

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026, AT 5:01 PM IN THE CITY OF BISBEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 ARIZONA STREET, BISBEE, ARIZONA AND VIA ZOOM AT <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88231617157>.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR BUDGE AT 5:04PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Karen Schumacher, Ward I
Councilmember Pete Skinner, Ward II
Councilmember Trish Damon, Ward III 5:08PM
Mayor Ken Budge
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore
Councilmember Mel Sowid, Ward II
Councilmember Cesilia C. Garcia, Ward I

STAFF

Ashlee Coronado, City Manager
Jim Richardson, Fire Chief

CITY ATTORNEY

Joseph Estes

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THESE MEETINGS:

1. Discussion and Possible Award of a Contract to Granite Construction Company for construction of the City of Bisbee Shared Use Path-Lavendar Pit East Segment in the Amount of \$3,856,410.00.

Matthew Gurney, Public Works Director

Mayor Budge introduced the agenda item regarding the award of a construction contract to Granite Construction Company for the City of Bisbee Shared Use Path – Lavender Pit East Segment in the amount of \$3,856,410, and invited Construction Manager Mike Normand to present.

Mr. Normand reported that bids were opened on July 9, with Granite Construction submitting the lowest responsive bid. After completing reference checks and verifying the company's contractor status, he recommended award of the contract, noting Granite's extensive experience with similar pedestrian and bicycle projects throughout Southern Arizona. He explained that the project had previously been bid above budget but was successfully rebid after a collaborative effort between ADOT, Bisbee Bikeways, and the design engineer. ADOT assumed portions of the project scope, Bisbee Bikeways raised additional funding, and valued engineering reduced project costs, allowing the project to move forward within the available budget. He clarified that the apparent \$356,410 funding shortfall reflects donated funds that have not yet been transferred to the city but are expected within a week, before the Notice to Proceed is issued. Construction was anticipated to begin in early August.

Mayor Budge praised the project as an example of successful collaboration and noted the contract would be executed once the donated funds are received.

Councilmember Sowid asked whether the \$356,410 would come from the Bisbee Bikeways fundraising effort and whether the city's previously reserved \$100,000 would still be needed. Ms. Coronado confirmed the fundraising would cover the contract amount, while Mayor Budge explained the city's reserved funds would remain available as contingency for potential change orders.

Mr. Normand added that approximately \$410,000 was budgeted for contingency and that Bisbee Bikeways has raised additional funds that can support future phases of the project.

Councilmember Sowid expressed enthusiasm for moving forward and thanked everyone involved.

Mayor Budge also thanked Public Works, Mike Normand, Megan and Bisbee Bikeways, and ADOT for their collaborative efforts in bringing the project to construction.

MOTION: Mayor Budge moved to award the contract for construction of the City of Bisbee Shared Use Path, Lavender Pit East Segment, to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$3,856,410.00.

SECOND: Councilmember Damon

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution R-26-20; Appointing Ashlee Coronado, City Manager, as the Designated Applicant Agent for the city of Bisbee on File with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (AZ DEMA).

Ashlee Coronado, City Manager

Ms. Coronado explained that Resolution R-26-20 designates an authorized agent to sign grant applications on behalf of the city for Arizona DEMA grant programs. She noted that any grant awards would still require future Council approval.

Mayor Budge explained that the designation supports the city's ongoing efforts to secure DEMA funding for phased water infrastructure improvements in partnership with Arizona Water. He noted the project will replace aging water lines and improve fire protection in Old Bisbee through upgraded water mains.

MOTION: Councilmember Cline moved to approve Resolution R-26-20 appointing Ashlee Coronado, City Manager, as the Designated Applicant Agent for AZ DEMA programs.

SECOND: Councilmember Skinner

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Budge stated that, as there was no further business before Council, this meeting was adjourned. He noted that the next meeting would be the following Tuesday, election night.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:22PM

Ken Budge, Mayor