



**City of Eloy  
Minutes  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 14, 2025  
City Council Chambers  
595 North C Street  
Eloy, Arizona 85131**

**REGULAR MEETING AT OR AFTER 6:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Andrew Sutton called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present - 7**

Andrew Sutton, Mayor  
Michelle Tarango, Vice-Mayor  
Sara Curtis, Councilmember  
JoAnne Galindo, Councilmember  
Jose Garcia, Councilmember  
Dan Snyder, Councilmember  
Michael Vodrazka, Councilmember

**Staff**

David Malewitz, City Manager  
Stephen Cooper, City Attorney  
Celine Kidwell, City Clerk  
Mackenzie Letcher, Assistant City Manager

**III. Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed at the request of Mayor Sutton.

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Councilmember Jose Garcia.

**V. Public Appearances**

There were no scheduled or unscheduled public appearances.

**VI. Reports and Announcements**

**A. Council Members' Announcements**

Council members provided updates, including their attendance at local events, commendations for city staff, and recognition of community programs and partnerships.

## **B. Mayor's Announcements**

### **1. Proclamation - Telecommunicators Week**

Mayor Sutton proudly proclaimed April 13–19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, taking the opportunity to honor the dedicated dispatchers at the Eloy Police Department. Vice Mayor Tarango formally read the proclamation, which recognized the invaluable service of dispatchers Tricia Wilcox (Lead), Katie Wonder, Chris Ford, Brittany Beauchamp, Sandie Edmunds, and Amanda Villescaz for their unwavering professionalism and commitment to the community. Lead Dispatcher Wilcox, along with Ms. Edmunds, Ms. Wonder, and Mr. Ford, were present to accept this well-deserved recognition on behalf of their team.

## **C. City Manager's Announcements**

Updates included the Sunland Gin project, community events, and the upcoming career fair with Arizona@Work.

### **1. Presentation by the Eloy Police Department Regarding Operation Improvements to the Traffic Unit**

Chief Banales and Corporals Strutton and Gordon presented on the reactivation and expansion of the Traffic Enforcement and Investigations Unit. The presentation covered:

- Traffic safety education initiatives
- Commercial vehicle enforcement plans
- Use of advanced reconstruction tools (laser scanners, drones)
- Participation in the Pinal County Vehicular Crimes Task Force

The Council commended the department's proactive measures and emphasized the need to reduce the city's accident rate. An education-first approach will precede enforcement efforts, with an official campaign rollout targeted for July 1, 2025.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Items B and C were approved unanimously. Item A (Minutes) was pulled for clarification and later approved with amendments to reflect accurate discussion on contract participation.

**A. Approval of Minutes - March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting** – This item was pulled for discussion following the approval of Consent Agenda Items B. and C.

**Discussion:** Councilmember Snyder sought clarification on whether contract participants

were future customers of the waste management services. Staff confirmed that although five staff members worked on the contract, none were customers. The council voted to amend the minutes to reflect this detail.

**Motion:** Councilmember Snyder moved to **amend and approve** the March 24, 2025, Regular Minutes (Item A). Councilmember Vodraska seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

**B. Consideration of the adoption of Resolution No. 25-1614 to approve the General Plan update Public Participation Plan (PPP).**

**C. Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Lochner (formerly Armstrong Consultants, Inc.) for Design, Bid, and Construction Phase Services for the Eloy Municipal Airport Drainage Improvements Phase III project, in accordance with the FAA/ADOT FY2023–FY2028 Approved Airport Capital Improvement Plan, and as Approved in the Current Eloy Airport FY2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program for an Amount not to exceed \$215,360.**

**Motion:** Councilmember Garcia moved to **approve** items B and C, as presented. Councilmember Vodrazka seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

**VIII. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**

**A. Approval of a Final Plat for Eloy Commons, Case No. FP2025-001. The proposed Final Plat is a request to reconfigure twelve (12) existing parcels into three (3) lots containing approximately 170 acres and dedicate an additional right-of-way to the City of Eloy on the west side of South Sunshine Boulevard and on the south side of the property located at 1172 South Sunshine Boulevard (Blue Beacon).**

Community Development Director Dan Symer presented a request for approval of a Final Plat to reconfigure 12 existing parcels into three lots totaling approximately 170 acres. The property, located at 1172 South Sunshine Boulevard (Blue Beacon), included dedication of additional right-of-way to the City. Mr. Symer explained that the request conforms with the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and that the proposed subdivision would support future commercial development.

The applicant, Omar Cervantes, P.E. of XCL Engineering, represented Eloy 170, LLC. The plat includes Neighborhood Commercial (C-1), General Commercial (C-2), and Light Industrial (I-1) zones. Utility access points include East Milligan Road and South Sunshine Boulevard.

During discussion, Councilmember Snyder asked about the potential for truck access and safety in the area. Director Symer confirmed all ingress and egress points are compliant with city standards. Larry Fink, property owner, expressed support for the plat and thanked staff for their collaboration.

**Motion:** Councilmember Curtis moved to **approve** the Final Plat for Eloy Commons Case No. FP2025-001. The proposed Final Plat is a request to reconfigure twelve (12) existing parcels into three (3) lots containing approximately 170 acres and dedicate an additional right-of-way to the City of Eloy on the west side of South Sunshine Boulevard and on the south side of the property located at 1172 South

Sunshine Boulevard (Blue Beacon). Councilmember Garcia seconded. **Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.**

**B. Consideration of Approval to Accept a Proposal from Ellison-Mills Construction, LLC under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Pinal County for the Replacement of Five (5) Drainage Culverts in the North Toltec Area at a Cost Not to Exceed \$100,000 plus any Applicable Taxes and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Necessary Contract Agreements.**

Public Works Director Matt Rencher presented a proposal to accept a bid from Ellison-Mills Construction, LLC, to replace five aging drainage culverts in the North Toltec area under a cooperative purchasing agreement with Pinal County. He noted that the existing culverts are at the end of their service life and inadequate for handling current stormwater flows, leading to road deterioration and localized flooding.

The proposal includes new culvert installations sized for future runoff demands. The project cost, not to exceed \$100,000 plus applicable taxes, will be funded through the Streets Capital Improvement Budget.

Councilmember Galindo inquired about the construction timeline. Director Rencher indicated construction could begin within 60 days of contract execution. Councilmembers expressed appreciation for prioritizing aging infrastructure.

**Motion:** Councilmember Snyder moved to **approve** the proposal from Ellison-Mills Construction, LLC under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Pinal County for the Replacement of Five (5) Drainage Culverts in the North Toltec Area at a Cost Not to Exceed \$100,000 plus any Applicable Taxes and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Necessary Contract Agreements, as presented. Councilmember Galindo seconded. **Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.**

**C. Discussion, Consideration, and Direction on Project Alternatives for the Houser Road Water Line Capital Improvement Project (CIP).**

Public Works Director Matt Rencher presented an update on the long-delayed Houser Road Water Line project. The existing 3-inch PVC line services seven homes and lacks formal easements. Past attempts to replace the line were stalled by high construction estimates and property access issues.

Director Rencher presented a two-phase implementation strategy:

- **Phase 1:** Extend a new line to five of the seven homes using existing easements. Budget: \$450,000. Construction: July–November 2025.
- **Phase 2:** Connect the final two homes along Charleston Road with several design alternatives ranging from \$100,000 to \$319,000.

Council expressed concerns about:

- Pipe sizing (futureproofing vs. cost)
- Legal access (easement needs)
- Disruption to private property (especially under Option 4)

Residents Bob and Marlo Shuh provided comments, asking for better transparency and input during Phase 2 planning. They pledged to assist in obtaining neighbor easements for Phase 1.

The Council voted to proceed with Phase 1 and tabled Phase 2, pending additional community outreach and refinement of cost alternatives. A construction contract for Phase 1 will be brought forward for Council consideration at a future meeting for a formal vote.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Tarango moved to **approve** Phase 1 of the water line extension project to serve five of the seven homes using existing easements, with a budget of \$450,000 and construction scheduled for July through November 2025, with the understanding that a construction contract will be brought forward for Council consideration and formal vote at a future meeting. Councilmember Curtis seconded. **Motion passed 7-0.**

**Motion:** Councilmember Snyder moved to **table** Phase 2 of the water line extension project, which would connect the final two homes along Charleston Road, pending additional community outreach and refinement of cost alternatives that currently range from \$100,000 to \$319,000. Vice Mayor Tarango seconded. **Motion was passed 7-0.**

**D. Presentation by Brian Wright on the Proposed FY 2025-2026 Consolidated Rate and Fee Schedule for the City of Eloy, and seeking guidance on the proposed rates and fees. Presentation only**

Finance Director Brian Wright presented the proposed consolidated schedule. Major changes included eliminating the passport execution fee, adjusting business license fees, and updating sanitation and utility rates. Sanitation rates reflect new contract pricing, with changes effective July 1, 2025; other changes take effect August 1, 2025.

Councilmembers requested clarification on fee justifications and formatting. No formal vote was taken.

**E. Discussion among the Mayor and City Council Regarding Establishing a Standing Monthly Work Session to Be Scheduled on a Designated Day to Be Determined.**

City Manager David Malewitz facilitated a discussion about holding standing monthly work sessions to address increasingly complex issues. Two options were initially offered, but the Council reached consensus to schedule sessions for the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., as needed.

Councilmember Snyder supported predictable scheduling for deep discussions. Mayor Sutton emphasized flexibility. The sessions will comply with the Arizona Open Meeting Law and will not require formal votes or attendance records.

**F. Appointment of a subcommittee for the review of applicants to fill a vacancy on the Parks, Recreation, and Library Advisory Board.**

Parks, Recreation, and Library Advisory Board Community Services Director Paul Anchondo recommended the formation of a subcommittee to review two applicants for one vacant board seat: Robert Burton and Larry Ginn.

Councilmember Curtis nominated Vice-Mayor Tarango, Councilmember Galindo, and Councilmember Garcia to the subcommittee. Councilmember Vodrazka seconded.

**Motion:** Councilmember Curtis moved to **appoint** the Parks, Recreation, and Library Advisory Board subcommittee, consisting of Vice Mayor Tarango, Councilmember Galindo, and Councilmember Garcia. **The motion passed 7-0 by roll-call vote.**

**IX. Executive Session**

**A. Performance evaluation including discussion and/or negotiation of salary and/or an employment contract of a public officer - City Magistrate, including legal advice (if requested by City Council) with City Attorney and possible contract negotiations, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1), (3) and (4).**

The Council entered executive session at 8:14 p.m. for legal consultation and a performance evaluation of the City Magistrate.

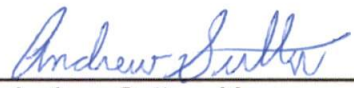
The Council reconvened to extend the Executive Session by an additional 45 minutes.

At 9:51 p.m., the Council resumed the regular session. No formal action was taken.

**X. Adjournment**

Mayor Sutton adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m. with the Council's unanimous consent.

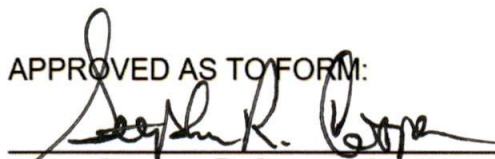
BY:

  
Andrew Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Celine A. Kidwell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Stephen R. Cooper, City Attorney

