



**MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 the meeting to order at 5:00 p.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:

Town Manager Miranda Fisher and Administrative Clerk Beth Evans.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Murdock led the Pledge.

4. **Presentation from Chief Johnson with the Copper Canyon Fire and Medical District on the potential joint powers agreement between Verde Valley and Copper Canyon Fire Districts.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Chief Danny Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Copper Canyon Fire and Medical District and their desire to join forces with the Verde Valley Fire District. He spoke about the 2025 facts and statistics for his district, and the vision for 2026 and beyond. Chief Johnson also spoke about the benefits of having a fire authority partnership, including shared functions related to leadership, emergency response coordination, and administrative functions of each district, while each district retains its taxing authority.

Chief Johnson responded to questions from the Council.

5. Presentation from APS on their approach to emergency management. Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

APS Northern Division Director Frank Sanderson gave a presentation on emergency management for the Verde Valley area stating the safety of their customers and communities is paramount. He spoke about their current practices being comprehensive and multi-faceted with the focus on vegetation management, grid hardening investments, asset inspection, monitoring and awareness, and operational mitigations. Mr. Sanderson stated they have started utilizing drones and AI panel cameras for their line patrols now. Mr. Sanderson spoke about APS Preparedness Levels which are based on fire conditions, stating we are currently set at the lowest level, Preparedness Level 1.

Director Sanderson responded to questions from the Council.

Yavapai County Emergency Manager Ashley Ahlquist spoke about making a plan for an emergency situation. She said the plan should be appropriate and applicable for your household. Ms. Ahlquist said that Yavapai County and its municipal partners are all on one shared emergency notification system called RAVE by Motorola. She said all residents need to sign up for their local messages. Through that system, residents are also able to sign up for the functional needs registry should they need assistance in an evacuation. She encouraged residents to be prepared, to have connections with their neighbors, and to volunteer for organizations to help out when there are emergencies.

Manager Ahlquist responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Moore recessed the meeting at 6:17 p.m. for a less than 10-minute break and reconvened the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

6. Discussion and/or action to censure Planning and Zoning Commissioner Renee Hall and remove her from the Vice Chair position on the Planning and Zoning Commission in response to complaints received. Resource: Mayor Marie Moore.

Mayor Moore stated the Council has received complaints regarding the conduct of Renee Hall, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and her public communications outside of official meetings. Mayor Moore said after review, the Council has determined that certain statements directed to our members of the public were inconsistent with the standards of professionalism, integrity, fairness and respect expected of appointed officials serving this community. Mayor Moore stated conduct that undermines public participation or disrupts the Commission's work must be addressed to preserve the integrity of those proceedings. Accordingly, the Council has issued a formal public censor of Commissioner Hall and has removed her from the position of Vice Chair, effective immediately. Mayor Moore stated the Commissioner may continue to serve as a member of the Commission.

Motion was made by Councilor Foreman made a motion to accept the public censor and the removal from the Vice Chair of Renee Hall for the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilor Seybold.

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.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



Mayor Marie Moore

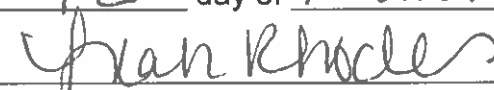


Attest: Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk

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 February 25, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12 day of March, 2026.



Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk