

GLOBE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Globe City Council was called to order by Mayor Al Gameros at [Insert Time].

ROLL CALL (by City Clerk Shelly Salazar)

- District 1: Councilman Rios – Present
- District 2: Councilman Pastor – Present
- District 3: Councilman Letham – Absent
- District 4: Vice Mayor Stapleton – Present
- District 5: Councilman Gonzalez – Present
- District 6: Councilman Shipley – Present
- Mayor: Al Gameros – Present

QUORUM: A quorum was established.

INVOCATION

Fire Chief Gary Robinson led the invocation, expressing gratitude for the blessings received, appreciation for the community, and prayers for guidance and favorable deliberations. Special mention was made for much-needed moisture for the land.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America lead by Vice Mayor Stapleton.

1. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilman Mariano Gonzalez (District 5)

Urged public awareness of high fire danger due to the season and potential lightning storms. Councilman Gonzalez also warned residents about increased wildlife activity in town, citing recent sightings of bears feeding from garbage cans and recommended caution, especially during evening hours.

Councilman Fernando Shipley (District 6)

- No report.

Councilman Freddy Rios (District 1)

- No report.

Councilman Mike Pastor (District 2)

Encouraged review of the Globe Public Library informational packet provided by Library Director Rayel Starling. He noted library programs offering free meals for children and adults, including breakfast, lunch, and weekend food bags, and recommended referring individuals in need to participate.

Vice Mayor Mike Stapleton (District 4)

Reminded the public of the Farmers Market, held every Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. through September. Encouraged attendance and community participation. Vice Mayor announced the Hamburger Fry fundraiser at the Gila County Historical Museum on Friday at 6:00 P.M., \$10 per person, all-you-can-eat. Vice Mayor also reported that the First Friday event was canceled for July due to the Independence Day holiday; it will resume in August and noted the Town of Miami's July 4th activities, including parade and community festivities.

Councilman Jesse Leetham (District 3)

Echoed support for attending Miami's Fourth of July Parade (9:00 A.M., \$10 entry fee, applications at Chamber of Commerce) and community events throughout the day.

Mayor Gameros

The Mayor announced a fireworks display at 9:00 P.M., sponsored by Freeport-McMoRan, visible from the hill across from Walmart, and reported on the Local Transit Board quarterly meeting, noting high praise for the Hill Street School bus stop improvements and a significant increase in ridership (from 8–10 riders per quarter to 110 since relocation). A future stop is planned for La Cita East, pending funding, and ADOT is thanked for repairs to the U.S. 60 bridge that resolved severe pavement deterioration. Lastly, Mayor Gameros expressed concern over traffic congestion west of Miami, requesting a meeting with elected officials and ADOT to address delays impacting residents and the local economy. Lastly, Mayor Gameros shared the residents' report of a 1 hour 40 minute drive from Miami to Apache Junction due to traffic congestion unrelated to full road closures.

Councilman Shipley (follow-up)

Announced July 3 Dinner Honoring Judge Reyes, Ninth Circuit Judge originally from Globe, who will serve as parade Grand Marshal. Dinner will be held at William Plaza. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce. The Lions Club will operate the bar.

City Manager Paul Jepson

Mr. Jepson noted the arrival of summer temperatures, comparing favorably to humid East Coast conditions. Thanked Council for attending a recent special meeting to address pending business from June 10, and announced the July 8 Council Meeting will include the adoption of the FY26 final budget. No changes are expected from the tentative budget.

2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

City Clerk confirmed no public participation was received in person, online, by phone, or via text message.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Southern Gila County Economic Development will provide an update on the GilaPROUD Project and accomplishments through the partnership with Allegiance Builders. (Linda Oddonetto)

Presenter: Linda Oddonetto

Assistant City Manager Linda Oddonetto reported that her co-presenter, Lyall, was unable to attend and requested postponement of the presentation to the next council meeting so both could participate.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to table Item 3A to a future meeting.

SECOND: Councilman Gonzalez

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Presentation of the donation of \$5000 to the Gila County Sheriff's Posse for direct services provided to the City of Globe in support of City Special Events to be funded through Account #10-50-51410, approved as part of the FY24-25 Budget. (Dale Walters)

Presenter: Police Chief Dale Walters

Chief Walters invited Commander Guy Peterson and Lieutenant Lahi to the podium and reported that over the past 6½ years, the Gila County Sheriff's Posse has been an essential partner in assisting the City of Globe with special events such as high school graduation, the Light Parade, Halloween events, and First Friday programs. The Posse operates as a nonprofit within the Sheriff's Office and has provided consistent support when available. With prior council and city manager approval, the City began an annual donation program to support their operations.

