

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission was convened at 16705 E. Avenue of the Fountains in an open and public session at 4:00 PM

Members Present: Vice Chairman Geoff Yazzetta; Commissioner Bernie Hoenle; Commissioner Polly Bonnett; Commissioner Joseph Reyes

Members Absent: Chairman Patrick Garman; Commissioner Randy Crader

Staff Present: Deputy Town Manager David Trimble; Deputy Town Clerk Angela Padgett-Espiritu



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YAZZETTA: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. I'll call to order the February 25th Strategic Planning Advisory Commission. Rules and procedures for all council sessions and Commission sessions have changed, so just follow along. We'll walk through this one item at a time. We will now be beginning meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. So I would ask everyone to rise, please, and face the flag, which is over there to the right. One second. We'll wait for Joe. Come on, Joe.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

YAZZETTA: Thank you everyone. And if you choose, please remain standing for a brief moment of silence. Thank you.

Town Clerk, may I have a roll call, please?

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Sure. Chair Garman is unable to be with us today. Vice Chair Yazzetta.

YAZZETTA: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Crader, I believe, is unable to be with us today. Commissioner Reyes.

REYES: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Bonnett.

BONNETT: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Hoenle.

HOENLE: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Smith.

SMITH: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: We have a quorum.

YAZZETTA: Thank you. The statement of participation, item number 4, does not need to be read aloud, but if anyone were here and was curious about how to participate, that would be -- I believe that's supposed to be up on the screen, too, right? But in any event, no one is here today, so we'll move on to item number 5, a summary of current events by director. And I'm going to look over to my right and Deputy Town Manager

Dave, do you have anything for us?

TRIMBLE: Not a whole lot. The town kind of kicked off budget season yesterday with a work session. We had a budget retreat. Lasted most of the day. It's online, if anybody wants to see anything, but -- then we'll start into the rest of the budget season from there, so that's about it.

YAZZETTA: Thank you very much. We have no proclamations, awards or recognitions. We have no presentations, which brings us down to item 8, which is our consent agenda. So previously, we would have a separate standalone agenda item to approve the minutes. This has been moved into the consent agenda, which is new for our commission, but may I have a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 28th meeting?

BONNETT: I move to approve.

REYES: Second.

YAZZETTA: Town Clerk, may I have a or -- I guess all in favor?

ALL: Aye.

YAZZETTA: I'm sorry. I'm used to doing roll call for council sessions, but we can just do unanimous, right --

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Yes.

YAZZETTA: -- or all at once? Okay. Excellent.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Yes, for this, you can.

YAZZETTA: Very well. Moving on to the regular agenda, and this is going to be a pretty short meeting. We do not have a presentation from one of the town's directors today, so this is going to be discussion and planning for the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission guided workshops. So we will be hosting one of the outreach sessions that will be Saturday, April 4th at the Community Center. I will work with town clerk to distribute information to all of you about that. And I will also work with Mike Pelton, who's the town community -- I'm sorry, the communications director to get the word out to the community. This will be the third year in a row that we are holding outreach workshops at the community center. And we have had pretty good attendance

throughout. And this year, we're going to be drilling down to the specific tasks, so that's the ground level for the upcoming iteration of the plan that we've all been working on this whole time. So stay tuned for more information about that. And then I will be working closely with Bernie and getting time at -- what is the name of the meeting room at the school district?

HOENLE: That's the Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center.

YAZZETTA: The learning center. Okay. We will have a second session. Instead of having two at the community center, we're going to have one at the community center and one at the learning center, hopefully, to capture, you know, a different audience that we have been getting previously, so more to come on that specific topic. So those are the workshops. Let's see here. The next is update from a commission working groups. No updates to speak of at the moment. And then discussion and possible action consideration of future agenda items pertaining to the strategic plan. Does anyone have anything to suggest? Patrick usually ask for suggestions, but I don't have any. Does anyone have anything they'd like to offer at the moment? Hearing none. Okay. We'll move on to item number 10, which is called to the public. Town Clerk, do we have any speaker cards?

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: No, we do not.

YAZZETTA: Thank you very much. Item 11, Commission discussion and direction to the director. Does anyone have any suggestions to share with our deputy town manager or town manager? Hearing none, we'll move on to future agenda items. That is -- Angela, help me out here. How does that differ from 11?

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: This is a separate item and that -- this is where it requires. This would be future agenda items possibly not related in your case to the strategic plan, but two other items. And also you have to have two people and then we'll add that to the, the following meeting. So let's say, for instance, you want to discuss you wanted somebody from on the coalition. Right. You would bring that up and you have two more commissioners agree to it --

YAZZETTA: Um-hum.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: -- and then we will have that on the next meeting.

YAZZETTA: Thank you for clarifying.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Yep.

YAZZETTA: Okay. Very well. That moves us to item number 13, adjournment. May I have a motion to adjourn, please?

HOENLE: I'll make the motion, we adjourn.

YAZZETTA: Second, please.

BONNETT: I'll second.

YAZZETTA: Thank you.

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

YAZZETTA: We're adjourned.

HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS VICE CHAIRMAN GEOFF YAZZETTA ADJOURNED THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION HELD ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT 4:06 P.M.

APPROVED:

PATRICK GARMAN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ANGELA PADGETT-ESPIRITU, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
THE MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF
FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE
MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

ANGELA PADGETT-ESPIRITU, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK