



**MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Councilor Brian Bolton, Councilor Robert Foreman, Councilor Robin Godwin (participated remotely), Councilor Jessie Murdock, Councilor Patricia Seybold, Vice Mayor Wendy Escoffier and Mayor Marie Moore.

Also Present

Town Manager Miranda Fisher, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, and Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Escoffier led the Pledge.

4. Consent Agenda – All those items listed below may be approved by one motion as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.

a) Approval of the Minutes:

- 1) Joint Work Session – December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Work Session – December 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session (Public Portion) – December 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Special Session – January 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Session – January 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Work Session – January 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4) Regular Session – February 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

c) Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2026-1202, appointing Court Administrator Veronica Pineda as an Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Municipal Court for a two-year term. Staff Resource: Town

Manager Miranda Fisher.

- d) **Consideration and possible approval to contract with Daniel B Kaiser to provide defense attorney services for the Camp Verde Municipal Court for a three-year term.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.
- e) **Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2026-1203, authorizing the Mayor to advocate on behalf of the Town Council for or against 2026 legislative matters impacting Camp Verde.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

On a **motion** made by Vice Mayor Escoffier, seconded by Councilor Foreman, the Council **moved to approve** the consent agenda as presented with a notation of calling out our Court Administrator Veronica Pineda for her good work.

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. **Call to the Public for items not on the Agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)** Residents are encouraged to comment about any matter NOT included on the agenda. State law prevents the Council from taking any action on items not on the agenda. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. (Pursuant to ARS §38-431.01(H))

Public Comment:

Rachel Ross, Melinda Jessop, Cathy Morgan and Rashawn Gilmer with Animal Protectors of the Verde Valley spoke on their concerns with the abundance of animal neglect, abuse, and abandonment after attending an animal neglect workshop.

Mayor Moore directed Town Manager Fisher to follow up with the attendees of the Animal Protectors of the Verde Valley and to report back to Council, including an update on the negotiations to secure a contract with an animal shelter.

6. **Summary of Current Events.** The Town Council and the Town Manager may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the public of such events and activities. The Council will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda. Summaries may include committee meetings that Council members attend.

The Committees are: Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District, Yavapai College Governing Board, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO), League Resolutions Committee, Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool, Verde Valley Transportation Org, Verde Valley Transit Committee, Verde Valley Water Users, Verde Valley Homeless Coalition, Verde Front, Verde Valley Steering Committee of MAT Force, Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board, Sustaining Flows, Earth Day, Camp Verde School District, Friends of the Verde River and Verde Valley Housing Advisory Committee.

The Mayor, Council and Town Manager reported on current and future events as well as items that are in process.

7. Special Announcements and Presentations. All presentations are limited to 15-minutes.

- **Administration of Oath of Office of Newly Hired Town Employees.** Staff Resource: Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

Town Clerk Leah Rhodes swore in newly hired employees: Utilities Director Lisa Vaughan, Development Services Director Christian Green and Streets Maintenance Worker Andrew James Derby.

- **Northern Arizona Healthcare updates presented by Vice President and Service Area Administrator Rick Gray.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Vice President and Service Area Administrator Rick Gray provided an overview of the future direction of Northern Arizona Healthcare. Topics discussed included recruitment challenges, the organization's five-year strategic plan, and plans for construction of a regional hospital facility and a new hospital.

Operations Director Susan Huerta provided an overview of improvements related to the retention of quality primary care providers, explained the distinctions between immediate care and urgent care, and reviewed the various health care insurance providers.

Mr. Gray and Ms. Huerta provided a handout to Council and share that the Camp Verde clinic will be transitioning from immediate care to urgent care in the coming months.

Mr. Gray and Ms. Huerta responded to questions from the Council.

- **Verde Valley Community Development Organization (VVCDO) updates presented by VVCDO Executive Director Mary Chicoine.** Staff Resource: Special Initiatives Manager Cliff Bryson.

Verde Valley Community Development Organization (VVCDO) Executive Director Mary Chicoine provided an overview of the organization's vision and mission,

Housing Advisory Committee representation, regional planning outcomes, the developable land database, a draft study on housing construction costs, education and outreach programs, the Verde Valley Community Land Trust, and planned next steps and engagement efforts.

Ms. Chicoine responded to questions from the Council.

- **Update on the Draft 2026 General Plan Outreach Efforts.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Town Manager Fisher stated that staff will now be hosting a series of General Plan Open Houses in January and encouraged the Council and public to participate.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval to grant Atlantic Development and Investments, Inc., the developer selected through the Town's January 2022 Affordable Housing Request for Proposals, two Town-financed and budgeted loans for the Sycamore Vista Low Income Housing Tax Credit Affordable Housing Project, in the amount of \$125,000 for Phase 1 and \$125,000 for Phase 2, to help offset development costs.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Town Manager Fisher provided an overview of the process of the Request for Proposal (RFP) from January 2022 with Atlantic Development Group. Town Manager Fisher stated the Sycamore Vista Project brings state and federal housing resources into the community. Consistent with the original RFP, the Town intends to provide the developer with two loans of up to \$125,000 each, one for each project phase totaling \$250,000 and will fulfill the Town's original RFP commitment.

Atlantic Development and Investments Vice President of Development and Asset Management Audrey McEntee provided an overview of Sycamore Vista's Phase 1 and Phase II.

Town Manager Fisher, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan and Ms. McEntee responded to questions from the Council.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Foreman, seconded by Councilor Bolton, the Council **moved to approve** the Phase 1 \$125,000 loan and Phase 2 \$125,000 loan for Sycamore Vista's Low Income Housing Tax Credit housing development.

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.

9. **Adjournment**

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:38 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 Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on January 7, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22 day of January, 2026.


Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk