MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
SPECIAL SESSION (PUBLIC PORTION)
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026 at 8:00 A.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 8:00 a.m.

2. **Roll Call.**
Councilor Brian Bolton, Councilor Robert Foreman, Councilor Robin Godwin, Councilor Jessie Murdock, Councilor Patricia Seybold, Vice Mayor Wendy Escoffier and Mayor Marie Moore.

Also Present
Interim Town Manager Charlie Cassens, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, and Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Councilor Godwin led the Pledge.

Mayor Moore read Agenda Item 4.

A **motion** was made by Councilor Foreman to go into Executive Session for Item 4 at 8:03 a.m. Councilor Bolton seconded the motion.

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.

4. **Discussion, consideration and possible direction regarding the selection of the Town Manager.** The Council may vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), (A)(3), and (A)(4) to interview candidates for the Town Manager position. The Council may also receive legal advice from and provide direction to the Town Attorney regarding the selection of a candidate and negotiation of an employment agreement. Finalists for the Town Manager position are: Gary Edwards, Josh Jones and Chad Morris.

Mayor Moore reconvened the Special Session at 4:01 pm.

Mayor Moore stated direction was given to the Town Attorney regarding Item 4.

Councilor Bolton left the meeting before Item 5.

5. **Council approval of an Open Use Container Permit Application for a Special Event October 15-18, 2026 at the Camp Verde Equestrian Center.** Resource: Town Attorney Trish Stuhan.

Town Attorney Trish Stuhan explained that while staff had previously been administering these permit applications, there is currently no formal ordinance or resolution explicitly delegating administrative approval authority to staff. Out of an abundance of caution while the town code is under review, the agenda was amended to have Council formally approve the permit and confirm authorization.

Interim Town Manager Charlie Cassens clarified in response to a council inquiry that no liquor will be sold at the event; the permit merely grants permission for open containers on the property.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Councilor Foreman, the Council **moved to approve** the open use container permit application for the special event at the Camp Verde Equestrian Center from October 15–18, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Bolton: absent
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye
Motion Carried 6-0.

6. **Adjournment**
Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 4:04 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 October 14, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5 day of November, 2026.

Leah Rhodes

Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk