

City of Globe
Special Meeting

July 11 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Al Gameros called the Special Meeting of the Globe City Council to order on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 3:00 P.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers, Globe, Arizona.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Shelly Salazar conducted roll call.

District 1: Councilman Freddy Rios – Excused
District 2: Councilman Mike Pastor – Present via telephonic
District 3: Councilman Jesse Leetham – Present
District 4: Vice Mayor Mike Stapleton – Excused
District 5: Councilman Mariano Gonzalez – Present
District 6: Councilman Fernando Shipley – Excused
Mayor: Al Gameros – Present

Quorum established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Mariano Gonzalez

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Globe City Council, sitting as the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission, will consider and possibly approve a request to modify the facade by removing a bench, cement planters, and stem walls from the building located at 394 North Broad Street, Globe.

Staff Introduction

City Manager Paul Jepson explained that the building owner, John Wong, requested approval for exterior changes, including the removal of an existing bench, cement planters, and stem walls. Because Globe does not currently have an active Historical Preservation Commission, and because recommendations flow through Council, the City Council convened as HPAC to review the request.

City Manager Paul Jepson noted that construction crews were scheduled for the following week and the applicant required timely approval to proceed without

delays. Permitting adjustments were being coordinated with the City's Building Official.

Applicant Presentation – John Wong, Property Owner

Mr. Wong described the proposed changes as follows:

- Remove cobblestones, an old bench, a planter, and a side stem wall.
- Pour a new concrete slab to provide a cleaner, more functional street-facing appearance for a future restaurant space.
- Planter on the left side of the building will remain.
- Submitted before-and-after artist renderings to show the façade once improvements are complete.

Mr. Wong emphasized that color schemes and signage were not part of this request, as those items had already been approved through prior processes.

He further explained:

- The existing bench was in poor condition and frequently misused. He offered to donate the bench to the City, though the Council noted that wood benches are no longer in use due to sanitary and safety reasons.
- Temporary removal of plate glass windows may be required during construction to allow delivery of restaurant equipment, as current door heights are insufficient. Windows will be replaced following completion.
- The building will be secured with plywood during construction.
- Sidewalk access may be temporarily blocked during the pour; his contractor, Jim Harris of J3 Contracting, will obtain the necessary right-of-way permit.

Council Questions and Discussion

- Councilman Pastor (by phone) expressed support, stating the improvements would enhance the downtown streetscape and remove blight.
- Councilmembers asked about construction logistics, sealing of the building, and right-of-way considerations. Staff confirmed these would be managed appropriately.
- Discussion also included the future use of the property: Mr. Wong shared plans for a multi-use space, including a daytime bakery selling pies, which would bring pleasant aromas to the street and enhance downtown vitality.

Motion and Action

MOTION: Councilman Jesse Leetham moved to approve the façade modification request for 394 North Broad Street as presented, including the removal of the bench, cement planters, and stem walls, with appropriate permitting.

SECOND: Councilman Mike Pastor.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Mike Pastor moved to adjourn the meeting.
SECOND: Councilman Mariano Gonzalez.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelly Salazar, CMC, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the Special Meeting of the Globe City Council held on July 11, 2025.

Shelly Salazar, CMC, City Clerk