

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

Staff Present: David Malewitz-City Manager; Mackenzie Letcher-Assistant City Manager; Stephen R. Cooper-City Attorney; Myers-City Clerk; Sylvia Payne-HR Director; Dan Symer-Community Development Director; Matt Rencher-Public Works Director/City Engineer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Micah Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Micah Powell, Vice Mayor Sara Curtis, Councilmember Sylvia G. Rodriguez, Councilmember Andrew Sutton, Councilmember Jose Garcia

Council Members Absent: Councilmember Dan Snyder, Councilmember Michelle Tarango

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Powell led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

V. BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON PRIMARY PROPERTY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Call for a Public Hearing– Primary Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.*

The City of Eloy has published notices of this hearing on June 13th and June 20th in the local paper, per state law. The primary property tax rate being recommended is \$1.0115 per \$100 assessed valuation. The proposed rate will generate \$27,404 or 2.00%, exclusive of new construction. This increase in revenue is primarily due to the increase in property valuations. On a home assessed at \$100,000, the homeowner will pay \$101.15 in property taxes to the City of Eloy. This would be \$5.33 less than last year's property tax, which was \$106.48. The primary property tax levy is scheduled to be adopted on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

FISCAL IMPACT: *The total amount generated from a primary tax rate of \$1.0115 will be \$1,468,865 annually.*

Mayor Powell declared a public hearing open for the primary property taxes.

Former finance director, Brian Wright, gave a brief overview of the primary property tax for FY24-25.

Mayor Powell opened the floor for public comments and questions.

There being none, Mayor Powell closed the public hearing.

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF ELOY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Call for a public hearing on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City of Eloy Annual Budget.*

A public hearing is required prior to the final adoption of the Annual Budget. This is the last step before adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. On June 10, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 24-1576 adopting a tentative budget in the amount of \$64,444,735. On June 13th and June 20th, Schedules A-G were published in the local paper in accordance with state law.

FISCAL IMPACT: *The total of all funds for the City of Eloy 2024-2025 Annual Budget is \$64,444,735.*

Mayor Powell declared a public hearing open for the FY24-25 annual budget.

Mr. Wright gave a very brief overview of the proposed budget for FY24-25 based on previous budget discussions with Council. Mr. Wright received no comments or questions from the public about the proposed budget.

Mayor Powell opened the floor for public comments and questions.

Mayor Powell inquired about “pass-through” monies that comes through the city. He wanted clarification that the money is not included in the annual budget.

Mr. Wright said this is correct. He pointed out that the city serves as fiduciary for CoreCivic (CCA). The money is not recognized in the city’s budget documents; however, it is listed on the city’s financial statements.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Powell closed the public hearing.

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-1579 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FOR \$64,444,735.

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Staff recommends approval of Resolution No.24-1579 adopting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget for the City of Eloy for \$64,444,735.*

The City Council met on June 10, 2024 and adopted Resolution 24-1576 adopting the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for \$64,444,735. Per statutory requirements, staff published Schedules A-G twice in the local newspaper.

A public hearing has been held regarding property tax and the final budget in accordance with state law. Upon adoption of the final budget, a date will be set for the adoption of the property tax levy. This date for the adoption of the property tax levy will be July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The final property tax rate will be determined by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, and is estimated to be \$1.0115 per \$100 assessed valuation. Attached is a copy of the publicized budget. A budget copy will be available to the public at City Hall and the City Library.

FISCAL IMPACT: *The annual budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$64,444,735.*

Mr. Wright conveyed that Council approval of the resolution would formally adopt the final budget for FY24-25 in the amount of \$64,444,735.

Mayor Powell called for a motion to read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia, and seconded by Vice Mayor Curtis to read Resolution No. 24-1579 by title only, passed unanimously (5-0).

The city clerk read the resolution title into the record.

Mayor Powell called for direction from the Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia, and seconded by Councilmember G. Rodriguez to adopt Resolution No. 24-1579 as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote (5-0).

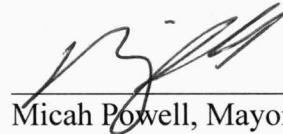
Mayor Powell thanked Mr. Wright for returning to present tonight's items. He told Mr. Wright that his absence from the city is deeply missed.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session requested by Council or city staff.

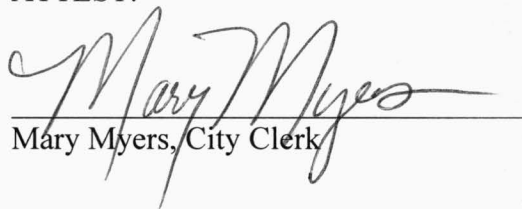
VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:39 p.m.



Micah Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Myers, City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
JUNE 24, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

Staff Present: David Malewitz-City Manager, Mackenzie Letcher-Assistant City Manager, Stephen R. Cooper-City Attorney, Trina Gaston-Administrative Assistant, Sylvia Payne-HR Director; Dan Symer-Community Development Director, Matt Rencher-Public Works Director/City Engineer, Byron Gwaltney-Acting Police Chief, Paul Anchondo-Community Services Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Micah Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Micah Powell, Vice Mayor Sara Curtis, Councilmember Sylvia G. Rodriguez, Councilmember Andy Sutton, Councilmember Jose Garcia, Councilmember Michelle McKinley-Tarango

Council Members Absent: Councilmember Dan Snyder

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Powell asked for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Curtis led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A. Scheduled - None

B. Unscheduled - None

VI. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Council Member Announcements

Councilmember Sutton made the following announcements:

- June 13th – Attended the Eloy Chamber of Commerce luncheon held at Integrated Modular Solutions. The company converts shipping containers into houses and restaurants. Councilmember Sutton said Mayor Powell and Vice Mayor Curtis attended the luncheon as well.
- June 19th – Attended the Pinal County Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, along with Vice Mayor Curtis and Councilmember Tarango. He voiced Eloy's opposition to the Sun Dog Solar Project, that would be located at the north end of the city's planning area. The City of Coolidge and residents also voiced their opposition to the project. Councilmember Sutton said unfortunately, the BOS voted 3-2 in favor of the project.
- June 20th – Attended the CoreCivic community luncheon. Topic of discussion was education and opportunities for inmates. He was pleasantly surprised to discover that some of the inmates train dogs to become service animals.

B. Mayor Announcements

Mayor Powell made the following announcements:

- He and Councilmember Sutton would be attending the Central Arizona of Governments meeting on Wednesday, in Apache Junction.
- Reminded the public of the city's annual 4th of July celebration at the Main Street Park. There will be fun activities, free swimming and food booths. The celebration will conclude with a firework show that night.

C. City Manager Announcements

Mr. Malewitz made the following announcements:

- City offices will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- The Community Services department continue to work on the city's 75th anniversary. Staff is working on brochures and banners leading up to the big event at the end of the year.
- Police Chief interviews will be conducted this week. Candidates will be interviewed by staff and community leaders on Wednesday, followed by meet and greets with department heads and police staff on Thursday. Community members will also have the opportunity to meet the candidates Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. at city hall. He said the consultants will provide a QR code for those wishing to provide input on the candidates that will go directly to them (consultants). Mr. Malewitz encouraged the public to come out to meet and talk to the candidates.
- Council will meet on Thursday, at 5:30 p.m., for a special meeting to adopt the final budget for FY24-25.

Mayor Powell wanted the public to know that neither he nor the Council are aware of who the candidates are for the police chief position.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: 5/28/2024 (regular)
- B. Authorization to purchase two (2) Ford Responder Trucks from Peoria Ford in Peoria, AZ, at a cost of \$51,341.02 and \$49,179.02, respectively, with pricing per Arizona State Contract # CTR059322, using grant funds provided by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS).
- C. Authorization to initiate the Boards and Commissions City Code Text Amendment.
- D. Authorization to initiate the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment Responsibilities Zoning Text Amendment.
- E. Authorization to initiate the Historic Preservation Overlay Zoning Text Amendment.
- F. Approval of the Computer Services Contract with CybarWorks for one year to provide technical and mobility support for City facilities and equipment starting July 1, 2024.
- G. Approval to enter into a contract with Logicalis to purchase a new Cisco Business Edition Telephone System for the City under the 1GPA Contract #19-07PV-03 for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.
- H. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-1576 adopting the Consolidated Rate and Fee Schedule for the City of Eloy with the effective date of August 1, 2024.
- I. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-1580 authorizing officers/agents to deposit, transfer, and withdraw monies with First Interstate Bank.
- J. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-1581 authorizing officers/agents to deposit, transfer, and withdraw monies for the Magistrate Checking Account.
- K. Authorization to award a contract to Transact Commercial Interiors to manufacture and install partition walls for the Eloy Santa Cruz Library Teen Zone in the amount of \$59,051.23.

There were no requests for removal of any item(s) from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion(s).

A motion was made by Councilmember G. Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Sutton to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote (6-0).

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW A PROPOSAL FROM ICMA (INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION) TV AND TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WEBSEDGE ON BEHALF OF ICMA TV TO PRODUCE,**

BROADCAST, & DISTRIBUTE A THOUGHT LEADERSHIP VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING THE CITY OF ELOY TO BE BROADCAST AT THE 2024 ICMA CONFERENCE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,300.

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *City Council to authorize the city manager to execute an agreement with WebsEdge on behalf of ICMA TV to produce, broadcast, and distribute a Thought Leadership video highlighting the City of Eloy to be broadcast at the 2024 ICMA Conference for an Amount Not to Exceed \$26,300.*

On Monday, June 9th, representatives from WebsEdge, on behalf of ICMA (International County Managers Association), contacted me regarding an opportunity to highlight the City of Eloy in a pre-recorded video case study to be shown during the official ICMA TV broadcast at the 2024 ICMA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, September 21 – 25, as well as on the ICMA webpage and YouTube channel. The ICMA Annual Conference is the world's largest gathering of local government management professionals and brings this community together for unparalleled leadership and professional development, networking, and best-in-class programming. For the last 19 years, ICMA TV has showcased to these attendees the latest innovations and enterprises in public administration and local government that are creating and sustaining thriving communities.

ICMA TV representatives felt Eloy would be a good fit based on their review of our economic development plan, the Robson Ranch community, and investments in our new City Hall and Police Departments. As a key part of the ICMA TV broadcast, Eloy and other cities participating in the program will be highlighted for advances in city management, sustainability, culture, and economic development. The five-minute documentary feature will offer a unique opportunity to profile key developments, initiatives, and best practices for the City of Eloy. In addition, the city will have full ownership and rights of all the video content, including the five-minute documentary, a two-hour unedited "B" roll, and a one-minute social media video for further marketing and advertising initiatives for the city.

The total production and professional editing cost for this documentary will be \$26,300. The attached Confirmation Order Form outlines the details of the expenses covered. If the city council approves, a production schedule will be created, and filming will commence sometime in August. This is an unbudgeted item with funds to cover expenses from the General Fund Contingency Expense Line Item.

Below are video links to other cities highlighted through this program. Other Arizona localities highlighted through this program include the City of Marana, the City of Surprise, and Cochise County.

City of Gallup, NM: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKkma5VfDrs>

City of Hermosa Beach, CA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MA63Z-UKwY>

City of Lawton, OK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMtwTDlilvc>

City of Terrell, TX: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niaKiivNAGM>

FISCAL IMPACT: *Total Project Costs Not to Exceed \$26,300 with Recommendation from the Finance Director with expenditures coming out of the General Fund Contingency Fund.*

Mr. Malewitz gave an overview of the proposed agreement with WebsEdge on behalf of ICMA TV to create a video, highlighting the City of Eloy. Mr. Malewitz said a professional filming crew from the valley will travel to Eloy for a day to film whatever staff wants to showcase in the video. He said the city would own the video, and it would also remain permanently on the ICMA TV webpage and YouTube channel.

Mr. Malewitz played a video that the ICMA TV did of the Town of Marana, several years ago. He said he spoke to Gilbert Davidson, who was the town manager at that time, and he strongly encouraged the city to move forward with doing the video. Mr. Malewitz stated that payment for the video would come from the contingency line item, which former finance director, Brian Wright recommended prior to his departure from the city.

Mayor Powell announced that the National League of Cities (NLC) reached out to him about shooting a video of Eloy as well. This would be at no cost to the city.

With there being no further comments, Mayor Powell called for direction from the Council.

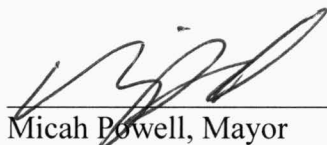
A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton and seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve a proposal from ICMA (International City/County Management Association) TV to enter into an agreement with WebsEdge on behalf of ICMA TV to produce, broadcast, & distribute a thought leadership video highlighting the City of Eloy to be broadcast at the 2024 ICMA Conference for an amount not to exceed \$26,300, passed unanimously by roll call vote (6-0).

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests from Council or city staff for an executive session.

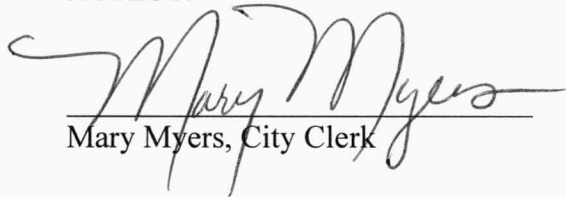
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:21 p.m.



Micah Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Myers, City Clerk