move faster when they are something that doesn't specifically require a city engineer.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

Item 2.1 Discussion and Possible Action of the Work Session Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2026

Item 2.2 Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025

Item 2.3 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2026-004, Appointment of Demetry Simonton to the Environmental Stewardship Commission, said term to expire April 30, 2027

Council Member Miers motioned that the consent agenda items be accepted and passed; Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Mayor McCaa called for the vote and the consent agenda passed 7/0, with Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Flowers, Council Members Jackson, Kilmurray, Landry, Miers and Rodriguez voting in favor

New Business

Item 3 Discussion and Possible Action of Ordinance 2026-001, proposed text amendments to the City Development Code, Section 151.02.003, Definitions; Section 151.06.009, Mobile Food Vendors; Section 151.22.006, Matrix of Use Permissions

Council Member Rodriguez motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-001; Council Member Miers seconded the motion.

Mr. Pregler stated that the ordinance in front of council is the final step to approving the amendments that were proposed to council on December 11, 2026. These amendments to the City's development code include changing the zoning for the airport to Light Industrial, amending the community service definition to include emergency services, removing the annual permit requirement for mobile food vendors and allowing houses of worship to move into general commercial zones without the need for special use permits.

Mayor Pro Tem Flowers thanked Mr. Pregler and the Planning and Zoning Commission for all of their hard work in correcting the city's development code and

Mayor McCaa called for the vote, the ordinance passed 7/0 with Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Flowers, Council Members Jackson, Kilmurray, Landry, Miers and Rodriguez voting in favor

Item 4 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2026-005, Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima Community College for paramedic training

Mayor Pro Tem Flowers motioned to approve Resolution 2026-005; Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Deputy Chief Dever stated that this intergovernmental agreement is with Pima Community College to allow City of Sierra Vista EMTs working towards full paramedic certification, who also live in Tucson to attend Pim Community College for classes instead of making extra trips to

Sierra Vista to attend Cochise College. It also allows students at Pima to work with Sierra Vista Fire Department personnel to obtain their 300 required clinical training hours.

Council Member Kilmurray asked why there are employees in Tucson and Deputy Chief Dever explained that there is no residency requirement to be a City employee, so there are several members of the fire department that live in the Tucson area.

Council Member Miers asked whether or not there was a possibility that this program could incur liability to the City. Deputy Chief Devers stated that while there is always a possibility of that happening, students sign waivers and the agreement dictates insurance requirements, and it is a national practice to cross train with various agencies.

Mayor McCaa called for the vote and the resolution passed 7/0 with Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Flowers, Council Members Jackson, Kilmurray, Landry, Miers and Rodriguezs voting in favor.

Item 5 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2026-006, Approval of Sierra Vista Industrial Authority Education Facility Revenue Bonds to American Leadership Academy Johnston, Series 2026, aggregate amount not to exceed \$120,000,000.

Council Member Jackson motioned to approve Resolution 2026-006; Council Member Landry seconded the motion.

Mr. Slania stated that this bond series is for an American Leadership Academy in Johnston, North Carolina. The bonds will cover the purchase of the existing building as well as an expansion project. Several public hearings were held, both in North Carolina and Sierra Vista and there were no objections.

Mr. Slania explained that while the Industrial Development Authority is a separate, non-profit entity from the city, the IDA was created by the city council, and the council must approval all members and actions the IDA takes. These bonds pose no financial risk to the city and all of the risk is taken on by the bond holders.

Mayor McCaa called for the vote and the resolution passed 7/0 with Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Flowers, Council Members Jackson, Kilmurray, Landry, Miers and Rodriguezs voting in favor.

Item 6 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2026-007, Approval of Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority Revenue Capital Appreciation Bonds to The Bayou Belle Project, Series 2026, original amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.

Council Member Kilmurray motioned to approve Resolution 2026-007; Council Member Miers seconded the motion.

Mr. Slania stated that this bond series is to fund the land acquisition and infrastructure of a master plan community in Texas called Bayou Belle. These bonds are taxable and accrue interest which is paid out when the bonds are either redeemed or have matured.