Chief Walters presented the \$5,000 donation for FY 2024–25, funded through Account #55-1410 as approved in the budget, noting that this was an actual live

check.

Mayor Gameros and Councilmembers expressed appreciation to the Posse for their service.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Public hearing items are designated with an asterisk (*). Prior to consideration, the Mayor asked if any items should be removed for separate consideration.

A. Waiver of Section 2-4-10A – Prior Discussion Rule

To allow action on the balance of the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda Items:

A. Accounts Payable – \$1,600,762.82

B. Under \$25,000 Report – PS-2025-0175 Alliance Service & Contract and CS-2026-0021 JJ Electrical Contracting LLC

ITEM REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION: Item A1 – Accounts Payable

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to approve the consent agenda as read, minus Item A1.

SECOND: Councilman Gonzalez

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Item A1: Accounts Payable (\$1,600,762.82)

Mayor Gameros explained that nearly \$860,000 of the total represents the City's annual Public Safety Retirement System (PSPRS) payment for police and fire, deducted from salaries and paid once per year to reduce unfunded liability.

City Manager Paul Jepson noted that approximately 9–10 years ago, the City began paying above the base rate annually, which has significantly advanced the payoff goal.

Vice Mayor Stapleton reflected on the difficulty of committing to this payment when first on Council, commending past and current Councils for their persistence. He stated this commitment has paid off for the City, the community, and retirees, and the goal is now in sight.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to approve Item A1 – Accounts Payable.

SECOND: Councilman Gonzalez

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Council, sitting as the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, is to consider a request to approve a new window sign on the front facade of the building located at 285 N. Broad Street in the Historic Preservation Overlay District. (Dana Burkhardt)

Presenter: Dana Burkhardt Zoning Administrator

The Council convened as HPAC due to the lack of a quorum in the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission.

Dana presented the proposed window signage for Optima Medical Office, located at 285 North Broad Street. The proposed signage is within allowable guidelines — approximately 25% of the window area, well under maximum limits.

Anticipated that additional signage requests for other units in the building will be window signs due to limited space for wall-mounted signage.

Questions & Discussion:

Councilman Gonzalez confirmed that sign size is based on window size; larger windows allow proportionally larger signage. Signage conforms with the Historic Preservation Overlay District requirements.

MOTION: Councilman Gonzalez moved to approve the new window sign for Optima Medical Office.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7A (Taken Out of Order) Globe City Council, sitting as the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission is to consider a request to approve a new sign package for the front facade of the building located at 576 N. Broad Street in The Historic Preservation Overlay District. (Dana Burkhardt)

The City Council Sitting as HPAC – Request to Approve New Sign Package – 576 North Broad Street, Historic Preservation Overlay District

Presenter: Dana Burkhardt

The proposal included four signs:

- Three window signs (sandwich, barbecue, burger).
- One perpendicular wall sign with downlighting.

HPAC guidelines allow 1 sq. ft. of signage per linear foot of building frontage; this property is allowed 26 sq. ft. Proposed total was 31.2 sq. ft., exceeding limits by 5.2 sq. ft. One window sign exceeded the 25% coverage allowance by 2 sq. ft.

Dana presented scaled adjustments to lettering to comply with the 26 sq. ft. maximum without altering design intent.

Discussion:

Councilman Gonzalez suggested HPAC consider building height in determining allowable signage square footage.

Mayor Gameros emphasized the visibility benefits of the perpendicular sign given the building's location.

Owner Anthony of Gila Hogs Barbecue explained the desire for larger lettering due to a lack of visibility and reliance on vehicle traffic.

Staff clarified that Council approves design; dimensional compliance is handled administratively.

MOTION: Councilman Gonzalez moved to approve the sign package design for 576 North Broad Street in compliance with HPAC size requirements.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of City Council Resolution No. 1906 to grant approximately a combined \pm 4,231 square feet for a public sewer utility easement, on three (3) Gila County, Arizona Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 208-05-279, 208-05-280, and 208-05-281, all of which are owned by Larry G. Mora Sr. (Travis Ashbaugh)

RESOLUTION NO. 1906 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLOBE, GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPTING A PUBLIC SEWER UTILITY EASEMENT FROM LARRY G. MORA SR., PARCEL NOS. 208-05-279, 208-05-280, AND 208-05-281, TO THE CITY OF GLOBE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF SAID RESOLUTION, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GLOBE, GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

Presenter: Travis Ashbaugh, Assistant Public Works Planning Director

Easement requested across three parcels (APNs 208-05-279, 208-05-280, 208-05-281) owned by Larry G. Mora, Sr. to provide City access to sewer infrastructure. This originated from the discovery of a sewer line crossing private property during manhole repair. The property owner agreed to grant an easement.

The request included a waiver of Section 2-4-10A, the prior discussion rule, to expedite action.

Reading of Resolution No. 1906 by City Clerk Shelly Salazar

Council Comments:

Vice Mayor Stapleton noted this type of easement work is necessary due to century-old infrastructure. Travis clarified that this location was not related to other nearby staking projects.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to approve Resolution No. 1906 and waive prior discussion rule.

SECOND: Councilman Gonzalez

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 1911, which would designate the City of Globe City Manager, Paul Jepson as Chief Fiscal Officer on behalf of the City of Globe to submit the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for FYE 2025 to the Auditor General and consideration to waive Section 2-4-10A Prior Discussion Rule. (Paul Jepson)

RESOLUTION NO. 1911 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOBE, ARIZONA MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL.

Presenter: Paul Jepson, City Manager

Mr. Jepson informs the Council that this is a State requirement to designate a Chief Fiscal Officer to submit the FY 2025 Annual Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General. In the absence of a Finance Director, Paul Jepson has served in this role for the past three years. Anticipates role transfer to future Finance Director when hired.

Reading of Resolution No. 1911: Resolution designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the City of Globe by City Clerk.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Gonzalez suggested considering a permanent base reset to avoid recurring expenditure limitation elections every four years. Paul Jepson explained the process and timing for voter approval of a permanent adjustment.

MOTION: Councilman Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution No. 1911 designating Paul Jepson as Chief Fiscal Officer and waive the prior discussion rule.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consideration of the City Council to approve Resolution No.1909 to award multiple individual On-Call contracts for Civil Engineering and Professional Support Services, as needed, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$165,000 to be funded out of Accounts #10-61-51225 Public Works Consultants; 50-80-51225, Water Consultants; 51-80-51225 Wastewater Consultants with possible Grant reimbursements, which may include WIFA reimbursement. (Travis Ashbaugh)

RESOLUTION NO. 1909 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLOBE, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ELEVEN (11) AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES TO PROVIDE ON-CALL CIVIL ENGINEERING AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS THEREFORE; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE ELEVEN (11) AGREEMENTS.

Presenter: Travis Ashbaugh

This request to approve Resolution No. 1909 will award 11 individual on-call contracts for civil engineering and professional support services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The aggregate amount not to exceed \$165,000, funded from the following accounts with possible grant reimbursements (including WIFA reimbursement):

- #10-61-51225 Public Works Consultants
- #50-80-51225 Water Consultants
- #51-80-51225 Wastewater Consultants

Reading of Resolution No. 1909: Resolution approving the terms and conditions of 11 agreements with various companies to provide on-call civil engineering and professional support services for FY 2026, authorizing expenditure of public

funds, and execution by the City Manager.

Selected Firms:

- Sunrise Engineering
- Richard Powers Consulting
- Dale Miller Consulting
- Barnes Engineering LLC
- CivilTech Engineering
- Paradigm Design
- EPS Group
- WLB Group
- Horrocks LLC
- SEG (Dana's firm)
- EUSI

Council Discussion:

The awarded contract is a mix of returning and new firms; increased applicant pool post-pandemic improves competitive pricing and service availability. The presence of some firms and representatives was noted, including EUSI in attendance.

