

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HOME RULE PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
SCHIEFFELIN HALL  
(CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Dustin Escapule called the Special Council Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Dustin Escapule led the Common Council and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Colin Regan	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Barlow	Absent
Councilmember Matt Faulk	Present
Councilmember Jim Newbauer	Present
Mayor Dustin Escapule	Present

Also, in attendance: Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk  
Shelly Kazda, Deputy City Clerk  
Ann Roberts, City Attorney

- IV. **PUBLIC HEARING – The City of Tombstone intends to discuss, review, and gather public input on the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option)**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Faulk, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to move meeting into public hearing.

**DISCUSSION:** None  
**VOTE:** 4/1/0  
**MOTION:** Carried

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*City Attorney Roberts:* This is going to be the first of our public hearings on the Home Rule Option that is the Alternative Expenditure Limitation issue that we go through every four years. The voters have been voting on it in Tombstone since 1985. It is passed every four years. What it does is it allows you as the council to set your expenditure ceiling or limitation based on how you determine you want to spend your revenues, and you can spend all of the revenues that come in. For instance, and I'm just going to use round figures, if we were limited to the state debt ceiling in the fiscal year 2025-26, which is when this will go, it will be 25-26, 26-27, 27-28 through 29. Right now, we have a proposed budget, let's just say 12 million, if the home rule or the state imposed ceiling limit was in place, we would only be able to expend somewhere around 8 million, which means you're going to have to cut somewhere, which means it's probably going to be capital projects, fire, or safety, because those are the areas that we have to spend a lot of money on. You have a lot of good services for seniors and stuff that most cities don't provide. If this proposition doesn't pass on the general election in November, then a lot of those services will have to be eliminated for at least the fiscal year 25-26 and 26-27. You can only present to the voters every two years and we couldn't even consider it again until 2026. You can spend up to what your limit was until it was actually passed. And then once it was passed, if it was passed in that year, then you could change to your new limitations. It's kind of important that the council is

able to set their limits on what they want for expenditures based on the revenues coming in.

*Mayor Escapule:* Thank you. Anybody have any questions?

*Margie Lane asks off microphone if the Home Rule Option will be on November's ballot.*

*City Attorney Roberts:* Yes, it will be on the November ballot, and there will be a big publicity pamphlet, too, that explains everything and gives proposed budgets and expenditures for the next four years. It can't be more than 30 days, so it'll be around the first part of October. It'll get sent to each household with a voter in Tombstone.

## V. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Faulk to close public hearing.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 4/1/0

**MOTION:** Carried

## VI. BUDGET WORK SESSION – Presentation of Revised Draft for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

**MOTION** by Councilmember Faulk, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to open budget work session.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 4/1/0

**MOTION:** Carried

### BUDGET WORK SESSION

*City Clerk Presti:* Mayor and council, first, I wanted to say thanks my deputy clerk, Shelly, for working so hard on this budget. As you know, the last special meeting, we were pretty much thrown the budget at us, and we are fixing it into a new format, which Shelly has done, where it's easier to read.

*Councilmember Regan:* Thank you.

*City Clerk Presti:* We have also made the corrections that we had talked about at the last session. If you look on the first page of your summary of the proposed budget draft of the general, you'll see some red numbers there, those are the numbers that we took out of those departments that weren't being expensed. The cemetery fund, we took out \$13,600 because originally there was 19,000 that was not being expensed, and we moved it to other areas in the budget. We are fully balanced, and I will turn it over to Shelly to let you know some of the changes that she has made on the draft.

*Deputy Clerk Kazda:* We have a balanced budget, like Carissa said, there is still a lot of work to do, especially throughout the year, to keep our departments accountable and try and keep the expenditures going down. We went off of what we had from data and what we had for the initial budget and cleaned it up. I do not have the grants in your drafts done yet. Those don't affect the dollar amounts that the city has to put in. Those are non-matching. I will have those ready by the tentative budget next week. There are a few things once we get the insurance people in this week. We have insurance tied to every person, and we don't need to have that. That's some expenditures that we can remove and I may bring that dollar amount down before our next meeting. I just worked hard to get it to where it's at, and we're balanced. Any questions?

*Mayor Escapule:* Anybody have any questions?



Councilmember Regan: No, sir.

*Councilmember Faulk:* The questions I had before, some of those aren't going to be valid because of those columns being wrong. Did you have anything prepared for that or.

*Deputy Clerk Kazda:* I do not. I kind of looked them over today, and I thought a lot of them were answered by rearranging the columns. After you had a chance to look at this draft budget, you could revisit your questions and then try and get those answered. If you want to come to me with those, questions that you still have, after reviewing that

*Councilmember Faulk:* Next week, we vote on the budget. Right?

*Deputy Clerk Kazda:* Next week will be another work session, so to speak, before council, if there's any other final questions. But we'll have a balanced budget to go to council that night for a tentative adoption, which sets the limit, and we cannot change the limit higher, but we can still make changes and go lower before the final approval in July.

*Councilmember Faulk:* And there's not any rush to discuss that tonight. We can discuss that next week. Does that make sense? Or. We have plenty of time next week.

*Deputy Clerk Kazda:* To answer your questions?

*Councilmember Faulk:* Yes.

*Deputy Clerk Kazda:* Yes.

*Councilmember Faulk:* That's probably smarter, since this is just fresh to look at next week or this week in between.

## VII. CLOSE BUDGET WORK SESSION AND RECONVENE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Regan to Close Budget Work Session and move into Special Council Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 4/1/0

**MOTION:** Carried

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

**A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Application for Bingo License for Tombstone Food Bank to be conducted at Oriental Saloon, 500 E Allen Street, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM to 12 PM.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Faulk, **SECOND** by Councilmember Regan to approve Application for Bingo License for Tombstone Food Bank to be conducted at Oriental Saloon, 500 E Allen Street, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM to 12 PM.

**DISCUSSION:**

Secretary Osgood: Mayor, they came in and made an adjustment to the application late yesterday. They are actually requesting the times to be from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Escapule: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.?

Secretary Osgood: Correct.

Mayor Escapule: Okay, do we need to make an amendment to that or just make a note on the. I think it's so.

City Attorney makes comment off microphone.

Mayor Escapule: All right, I'm going to ask for a motion to amend the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to amend the motion of bingo application for hours to be from 10:00 AM to 10:00PM.

**VOTE:** 4/1/0

**MOTION:** Carried

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Regan	Yes
	Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow	Absent
	Councilmember Faulk	Yes
	Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
	Mayor Escapule	Yes

**MOTION:** Carried

- B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Application for Bingo License for Tombstone Food Bank to be conducted at Oriental Saloon, 500 E Allen Street, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM to 12 PM.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Faulk to approve Application for Bingo License for Tombstone Food Bank to be conducted at Oriental Saloon, 500 E Allen Street, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM to 12 PM.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Regan: Are they both doing on the same day? They both say Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

City Attorney Roberts: Speaks off microphone.

Councilmember Faulk: Yeah. That typo, I think, is on the agenda, not on the application. The typo on the application was just the times, because one of those is Monday, Wednesday, or no Sunday.

City Attorney Roberts: If you go to the last page of the application, the Small Animal Shelter, is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10:00 a.m. To 12:00 p.m. which we're modifying that to 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. And then the Food Bank was for Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, they get four days, but we're going to modify that as they also had from 10 AM to 12:00 PM which would only be 2 hours to and we're changing it to 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on both of those.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Faulk to amend the motion of bingo application for hours to be from 10:00 AM to 10:00PM.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Regan	Yes
	Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow	Absent
	Councilmember Faulk	Yes
	Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
	Mayor Escapule	Yes

**MOTION:** Carried

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to approve amended bingo application for hours to be from 10:00 AM to 10:00PM.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Regan	Yes
	Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow	Absent
	Councilmember Faulk	Yes
	Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
	Mayor Escapule	Yes

**MOTION:** Carried

**IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer, to adjourn The Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

  
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Dustin Escapule, Mayor

  
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Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk