



**MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 at 5:00 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 meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Council Members Brian Bolton, Robert Foreman, Robin Godwin, Jessie Murdock (absent), Patricia Seybold, Vice Mayor Wendy Escoffier, and Mayor Marie Moore.

Also Present

Town Manager Miranda Fisher, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan (joined remotely at 6:00 p.m.) and Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Councilor Bolton led the Pledge.
4. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a letter of support for the Town of Clarkdale's designation as one of Yavapai County's three submitted census tracts to the Arizona Commerce Authority under the federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 program.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Town Manager Fisher provided an overview of the proposed letter of support for the Town of Clarkdale's submission for an approved tract under the federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program. Town Manager Fisher noted that the Town of Camp Verde's support for Clarkdale, and potentially the City of Cottonwood, reflects the Town's commitment to regional collaboration and fostering strong partnerships throughout the Verde Valley.

On a **motion** made by Vice Mayor Escoffier, seconded by Councilor Seybold, the Council **moved to approve** the letter of support for the Town of Clarkdale's Opportunity Zone tract submission and authorize the Town Manager to execute a letter of support for the City of Cottonwood if requested.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye

Councilor Murdock: absent

Councilor Godwin: aye

Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye

Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 6-0

5. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction regarding the formation of an Equestrian Center Town Manager's Working Group. Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Town Manager Fisher reported that following discussions with the Mayor and Vice Mayor, there was a request for consideration of establishing an advisory working group to provide subject-matter expertise and recommendations regarding capital investments, facility layout, spectator amenities, events, and operational needs for the Town's Equestrian Center. Town Manager Fisher proposed the creation of a Town Manager-appointed Equestrian Center Advisory Working Group, with appointments made in collaboration with a Council Member liaison. Town Manager Fisher indicated that the proposed working group would consist of approximately seven to nine members, including a Council Member, a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and equestrian users or subject-matter experts.

The Council provided feedback regarding the establishment of a Town Manager Working Group versus the formation of a formal codified Commission to address the operational needs of the Equestrian Center.

Town Manager Fisher responded to questions from the Council.

The Council directed Town Manager Fisher to return with a comparative analysis outlining the distinctions between a Commission and a Working Group, including any required amendments to the Municipal Code.

Public Comment:

Cheri Wischmeyer stated that she would like to see the Equestrian Center utilized as a multipurpose event center rather than exclusively as an equestrian facility.

Mary Phelps of the Camp Verde Arena Association highlighted the various events conducted by the association at the Equestrian Center.

6. Continued discussion and direction regarding Equestrian Center projects included in the FY27 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan. Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Town Manager Fisher provided an overview of the current proposed CIP costs for the Equestrian Center upgrades. Town Manager Fisher requested direction from Council on how they would like to proceed with regard to the bleachers, secondary arena, and whether Council was interested in a master plan for the site.

The Council provided direction to Town Manager Fisher to allocate the \$30,000 CIP cash funding for a possible Master Plan or assets for the Equestrian Center and the \$625,000 CIP debt funding for Equestrian Center upgrades. This change allows for the funding to be used based on recommended direction by the Commission and/or working group.

Town Manager Fisher responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Moore recessed the meeting for a break at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Moore read items 7, 8, and 9.

A **motion** was made by Councilor Bolton to go into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. for Items 7, 8, and 9. Councilor Seybold seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye

Councilor Seybold: aye

Councilor Foreman: aye

Councilor Murdock: absent

Councilor Godwin: aye

Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye

Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried 6-0.

7. **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding public record requirements.** Resource: Town Attorney Trish Stuhan.
8. **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding the Town's procedures and processes for handling citizen complaints.** Resource: Town Attorney Trish Stuhan.
9. **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), (A)(2), and (A)(3) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney regarding complaints made by Nadiya Peters against the Town Manager, Town operations, and the Town's responses to public records requests. The discussion may include consideration of records exempt from public disclosure by law, legal advice regarding the processing of her complaints, and Council's consideration of the Town Manager's performance.** Resource: Town Attorney Trish Stuhan.

Mayor Moore reconvened the Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Moore stated no direction was given on Item 7, 8 and 9.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



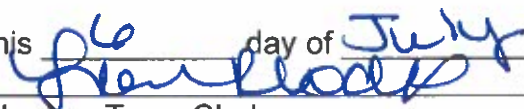
Mayor Marie Moore



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 June 10, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16 day of July, 2026.


Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk