CITY OF GLOBE
April 8, 2025

Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gameros at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call
City Clerk Shelly Salazar conducted roll call.

Present:
- District 2: Councilmember Pastor
- District 4: Vice Mayor Stapleton
- District 5: Councilmember Gonzalez
- Mayor Gameros

Excused:
- District 1: Councilmember Rios
- District 3: Councilmember Letham
- District 6: Councilmember Shipley

A quorum was present.

Invocation by Shelly Salazar

Pledge of Allegiance by Mariano Gonzalez

1. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. Council Members
Councilmember Gonzalez reported on a busy weekend. He attended a fundraiser at the fairgrounds where he won a raffle for an engraved .22 rifle, and joked about selling it to purchase a shotgun for skeet shooting. He also purchased a side-by-side vehicle which slipped off his trailer; he thanked J&S Towing for their quick assistance in helping him safely resolve the incident.

Councilmember Pastor shared that he attended a performance at the museum by Copper Planet Improv, led by new resident Javier (husband of Amna Sadik). He and his brother participated in the improv show and encouraged the community to get involved, noting that classes may be offered in the future.

Vice Mayor Stapleton expressed gratitude for the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. with Mayor Gameros, Councilmember Rios, City Manager Jepson, and Linda Oddonetto. He described it as a productive trip, during which they met with eight senators and congressional representatives, advocating for local needs such as fire trucks, police vehicles, the fire station, McCormick Wash, and federal rail improvements. He also reminded the community of upcoming Spring Clean-Up Days on April 11–13 with dumpsters located at the dog park, behind the library/TV area, Ash & Mesquite, and 621 Fifth Street (excluding refrigerators and hazardous materials). He encouraged residents to participate in downtown beautification efforts April 11–12.

He highlighted the long-awaited Upper Pinal Creek Bridge ribbon cutting, noting strong community turnout and appreciation for the project. Additional reminders included the Easter Stroll on April 19 and his attendance at the Wings of Hope event in Miami, which drew thousands of people with cars, food vendors, and entertainment.

B. Mayor

Mayor Gameros reported that Arizona Highways conducted filming over the weekend, spotlighting local businesses such as Silver Tap, Salenas, and the Dog Park. He participated in an interview that will be included in an upcoming series. He announced the Hill Street School Apartments ribbon-cutting scheduled for Friday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. (RSVP required). The next Coffee with the Mayor will be held on April 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Copper City Coffee, with Vice Mayor Stapleton also present to answer resident questions.

The Mayor then called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Janet Gibson, the late wife of former Mayor Gibson, who had recently passed away.

C. City Manager

City Manager Paul Jepson provided an update on City operations. He reported that the FY25–26 budget process is in full swing, with department meetings and workgroup sessions underway. He acknowledged staff efforts in preparing for a busy Council agenda and noted that the April 22 meeting will be especially full. He highlighted recent accomplishments, including the Upper Pinal Creek Bridge opening, the upcoming Hill Street School Apartments grand opening, and the success of community events such as First Friday despite weather challenges.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

A. Proclamation – National Library Week (April 6–12, 2025)

Mayor Gameros read a proclamation proclaiming April 6–12, 2025, as National Library Week in the City of Globe. Councilmember Pastor praised Library Director Rayel Starling and staff for their extensive programming and dedication to the community.

B. Proclamation – Week of the Young Child (April 5–11, 2025)

Mayor Gameros read a proclamation proclaiming April 5–11, 2025, as the Week of the Young Child in Globe, Arizona. Carolyn Haro accepted the proclamation and recognized numerous local organizations for their role in early childhood education and development.

C. The Council will be presented with a "Water Conservation" Landscape Design Policy presentation, prepared by the Planning Center for planning purposes only, with no formal action to be taken, and funded through the Growing Water Smart Grant, sponsored by the Sonoran Institute. (Melissa Steele)

Melissa Steele and Daniel Bradshaw of The Planning Center presented draft standards for landscape design to promote water conservation, funded through the Growing Water Smart Grant. The standards included native plant preservation, drought-tolerant landscaping, irrigation technology, shade and mulch requirements, and rainwater harvesting. This was an informational item with no formal action taken.

D. The Council will be presented with the results of the City of Globe Community Survey. (Linda Oddonetto)

Community & Economic Development Director Linda Oddonetto presented the results of the Strategic Action Planning Community Survey, which received 161 responses. Findings highlighted community priorities such as additional retail, entertainment, outdoor recreation, housing availability, and improved infrastructure. The data will guide future planning and economic development efforts.

E. The Council will be presented with the Business License update. (Tony Manfredi and Linda Oddonetto)

Economic Development Specialist Tony Manfredi presented an update on business licensing, noting 505 active licenses in the first quarter of 2025, with significant revenue contributions from utility providers. He emphasized the role of licensing in compliance, public safety, and economic tracking.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and enacted by one motion and one vote. Public hearing items are designated with an asterisk (*). Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor asked whether any member of the public wished to remove a public hearing item for separate consideration. Members of the Council and/or staff may also remove any item for separate consideration.

Item A. Consideration of Waiver of Section 2-4-10(A) [prior discussion rule] to allow action on the balance of the Consent Agenda:

1. Accounts Payable: $776,996.57

2. Consideration of Approval of Council Minutes:
   - September 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes
   - October 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes
   - October 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes
   - December 19, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

The Mayor asked if there were any requests from Council, staff, or the public to remove any item for separate consideration. Hearing none, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Gonzalez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Notification of application for the Arizona State Library 2025 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)
   Express Hotspot Lending Grant for $4000.00 that will continue funding the Wi-Fi for Seniors and Students Program. The City will track this grant through Grant # GS-25-15-05066 LSTA Express Hotspot Lending Grant.

Notification was provided regarding the City of Globe Library's application for the 2025 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Express Hotspot Lending Grant in the amount of $4,000 (Grant No. GS-25-15-05066). The grant, if awarded, will continue funding the Wi-Fi for Seniors and Students Programs.

Staff explained this is the same grant the City successfully applied for and received last year. Notification only; no Council action required at this time. Grant award notification is expected in May 2025.

MOTION: Councilmember Gonzalez moved to forward Item 5A to the next available Council meeting for ratification, pending official award notice.
SECOND: Councilman Pastor
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Item B. Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution No. 1903 for the submission of the 2026 Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Applications #GS-26-57-05064 DUI Task Force Grant for $10,282.00 and #GS-26-57-05065 Traffic enforcement (STEP) Grant for $12,604.00 and request to waive Section 2-4-10A Prior Discussion Rule. (Chief Walters)

Resolution No. 1903 – City Clerk read Resolution No. 1903 into the meeting by title, the Council was please with the reading.

Council considered approval of Resolution No. 1903, authorizing submission of the following grant applications to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and appointing the Chief of Police as the City's authorized agent:
DUI Task Force Grant: $10,282 (Grant No. GS-26-57-05064)
Traffic Enforcement Grant: $12,644 (Grant No. GS-26-57-05065)

Staff explained both grants are no-match, reimbursable grants. Funding would support impaired driving enforcement (including overtime patrols and equipment such as breathalyzers) and speed enforcement (including overtime and radar units).

MOTION: Councilman Pastor moved to approve Resolution No. 1903 as presented and waive Section 2-4-10(A) prior discussion rule.
SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Item C. Council will discuss and possibly approve a request by staff to prepare an Ordnance amending Article 3 of the City of Globe Purchasing Code for Goods and Services to increase the Threshold requiring the use of Competitive Solicitation from $50,000 to $125,000 (Sec.3-5-15(d) and (Sec.3-5-16(d), and Increases the Threshold requiring Statement Of Qualifications Solicitation from $50,000 to$125,000 for and Professional Services (Sec.3-5-23(d), to be returned for Final approval at the next available meeting.

Council considered a staff request to prepare an ordinance amending Article 3 of the City of Globe Purchasing Code to increase procurement thresholds as follows:
- Competitive Solicitation Requirement: Increase threshold from $50,000 to $125,000 for goods and services (Sections 3-5-15(D) and 3-5-16).
- Statement of Qualifications Solicitation Requirement: Increase threshold from $50,000 to $125,000 for professional services (Section 3-5-23(D)).

Staff explained that inflation, supply chain delays, and labor shortages have increased costs, and the current $50,000 threshold results in longer procurement timelines, higher costs, and fewer bidders. Raising the threshold would expedite medium-sized projects while still ensuring Council approval for contracts above $25,000.

Public Works staff confirmed this change would improve efficiency without compromising fiscal responsibility.

MOTION: Councilmember Pastor moved to authorize staff to prepare and return an ordinance amending the procurement code as presented.
SECOND: Councilman Gonzalez
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Item D. Discussion and possible Ratification of Check Number 96037 for $25,000 made payable to Rosenbauer Minnesota LLC as a deposit to hold the 76069 King Cobra Aerial Ladder Truck funded through GL#10-56-52302 and request to waive Section 24-10A Prior Discussion Rule. (Paul Jepson)

Council considered ratification of Check No. 9637 in the amount of $25,000, payable to Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC, as a deposit to hold a Rosenbauer King Cobra Aerial Ladder Truck (Model 76069).

- Total estimated cost: $2.4 million (plus $200,000 outfitting)
- Funding source: GL #10-56-52302
- Deposit ensures the truck is placed in the production queue (18-month delivery timeframe)
- Deposit refundable minus $5,000 if canceled within 30 days

Staff explained that without committing the deposit, the City would face significant delays and potential cost increases. Councilmembers emphasized the urgent need for a ladder truck, citing the current lack of operational equipment, the safety of historic downtown, and regional firefighting capacity.

Council members also emphasized the importance of forming partnerships with mining companies, the Tri-City Fire District, and other regional stakeholders to secure funding. Personal testimony was provided by Councilmember Gonzalez regarding the loss of his parents' home in a fire, underscoring the critical need for timely acquisition.

MOTION: Councilmember Gonzalez moved to ratify Check No. 9637 in the amount of $25,000 to Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC, as a deposit to hold the King Cobra Aerial Ladder Truck, waive Section 2-4-10(A) prior discussion rule, and authorize continuation of funding efforts.
SECOND: Councilmember Pastor
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Item A. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 1901 Uncollectible Water Debt in the amount of $3,301.60 for FY2024. (Jodi Martin)

RESOLUTION NO. 1901 - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GLOBE, GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROVIDING FOR TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DEBTS OWED THE CITY WHICH HAVE BEEN DEEMED POTENTIALLY UNCOLLECTIBLE AND REMOVING SAME FROM THE
RECORDS AS ASSETS OF THE CITY OF GLOBE AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS
FOR FUTURE TREATMENT OF SAME.

City Clerk Shelly Salazar reads Resolution No. 1901 – Uncollectible Water Debt by title, and the Council is pleased with the reading.

Council considered approval of Resolution No. 1901, authorizing the removal of uncollectible water debt in the amount of $3,301.60 for Fiscal Year 2024.

Staff noted the amount is significantly lower than in previous years, reflecting improved collection efforts. Council emphasized the importance of continuing to pursue delinquent accounts, particularly sewer and garbage accounts connected to Arizona Water Company customers.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to approve Resolution No. 1901.
SECOND: Councilman Pastor
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Item B. Consideration to approve a contract No. CS-2025-0147 with 5D Mining & Construction, Inc., for the installation of a Concrete Slab for the Outdoor Adult Exercise Equipment, in the amount of $40,668 with funds to come from Account #2080-09051, Grant Expenditure. (Vince Mariscal)

Council considered approval of a contract with 5D Mining & Construction, Inc. for the installation of a concrete slab for the outdoor adult exercise equipment, in the amount of $40,668, with funds from Account #20-80-09051 (Grant Expenditure).

The slab will be 69’ x 35’, 8 inches thick, and include ADA-compliant ramps from both the parking lot and the basketball/tennis court entrances. This is the second phase of the project, following Council’s previous approval of equipment purchase.

MOTION: Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Contract No. CS-2025-0147 with 5D Mining & Construction, Inc. in the amount of $40,668.
SECOND: Councilmember Pastor
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration to approve to enter into contract No. PS-2025-0149 with Matrix New
World, to conduct an In-Situ Microcosm Study and Reporting in the amount of $40,316.45, for the underground storage tank remediation at the Public Works yard with funds to come from Account #50-80-51242. (John Angulo)

Council considered approval of a contract with Matrix New World Engineering to conduct an In-Situ Microcosm Study and Reporting for the underground storage tank remediation at the Public Works Yard, in the amount of $40,316.45, with funds from Account #50-80-51242.

Staff explained the study is a critical step in the City’s long-term Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) remediation project with ADEQ. The study will identify treatment options and support closure of the site. Matrix was selected due to their historic knowledge of the project and direct collaboration with ADEQ.

MOTION: Councilman Pastor moved to approve Contract No. PS-2025-0149 with Matrix New World Engineering in the amount of $40,316.45.
SECOND: Vice Mayor Stapleton
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Item D. Consideration to approve and enter into contract No. CS-2025-0152 with Jonovich Companies, for Wastewater Treatment Plant Chlorine System Upgrades, in the amount of $34,773.41 with funds to come from Account #51-80-52200. (Vince Mariscal)

Council considered approval of a contract with Jonovich Companies for Wastewater Treatment Plant Chlorine System Upgrades, in the amount of $34,773.41, with funds from Account #51-80-52200.

The project will replace the current chlorine gas system with a liquid chlorine system, which is safer, easier to handle, and consistent with systems already in use at Cutter Well Fields and the City swimming pool.

MOTION: Councilmember Pastor moved to approve Contract No. CS-2025-0152 with Jonovich Companies for $34,773.41.
SECOND: Councilmember Gonzalez
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Item E. Adoption of the 2025 Strategic Action Plan

Council considered adoption of the 2025 Strategic Action Plan, which updates the City's long-term strategic goals first initiated in 2019 with RCAC and the BRE grant.

The plan continues to focus on five key areas:
- Public Safety (emergency planning, fire station, ladder truck, fleet replacement, recruitment/retention).
- Infrastructure (water/sewer upgrades, floodplain study, historic downtown lighting, broadband expansion, parking, sidewalks, garbage planning).
- Economic Development (downtown revitalization, entertainment district, housing strategies, annexation, co-working space, tourism partnerships).
- Quality of Life (parks improvements, community center and pool programming, downtown beautification, youth/early childcare programs, cultural initiatives, library expansion planning).
- Financial Sustainability & Workforce Development (fee studies, staff retention, capacity-building training, organizational planning).

Staff highlighted progress in several areas, including completion of the Upper Pinal Creek Bridge, advances in housing initiatives, downtown programming, and regional collaboration on public safety and infrastructure.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Stapleton moved to adopt the 2025 Strategic Action Plan.
SECOND: Mariano Gonzalez
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

7. **LATE AGENDA ITEMS:**

8. **COMMUNITY CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time. This is a time for the public to comment to members of the City Council explicitly not to members of staff. Comments will be limited to **three minutes per person** and shall be addressed **explicitly** to the to the City Council and addressed to the City Council as a whole public body, and not to any individual member. **Please complete a "Request to Speak Card", located with the Agendas at the rear of the Council Chambers and turn it in to the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting**. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the City Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual City Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken, (2) ask staff to review a matter, and (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

9. **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:**

Scheduling of meetings, which may be brought up at this time.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Agenda topics that Council Members would like to see on the agenda may be brought up at this time.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

MOTION: Councilman Pastor made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 PM.
SECONDED: Vice Mayor Stapleton
Meeting Adjourned.

I, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the April 8, 2025 meeting minutes and the meeting was duly called and a quorum of Council was present.

Shelly Salazar, City Clerk