



**MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Godwin 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) Special Session – March 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Session – April 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Work Session – April 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Work Session – April 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Town Manager Fisher stated the April 29, 2026 meeting was moved to May 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 3) Special Session – May 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4) Regular Session – May 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- 5) Special Session – May 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 6) Regular Session – May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

c) Adoption of the FY27 Strategic Plan and Action Plan. Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Seybold, seconded by Vice Mayor Escoffier, the

Council **moved to approve** the consent agenda with the change to 4.b. 2 and remove it from the consent agenda and add May 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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(I))

There were no speakers.

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 events they attended as well as upcoming events.

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

- a) **Administration of Oath of Office of the New Town Marshal and the Newly Hired Town Employees.** Staff Resource: Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

Town Clerk Leah Rhodes swore in Daniel Jacobs as the new Town Marshal and

newly hired employee's Peace Officer Tre Frederick and Grounds Maintenance Worker Keali'i Paulo-Munoz.

- b) **Proclamation declaring April 20-24, 2026 as Stand with Me, Be Drug Free Week.** Resource: MATFORCE Executive Director Merilee Fowler.

Mayor Moore proclaimed April 20-24, 2026 as Stand with Me, Be Drug Free Week and presented the proclamation to MATFORCE Executive Director Merilee Fowler.

- c) **Proclamation declaring April 19-25, 2026 as Volunteer Appreciation Week.** Staff Resource: Parks & Recreation Manager Shawna Figy.

Mayor Moore proclaimed April 19-25, 2026 as Volunteer Appreciation Week and presented the proclamation to Parks & Recreation Manager Shawna Figy.

- d) **Presentation by the Tree Advisory Committee and proclamation declaring April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Town of Camp Verde.** Resource: Tree Advisory Committee Chair Diane Scantlebury.

Mayor Moore proclaimed April 25, 2026 as Arbor Day and presented the proclamation to Tree Advisory Committee Chair Diane Scantlebury. Ms. Scantlebury shared with Council some of what the Tree Advisory Committee has been working on.

- e) **Presentation on the 2025 Dark Sky Annual Report, including an overview of lumen calculation methodology, and proclamation declaring April 13–19, 2026 as International Dark Sky Week.** Staff Resource: Economic Development Specialist David Myers and Acting Senior Planner Cory Mulcaire.

Development Services Director Christian Green provided an update of the Dark Sky Community overview which included roles of Town Staff, reporting requirements, sky quality meter readings, and community events and promotions.

Acting Senior Planner Mulcaire provided an overview of how lumens are measured and the allowance in residential and commercial parcels.

Mayor Moore proclaimed April 13-19, 2026 as International Dark Sky Week and presented the proclamation to Marshall and Jane Whitmire.

Public Comment: Resident Marlene Sovine praised the Council on how many subjects the Council addressed and how well they ran the meeting that evening.

- 8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction regarding the Solar Power Purchase Agreement for the Equestrian Center following the Camp Verde Arena Association vacating the facility.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Town Manager Fisher stated in April 2024, the Camp Verde Arena Association (CVAA)

entered into a solar power purchase agreement (PPA), with installation completed in May 2025. With CVAA departing the Equestrian Center, Council direction is requested on whether to transfer the agreement to the Town. Staff have begun discussions with the SolarEnergyLease.com LLC regarding a potential transfer assuming all rights and obligations previously held by CVAA under the agreement. The Town would assume monthly payments under the 25-year agreement, while the provider is responsible for maintenance, repairs and performance guarantees throughout the term of the agreement.

CVAA representative Mary Phelps and Kyle Fricke of SolarEnergyLease.com, LLC, (participated remotely) provided an overview of the existing lease agreement with CVAA. Mr. Fricke addressed Council questions regarding system production, cost per kilowatt, and potential transfer fees.

Several Council Members expressed concerns about assuming the agreement.

Town Manager Fisher, Town Attorney Stuhan, and the Public Works Director Krebs responded to additional Council inquiries regarding the solar system at the arena and its impact on offsetting power usage.

Vice Mayor Escoffier and Councilor Seybold made a motion to go into Executive Session. Additional questions were requested before convening into Executive Session. Vice Mayor Escoffier and Councilor Seybold withdrew their motion.

CVAA Representative Mary Phelps provided an overview of CVAA's current electricity bills.

On a **motion** made by Vice Mayor Escoffier, seconded by Councilor Seybold, the Council moved to convene into Executive Session for legal advice at 7:16 p.m.

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.

Mayor Moore reconvened the Regular Session at 7:44 p.m.

Councilor Murdock directed the Town Manager to explore options for either entering into an independent agreement with SolarEnergyLease.com, LLC, or assuming the existing lease from the Camp Verde Arena Association, including clarification of responsibility for the \$300 transfer fee and acknowledgement by all parties.

Vice Mayor Escoffier provided additional direction for staff to arrange an inspection of

the equipment to verify functionality and compliance with warranty requirements, and recommended delaying payment of the April bill until Council had the opportunity to further consider the matter.

The Council agreed with the directions provided to staff.

Mayor Moore recessed the meeting for a break at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session at 7:53 p.m.

9. **Public Hearing: Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2025-A509, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 509.B.1. to align subdivision regulations with Arizona Revised Statutes regarding lot splits within recorded subdivisions.** Staff Resource: Acting Senior Planner Cory Mulcaire.

Staff Comments: Acting Senior Planner Mulcaire provided an overview of the new Arizona Revised Statute that permits a one-time lot split within a recorded subdivision without requiring re-plating of the entire subdivision. Acting Senior Planner Mulcaire noted that the Town's current Planning and Zoning Ordinance requires a full re-plat for any lot division that increases the total number of lots, creating an inconsistency with state law. Acting Senior Planner Mulcaire provided the new text to be adopted to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 509.B.1. and stated staff is requesting an immediate change to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance rather than waiting for the comprehensive rewrite. Additionally, Acting Senior Planner Mulcaire outlined the requirements for maintaining compliance with zoning regulations.

Open Public Hearing: Mayor Moore opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. and there were no speakers.

Close Public Hearing: Mayor Moore closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Council Discussion: There was no further discussion.

Acting Senior Planner Mulcaire and Town Attorney Stuhan responded to questions from Council.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Foreman, seconded by Vice Mayor Escoffier, the Council **moved to approve** Ordinance 2025-A509, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona to amend the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 509.B.1.

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.

10. **Public Hearing: Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2026-1210, a right-of-way vacation for real property owned by the Town of Camp Verde, a portion of the alleyway parcel 800-15-001Z.** Staff Resource: Acting Senior Planner Cory Mulcaire.

Mayor Moore recused herself from the dais due to a conflict of interest and did not participate in any discussion or action on Item 10.

Vice Mayor Escoffier presided over the meeting during consideration of Item 10.

Staff Comments: Acting Senior Planner Mulcaire stated Town staff were approached by the Verde Valley Sanctuary about abandoning the alleyway that runs between two parcels that they own, APN 404-23-031A and 404-23-020A, in order to combine the lots and place a larger storage shed for store inventory. Since the alleyway is owned by the Town of Camp Verde, Town staff are serving as applicants on behalf of the Town of Camp Verde. Town staff reviewed the item with the Planning and Zoning Commission and other Town Departments and there were no objections.

Town Manager Fisher and Acting Senior Planner responded to questions from Council.

Open Public Hearing: Mayor Moore opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. and there were no speakers.

Close Public Hearing: Mayor Moore closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

Council Discussion: There were no further discussion.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Foreman, seconded by Councilor Bolton, the Council **moved to approve** Resolution 2026-1210 authorizing the right-of-way vacation for real property owned by the Town of Camp Verde, a portion of parcel 800-15-001Z.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye

Councilor Seybold: aye

Councilor Foreman: aye

Councilor Murdock: aye

Councilor Godwin: aye

Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye

Mayor Moore: recused herself from voting

Motion Carried: 6-0.

Mayor Moore returned to the dais and read Agenda Item 11.

A **motion** was made by Councilor Godwin, seconded by Councilor Foreman to convene into Executive Session for Item 11 at 8:09 p.m.

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.

11. **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney regarding the primary and general election.** Resource: Town Attorney Trish Stuhan.

Mayor Moore reconvened the Regular Session at 8:34 p.m.

No direction was given.

12. **Adjournment**

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.



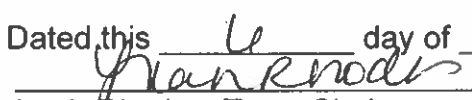
Mayor Marie Moore



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 April 15, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of May, 2026.


Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk