

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, SEPTEMBER 22, 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/83552737966>.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AT 5:01PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Karen Schumacher, Ward I	5:05PM
Councilmember Terry Priestley, Ward II	
Councilmember Trish Damon, Ward III	5:06PM
Mayor Ken Budge	Excused
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore	
Councilmember Mel Sowid, Ward II	
Councilmember Cesilia C. Garcia, Ward I	

STAFF

Ashlee Coronado, City Manager
Nina Williams, Acting City Clerk
Keri Bagley, Finance Director
Bridgette Kantner, Personnel Director
Matthew Gurney, Public Works Director
Logan Dodd, Operations Manager
Tim Cox, Police Chief
Jay Ritchie, Deputy Police Chief
Jim Richardson, Fire Chief

CITY ATTORNEY

Joseph Estes

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bisbee and the City of Douglas for the Bisbee Public Transit Services.
Rene Lopez, Transit Manager

Mr. Lopez presented the item and explained that the amendment was being brought back to Council because several pages were missing from the previously presented agreement. The missing pages, identified as Pages 1 and 2 of Attachment 1, contain the statement of work and outline the services to be provided during the upcoming contract year. He explained that the city was extending its Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Douglas, which operates the Bisbee Public Transit System, for an additional one-year renewal beginning October 1, 2026.

Mr. Lopez explained that the updated statement of work outlines the purpose of the service, weekday operations, routes and stops, as well as additional Friday and Saturday service. He also explained that adjustments to the transit schedule are necessary to meet Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements. The revised schedule will divide the service between two drivers working separate shifts rather than having one driver operate the full schedule.

Councilmember Priestley asked about changes to the transit route and schedule. Mr. Lopez explained that the routes and stops will remain generally the same, with adjustments to the times. The first morning stop will move to Naco at approximately 6:15 a.m., and Saturday service will begin and end later.

Mr. Lopez stated that the changes will be communicated through the City's website, social media, and printed notices, with updated schedules posted at bus stops. A 45-day public notice period will be provided before the changes take effect.

Councilmember Priestley emphasized the importance of clearly communicating the changes to residents who rely on the transit service.

Mayor Pro Tempore stated that being no further discussion, the meeting was concluded.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:12PM

Ken Budge, Mayor