Council Member Miers asked who holds the risk for these bonds and Mr. Slania stated that the bond holders will.

Council Member Kilmurray asked what the benefit to Sierra Vista is and Mr. Slania explained that with this particular bond series, the borrower is paying an upfront \$125,000 fee that will be paid out once the bonds are sold.

Mayor McCaa called for the vote and the resolution passed 7/0 with Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Flowers, Council Members Jackson, Kilmurray, Landry, Miers and Rodriguezs voting in favor.

Item 7 Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2026-008, Appointment of Jennifer Holt and Robert Brooks to the Parks and Recreation Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2028.

Council Member Landry motioned to approve Resolution 2026-008; Council Member Miers seconded the motion.

Ms. Wilson explained that Dr. Stover, who was appointed at the last council meeting, has resigned his position without taking an oath, leaving two openings on the parks and recreation commission. This appointment of Jennifer Holt and Robert Brooks will fill the commission to capacity.

Mayor McCaa called for the vote and the resolution passed 7/0 with Mayor McCaa, Mayor Pro Tem Flowers, Council Members Jackson, Kilmurray, Landry, Miers and Rodriguezs voting in favor.

Call to the Public

There were 4 speakers during the call to the public.

Dan Gavin spoke about his concern for Sierra Vista's utilization of Flock Cameras. He stated that the system collects too much data and has already been hacked.

Bruce Tassin spoke about his concern regarding Sierra Vista's use of Flock Cameras. He explained that Flagstaff and Sedona have already banned the cameras and that constant surveillance is a violation of the fourth amendment.

Patrick Matranga spoke about his concerns around Flock Cameras. He stated that he has worked in army intelligence his whole career and the use of these cameras effectively becomes surveillance with a general warrant and is a violation of the right to privacy.

Acacia Barnett from the Hattie B. Black Women in Progress program spoke about the foundation's new ranch and boutique hotel which will serve as a revenue stream for their camps and other programs.

Comments and Requests of Council

Council Member Landry gave her comments on the executive report, pointing out the new communications video featuring Officer Bowser, the employee shout outs from the parks and rec department, code enforcement's breakdown of the code calls and references, and the PD

employee spotlight on Detective Drake who has won multiple client services awards. She also encouraged everyone to visit local businesses and find a new favorite.

Council Member Kilmurray asked for break down of the cost per user for the transportation system. Council Member Kilmurray also announced that he will not be running for City Council in November.

Council Member Jackson had no comments.

Council Member Miers said that while was sad to see several businesses in the area have closed, he was also happy to see that The Bit and Guadalajara have finally opened and that there is also a new bookshop in town, Boot Hill Books, on the corner of Fry and Lenzner.

Council Member Rodriguez also gave his comments on the executive report, stating that he appreciated the space port updates, the upcoming projects on page 32, and the fire data, which he requested also contain the number of times outside agencies assisted the SVFD. Council Member Rodriguez also stated that Sierra Vista has been named the #6 best place to live by Travel Magazine.

Council Member Rodriguez also thanked Officer Partridge for his quick thinking when he spotted the fire at La Casita Restaurant the week before, preventing major damage to the building and allowing them to reopen sooner. He also thanked everyone who showed for the MLK Day ceremony on Monday and announced that Avengers' Softball Team registration is now open.

Mayor Pro Tem Flowers stated that she had recently eaten at The Bit and that the food was excellent.

Council Member Jackson stated that she had remembered that 143 Street Tacos will be hosting a fundraiser for La Casita to help with repairs to their banquet room.

Mayor McCaa stated that Buena Girls Soccer would be playing over the weekend and that he looked forward to seeing Deputy Chief Armin Lewis' daughter play. He also mentioned that Buena Basketball had recently played La Cienega and luckily there were no incidents this time. He also thanked Chief Hiser for their weekly "Wednesday Walks" meetings.

Adjournment

Mayor McCaa adjourned the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

A recording of the meeting can be found [here](#).

Clea McCaa II, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

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