



DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person, by telephone, or internet/video conferencing.

1. **Call to Order**
Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Council Members Brian Bolton, Robert Foreman, Robin Godwin, Jessie Murdock, Patricia Seybold, Vice Mayor Wendy Escoffier, and Mayor Marie Moore.

Also Present

Acting Town Manager Michael Showers, Town Attorney Jon Paladini, Public Works Director Ken Krebs, Development Services Director Christian Green, Parks and Recreation Manager Shawna Figy and Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Councilor Seybold led the Pledge.
4. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval regarding the appointment of a Town Magistrate and authorization for the Mayor to execute an Employment Agreement with the Town Magistrate in final legal form approved by the Town Attorney.** Staff Resource: Court Administrator Veronica Pineda.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Councilor Foreman, the Council **moved to approve** authorization for the Mayor to execute an Employment Agreement with the Town Magistrate Vaughan Winborne, in final legal form approved by the Town Attorney.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

5. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval regarding the appointment of an Interim Town Manager and authorization for the Mayor to execute a Letter of Agreement with Interim Public Management in final legal form approved by the Town Attorney.** Staff Resource: Town Attorney Jon Paladini.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Councilor Foreman, the Council **moved to approve** authorization for the Mayor to execute a letter of agreement with Interim Public Management in the final legal form approved by the Town Attorney to appoint Charlie Cassens as Interim Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

6. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction regarding the establishment of an Equestrian Center Commission, a Town-sponsored Fort Verde Days rodeo-style event, the Camp Verde Arena Association's facility use proposal, and other matters related to the future of the Equestrian Center.** Staff Resource: Acting Town Manager Michael Showers.

Interim Town Manager Showers stated staff had compiled a list of questions and potential recommendations for consideration. The purpose is to provide a framework for discussion and to help identify and prioritize the items that are most important.

Mayor Moore provided an overview of the Commission's purpose, which is to provide community input and industry expertise and make recommendations to the Town Council that promote the facility's long-term success, sustainability, and public benefit.

Mayor Moore provided an overview of the proposal submitted by Bryson Productions and the Camp Verde Arena Association regarding events proposed to be held at the Equestrian Center.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment:

Dee Jenkins provided a handout to the Council and shared her perspective on the

future responsibilities of the Commission. Mrs. Jenkins emphasized the Commission's potential role in enhancing community engagement, quality of life, and economic benefits through thoughtful planning and responsible stewardship. Mrs. Jenkins also suggested that the Commission evaluate past events and activities to identify what was successful, what could be improved, and what was less effective. Based on these evaluations, the Commission could develop recommendations and present ideas to the Council for enhancing future events and activities.

Daria Weir, a former board member of the Camp Verde Arena Association (CVAA), encouraged the Council to collaborate with CVAA to host events at the Camp Verde Equestrian Center. Ms. Weir noted that she and her family have contributed to the development and establishment of several events at the Equestrian Center over the years.

Tanner Bryson with Bryson Productions withdrew his proposal and encouraged the Council to support this year's Bull Bash.

Christa Brunori expressed support for establishing a commission. Ms. Brunori suggested that a Bull Bash or similar jackpot-style event may be the most feasible option, while acknowledging that additional effort would be needed to make the event engaging and successful. Ms. Brunori concluded by emphasizing the importance of keeping the community engaged and maintaining the identity and momentum of Fort Verde Days.

Mary Phelps with the Camp Verde Arena Association (CVAA) submitted a proposal for consideration and encouraged the Council to support CVAA to host future events as well as the Fort Verde Days rodeo at the Camp Verde Equestrian Center.

Amanda Bulter (via Zoom) spoke in support of having CVAA hosting rodeo events and youth sports at the Camp Verde Equestrian Center.

Mayor Moore provided an overview of the proposed scope of work and additional recommendations for the Equestrian Center Commission, incorporating the recommendations outlined in Dee Jenkins' document, as well as additional recommendations provided by the Town Council. The Council provided input on the suggestions submitted by Dee Jenkins.

The Council discussed the proposed scope of work, roles and authority, initial priorities, commission structure, staff support, and application process and timeline. The Council provided their recommendation as well as proposed changes to the Commission Application.

The Council unanimously agreed to move forward with establishing an Equestrian Center Commission, consisting of seven members, who would serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council on matters relating to the Camp Verde Equestrian Center.

The Council agreed to bring the item back to Council at the August 26, 2026 Town Council meeting to discuss and possibly approve the Resolution of establishing a

Commission and setting a timeline for the application and interview process.

Acting Town Manager Showers, Public Works Director Krebbs, Development Services Director Green, Parks and Recreation Manager Figy responded to questions from the Council.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Mayor Marie Moore

Attest: Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Town Clerk Leah Rhodes, hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Special Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on July 29, 2026 at 6:00p.m. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk