



**City of Eloy
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
June 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Andrew Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

II. Roll Call

Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mackenzie Letcher, City Manager
Stephen Cooper, City Attorney
Michelle Hall, Interim City Clerk

III. Moment of Silence

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

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Galindo.

V. Public Appearances

A. Scheduled

1. Presentation by Pinal County Attorney Brad Miller

Mr. Miller introduced himself and thanked the Council for the opportunity to present. He discussed his office's commitment to public safety, emphasizing tougher prosecution of violent offenders, repeat offenders, and crimes against children while continuing diversion opportunities for individuals with substance abuse issues who demonstrate a willingness to rehabilitate.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overall prosecuted case filings in Eloy declined from 279 cases in 2023 to 257 cases in 2025.
- Community-based crime has decreased approximately 25% over the past three years.
- Prison-related crimes continue to significantly affect Eloy's statistics due to correctional facilities located within the city's jurisdiction.
- Assaults remain the largest category of community crime, while drug-related prosecutions have declined due in part to successful diversion programs.
- The County Attorney's Office reports rehabilitation success rates in the high 90% range for eligible diversion participants.
- Property crimes and traffic-related prosecutions showed modest increases during 2025.
- Homicide prosecutions declined significantly following an increase during 2024.

Mr. Miller also highlighted several initiatives:

- Continued partnership with the Eloy Police Department through an assigned prosecutor.
- Development of neighborhood-level crime mapping and data analysis.
- Enhanced collaboration with local law enforcement to improve investigations and prosecution outcomes.
- Ongoing efforts to conduct internet crimes against children-investigations and other proactive enforcement operations throughout Pinal County.

Council members thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation and discussed:

- Trends in traffic enforcement and increased police activity.
- Differences between prison-based and community-based crime statistics.
- Crime occurring along Interstate 10 and Interstate 8 corridors.
- Crime mapping and the value of detailed geographic crime analysis.
- Diversion programs and rehabilitation opportunities.
- Domestic violence statistics and demographic information.
- Cooperation between the County Attorney's Office and local police agencies.

Mr. Miller offered to provide additional crime data and neighborhood-specific reports to the Council upon request.

B. Unscheduled

Valerie Motyka

Ms. Motyka addressed the Council regarding vegetation removal within the Toltec area.

She expressed concerns that:

- Native vegetation is being unnecessarily removed through code enforcement actions.
- Vegetation clearing negatively impacts wildlife habitat.
- Excessive clearing contributes to dust, invasive weeds, and reduced neighborhood aesthetics.
- Residents feel pressured by code enforcement to remove native desert vegetation during extreme summer temperatures.

Ms. Motyka requested the city review current vegetation removal practices and provided supporting documentation to Council.

Council thanked Ms. Motyka for her comments and indicated staff would review the concerns.

VI. Reports and Announcements

A. Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Sutton acknowledged upcoming events and issued proclamations or commendations as appropriate.

Mayor Sutton reported on several recent events including:

- Eloy Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum.
- Pinal Partnership Emerging Leaders Candidate Event.
- Meeting with new ADOT Board Member Doug Coleman regarding transportation projects.
- Delivery of the first tiny homes for the Pinal Hispanic Council housing project.
- Attendance at the Tri-City Chamber Expo.

The mayor, also recognized community partnerships and encouraged continued public participation in upcoming City events.

B. Council Members' Announcements:

Councilmembers provided brief updates on community events, recognitions, and project involvement.

Council Members reported attending:

- Eloy Chamber Candidate Forum.
- Pinal Partnership Emerging Leaders event.
- Tri-City Chamber Expo.
- Workforce Development Board meeting.

- Various community meetings and outreach events.

Council members expressed appreciation for candidate participation and continued regional collaboration.

C. City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager David Malewitz provided updates on city projects, partnerships, and community initiatives.

City Manager Letcher announced:

- Special Budget Meeting scheduled for June 25 for final budget adoption.
- City offices will be closed July 3 in observance of Independence Day.
- Details of the City's expanded July 4th America 250 Celebration, including:
 - Live entertainment
 - Food vendors
 - Water slides and family activities
 - Fireworks at 9:00 p.m.
 - America 250 commemorative merchandise
 - Taco Eating Championship

He encouraged residents to attend the community celebration.

VII. Consent Agenda

Mayor Sutton asked if any items were to be removed for discussion.

Council approved the Consent Agenda, including:

Motion: Councilmember Garcia moved to approve the Consent Agenda presented.

Second: Councilmember Galindo

Vote: Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

VIII. Business: Discussion and/or Action Items

A. FlexNet M420B Base Station Replacement

Public Works Director Refugio "Cookie" Gallegos presented a request to replace the City's aging Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) base station.

Discussion included:

- Existing equipment is approximately 15 years old and nearing end of life.
- New equipment will improve communication reliability.

- System supports future meter upgrades.
- Total cost: \$64,845, including installation and first-year support.

Council approved the purchase.

Motion: Councilmember Garcia moved to approve

Second: Councilmember Vodrazka

Vote: Motion passed 7–0

B. eSleuth Investigative Data Management Software

Police Chief Sergio Banales presented a proposal to purchase eSleuth, an AI-supported investigative analytics platform funded entirely through the Arizona Opioid Settlement Fund.

Key discussion points included:

- No General Fund impact.
- Five-year contract totaling \$180,000.
- Software will:
 - Analyze criminal intelligence and investigative data.
 - Identify opioid-related crime patterns.
 - Improve investigative efficiency.
 - Assist with overdose prevention efforts.
 - Support partnerships with treatment providers.
 - Enhance proactive policing through data analytics.
- Council discussed:
 - Data security.
 - Staff training.
 - Future software updates.
 - Integration with existing systems.
 - Potential partnerships with the Pinal Hispanic Council and public health agencies.

Council expressed strong support for using opioid settlement funds to improve investigations while connecting individuals with treatment resources.

Motion: Councilmember Garcia moved to approve

Second: Vice-Mayor Tarango

Vote: Motion passed 7–0

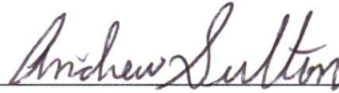
IX. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

X. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Sutton adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm with unanimous consent of the Council.

BY:

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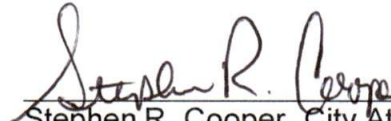
Andrew Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michelle Hall, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen R. Cooper, City Attorney