



## TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday June 5, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Town Hall

425 Papermill Road

Taylor, Arizona

### Mayor

Shawn Palmer

### Vice-Mayor

Bill Baldwin

### Council Members

Jason Brubaker

Sherry Cospier Duke

Kris Neff

Lynn DeWitt

April Williams

- Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-02, notice to hereby given to Taylor Town Council and to the general public that a Public meeting will be held at the Taylor Town Hall on the date listed above.
- The Town Council may adjourn into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431-03; A.3 consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney; A.4 consultation with the Town Attorney regarding possible litigation.
- Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Town of Taylor endeavors to make its meetings accessible to persons with disabilities. Please advise the Town Clerk's office at (928) 536-7366 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting for accommodation.
- Town meetings notices and agendas are posted in the Taylor Post Office, 25 S. Main Street; the Taylor Town Hall, and the Town of Taylor website [www.tayloraz.org](http://www.tayloraz.org)

### CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

**CALL ORDER:** Mayor Shawn Palmer called the meeting to order @ 7:00 Pm

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jason Brubaker, April Williams, Sherry Cospier Duke, Lynn Dewitt, Chris Neff

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Town Clerk Marcie Pawlik, Building Official Josh McGinnis

Police Chief Bobby Martin & Park & Rec Sara Ramsay Fire Chief Willie Nelson

**VISITORS:** See List

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Bill Baldwin

**INVOCATION:** Council Member Jason Brubaker

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Public may comment on matters within Town jurisdiction but not on the agenda, subject to reasonable time and decorum. Council will take no action on matters presented. Council may respond to criticism, ask staff to review a matter or direct staff to include the matter on a future agenda. (A.R.S. 38-431.01H)

Mayor Shawn Palmer explained the importance of the public comment period, emphasizing it is a special part of the meeting. Clarified that, since these comments are not on the official agenda, there would be no discourse between the council and speakers during this segment. Emphasized that all comments remain unchallenged during the public comment segment.

Glenn Kowatz's states he lives at 3833 Hidden Ranch Road, 660 feet from town property. Recalled the June 3rd meeting stated that the meeting reached full capacity. He Reported that the fire chief limited indoor occupancy to 92 people due to requirements, leaving the excess standing in the rain. Expressed concern that this appeared orchestrated to limit participation. Chairman Jack Babb had said speakers would have two minutes, but earlier communication mentioned three minutes. Suggested that for large gatherings, a larger venue should be utilized. Pointed out that an auxiliary room (accessed via an accordion door) was available and could have accommodated the overflow but was not opened until after the meeting. Described the situation as disrespectful to those left outside. Criticized council member Don Shumway for making remarks directed at the public in a manner perceived as admonishing and disrespectful, rather than addressing fellow committee members. Stressed the importance of public voice in council decisions. Called for a more respectful and inclusive process.

Rich Hyatt states he lives at 3808 Freeman Hollow he is a new community member: property purchased two years ago. Prior he lived in Tucson and worked with the Fire Department (32 years) and Tucson Police Department (wife with 15 years). Expressed appreciation for: The welcoming nature of the community and its spiritual base. The comprehensive master/general plan for the town, and the importance of following it. Raised concerns regarding zoning and legal requirements: Noted that when the house was built, local general contractors were used,

emphasizing support for local business. Highlighted a state law for zoning rezonings which mandates: Letters to all residents within 300 feet (which the town did). Publication in a commonly read paper. A 15-day public notice period before meetings and proper signage on affected properties. Stressed that failure to follow these legal steps might lead to legal challenges and requested education for the council and community on these requirements. Mentioned an upcoming project expected to create jobs: Although not on the official agenda, he underscored that the project, which he praises for its product quality and job creation should be in appropriately zone areas according to the general plan.

Scott Gold's 5274 Hay Hollow Road, Snowflake, Arizona. Noted he is a frequent attendee and writes for the local paper. Provided a general positive observation: The meeting was well conducted and managed. He appreciated that, Despite the size of the audience, the meeting-maintained decorum with no disruptions or raised voices. Noted that he, too, was among those left outside due to capacity limits but appreciated the opportunity to interact with others.

Mayor Shawn Palmer said originally scheduled meeting venue was changed by the manager to a much larger facility due to the expected high occupancy levels. After the high turnout, the manager immediately booked the elementary school for future meetings to better accommodate large crowds.

Mayor Shawn Palmer said he was forced to wait outside also for approximately three hours, interacting with attendees until the rain began. Which started at the end and most of the people had left by then. Shawn acknowledged that it is difficult to predict attendance, but efforts will be made to better accommodate large groups in the future. Plans are underway for a new social hall, the Heritage Hall, which will be able to accommodate several hundred people.

### CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered routine and uncontroversial. Consent agenda is considered a single item and may be approved by a single motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Any single item removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of the Council, may be considered as a separate item.

- A. Approve meeting minutes of May 1, 2025
- B. Approve May 2025 Check Register
- C. Award Contract to VSS International, Inc. for a Chip Seal to Cattle Lane and West Willow Lane
- D. Award Contract for Freeman Park Walking Path pavement
- E. Award Contract to Western Grade LLC for Cessna Loop Road Improvements
- F. Approval of a Grant Application for Airport Runway and Taxiway Lighting Engineering.

**Motion made by Council Member Lynn Dewitt to approve the consent agenda A, B, C, D, E and F**  
**Second by Council Member April Williams**  
**Motion passed; Unanimous**

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Public Hearing: Zone Change Eggleston Request a Zone Change on Parcel #205-05- 120a #205-05- 120b & 205-05-120c located at 490 PEBBLE LANE. The request is to re-zone the property from AG-1 (Agricultural-1 acre minimum) to R-1 (Single Family -Residential minimum lot of 5,000 sq ft.)**

Mayor Shawn Palmer invited Tonya Eggleston to come up.

Eggleston requested a zoning change for parcel numbers 205-05-120B and additional designations (A, B, and C) located at 490 Pebble Lane. The proposed change is from Ag 1 (agricultural one acre minimum) to R1 (single-family residential) with a minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet. Explanation provided included a personal context: following the death of her parents, re-zoning was necessary to divide inherited trust land among siblings.

**No Action**

- 2. Consideration and Action Regarding Eggleston Zone Change on Parcel #205-05- 120a #205-05- 120b & 205-05-120c located at 490 PEBBLE LANE. The request is to re-zone the property from AG-1 (Agricultural-1 acre minimum) to R-1 (Single Family -Residential minimum lot of 5,000 sq ft.)**

Building official Josh McGinnis presented recommendations from the planning and zoning department, supporting the zoning change to R1

**Motion made by Council Member Sherry Cosper approve the Zone Change on Parcel #205-05- 120a #205-05- 120b & 205-05-120c located at 490 PEBBLE LANE. The request is to re-zone the property from AG-1 (Agricultural-1 acre minimum) to R-1 (Single Family -Residential minimum lot of 5,000 sq ft.)  
Second by Council Member Jason Brubaker  
Motion passed; Unanimous**

- 3. Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Budget  
Mayor Shawn Palmer invited the public to come and speak no public came up.**

**No Action**

- 4. Consideration and Action of Resolution R2025-07 Adoption of Final Budget  
Town Manager Gus Lundberg**

- The final budget was presented with total expenditures not to exceed \$21,828,296, effective July 1, 2025.

Historical context was provided comparing current expenditure levels (around \$10 or \$11 million annually) to earlier days when the town had a much smaller police force.

Anecdotes were shared about past policing, including the memory of home police officer Dennis Evers, and community relationships highlighting local pride in small-town governance. The budget covers operations including parks, streets, recreation, emergency services, water, and sewer. It was noted that the town operates with a relatively small budget per resident, and council members pride themselves on fiscal responsibility.

**Motion made by Council Member April Williams Adopt Resolution 2025-26 Final Budget  
Second by Council Member Bill Baldwin  
Motion passed; Unanimous**

- 5. Summary of Current Events:**

- Mayor Shawn Palmer-**

Memorial Day celebration, they presented a flag to veteran Floyd

Fuentes, who contributed significantly to the community. The ceremony included a flag Retiring, taps, and a rifle salute, it was small but meaningful turnout.

Upcoming 4th of July Celebration and Historical Remembrance

Thanked everyone for their prayers on behalf of him and his wife. She is home and well.

**Council Member Lynn Dewit-**

Comments on how much he appreciates small town government we all get along and happy to be here.

**Council Member April Williams-**

Appreciate how June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was handled

**Council Member Sherry Cospier Duke –**

Appreciated Memorial Day Weekend

**Vice Mayor Bill Baldwin-**

Attended RealAZ Board Meeting on May 8, which included a presentation by Dave Laney of Stantec on the Northern Arizona Pre-Reuse and Revitalization Program. The program, funded through a Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant by NACOG of the EPA, could potentially save up to \$40,000 on environmental assessments for qualifying properties, including municipal, corporate, and private sites. The program is available for properties with potential environmental hazards, such as old industrial sites, gas stations, and jailhouses.

Bill highlighted concerns over the treatment of council staff, particularly in interactions involving Bob Worsley, who has significantly contributed to regional forestry and local employment. Some attendees used inappropriate language and made accusations.

Bill feels the Planning and Zoning staff did a great job holding the meeting.

**Council Member Jason Brubaker-**

The Chamber's e-blasts and event information are available to the public, not just Chamber members, via the website. Chamber is a very active organization and a model of success, being the only chamber in the mountainous region to successfully navigate the challenges of COVID. It plays a pivotal role in the community by coordinating multiple town events such as parades, vendor line-ups, town lighting, and Christmas booths.

Members and residents were encouraged to contact the Chamber for up to date community events. Recognition was given to Charlotte for her extended service of 20 years in supporting these community functions.

**Town Manager Gus Lundberg-**

Provided a report on the Quilts of Valor program held on May 24th during Memorial Day weekend on Saturday. The program honored veterans, with Sarah Ramsey's son receiving a quilt as a token of appreciation. The quilts, hand-sewn by volunteer groups, quilts are presented to deserving individuals as a gesture of thanks, care, and welcome home.

To preserve the sacredness of Memorial Day—a day reserved for reflection and remembrance—the presentation was shifted from Monday (Memorial Day) to Saturday.

Next Council will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> although it's a holiday weekend staff agreed to continue with the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business Mayor Shawn Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm

***Certification of Minutes:***

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Taylor Town Council meeting held on the 5th day of June 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

*Marcie Pawlik*