MOTION: Councilman Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution No. 1909 to award multiple on-call contracts for civil engineering and professional support services as specified.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of the City Council to approve Resolution No.1910 to award multiple individual On-Call contracts for Civil Engineering and Surveying Support Services, as needed, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$165,000 to be funded out of Accounts #10-61-51225 Public Works Consultants; 50-80-51225, Water Consultants; 51-80-51225 Wastewater Consultants with possible Grant reimbursements, which may include WIFA reimbursement. (Travis Asbaugh)

RESOLUTION NO. 1910 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLOBE, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FOUR (4) AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES TO PROVIDE ON-CALL SURVEY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS THEREFORE; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE FOUR (4) AGREEMENTS.

Presenter: Travis Ashbaugh

This is a request to approve Resolution No. 1910 to award four individual on-call contracts for surveying support services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. With an aggregate amount not to exceed \$165,000, funded from the following accounts with possible grant reimbursements (including WIFIA reimbursement):

- #10-61-51225 Public Works Consultants
- #50-80-51225 Water Consultants
- #51-80-51225 Wastewater Consultants

Reading of Resolution No. 1910: Resolution approving the terms and conditions of four agreements with various companies to provide on-call surveying support services for FY 2026, authorizing expenditure of public funds, and execution by the City Manager.

Selected Firms:

- Sunrise Engineering
- EPS Group
- CivilTech Engineering
- SEG

Council Discussion:

Mayor Gameros stated that by maintaining a roster of qualified firms strengthens grant applications and ensures readiness for infrastructure improvements.

Councilman Shipley suggested building in-house surveying capacity to improve efficiency and reduce costs. City Manager Jepson responded, stating that our goal is to hire in-house specialists where feasible; challenges include finding qualified candidates.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to approve Resolution No. 1910 as presented.

SECOND: Councilman Gonzalez

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration to approve Contract #PS-2026-0020 with Blue Cross Blue Shield healthcare contract for FY 25-26 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with funding approved as part of the FY 25-26 Budget Adoption Process through Account #10-00-22300. (Paul Jepson)

Presenter: Paul Jepson, City Manager

Renewal of City's healthcare contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for FY 2025–26. Historically handled as an amendment to the master contract, this year, BCBS required a complete contract renewal. The City Attorney has reviewed this contract, and the healthcare consultant found no cost changes and no substantive operational changes. BCBS declined to include certain statutory protection clauses related to business with specific foreign entities; City staff deemed this acceptable given the nature of services and absence of such provisions in comparable major contracts.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to approve Contract No. PS-2026-002C20 with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

SECOND: Councilman Gonzalez

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

10. SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

City Clerk confirmed there were no participants present in person, online, by phone, or via email.

11. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

July 2, 2025 – Budget Working Group Meeting, 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (internal meeting; not a quorum).

- Attendees: Mayor Gameros, Vice Mayor Stapleton, Councilman Gonzalez (absent; Councilman Pastor to attend in his place).

July 8, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting.

- Public Hearing: FY 2025–26 Final Budget.
- Public Hearing: Property Tax Levy.
- Final Budget Adoption.
- Final adoption of Property Tax Levy to occur at a later meeting per statutory requirements.

July 29, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting (rescheduled from July 22 to accommodate vacation schedules).

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Sign Code Amendment – Vertical Space Inclusion

Staff to initiate P&Z process to evaluate adding building vertical space into the downtown signage square footage calculation.

B. Ladder Truck Purchase Commitment Letter

City Manager Jepson outlined the need for a Council commitment letter, signed by the Mayor and ratified at the next meeting, to reassure potential donors that if the cost of the ladder truck exceeds the estimated \$2.4–\$2.6 million, the City will close any funding gap, including use of Council contingency funds if necessary.

Discussion points:

- Concerns about price uncertainty due to tariffs, supply chain issues, and component availability.
- Councilmembers stressed the importance of requiring documentation and receipts from the manufacturer for any cost increases.
- Fire Chief Robinson explained production timelines, components sourcing, and potential pricing factors, noting the truck is already scheduled for production, reducing long-term cost uncertainty.
- Agreement that securing the truck is the City's top public safety priority, and the letter would demonstrate commitment to donors.
- Council requested that the manufacturer's representative attend the July 8 meeting in person or via Zoom to answer technical and pricing questions.

C. Home Rule Election Timing

Council requested verification on whether the Home Rule base reset can occur before the next scheduled 2028 election cycle.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Gonzalez moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the June 24, 2025 Globe City Council Meeting Minutes, and the meeting was duly called, and a quorum of the Council was present.

Shelly, CMC
City Clerk