

AGENDA

AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026, AT 5:30 PM IN THE CITY OF BISBEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 ARIZONA STREET, BISBEE, ARIZONA.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY _____ AT _____.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Karen Schumacher, Ward I
Councilmember Pete Skinner, Ward II
Councilmember Trish Damon, Ward III
Mayor Ken Budge
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore
Councilmember Mel Sowid, Ward II
Councilmember VACANT, Ward I

STAFF

Ashlee Coronado, Interim City Manager / 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 ITEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THESE MEETINGS:

1. Public Hearing to consider submitting a proposal to the Voters to Authorize City expenditures in Excess of the Limitations of Article IX, Section 20 of the Arizona Constitution (Home Rule Option).
Ashlee Coronado, Interim City Manager / City Clerk
2. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution R-26-19 proposing an extension of the alternative expenditure limitation and authorizing the submittal of the proposition to the electorate at the election to be held on November 3, 2026.
Ashlee Coronado, Interim City Manager / City Clerk
3. Interviews by the Mayor and Council of the Candidates for the Vacant Ward I Council Seat.
Ken Budge, Mayor
 - Cooper Raphael
 - Cesilia C. Garcia

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03. (A) (1) for discussion or consultation with the City Attorney for Legal Advice to the Council concerning applications for appointment to the vacant Council seat.

Per ARS § 38-431.03(a)(1), the City Council may vote to go into executive session for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of any public body.

Ken Budge, Mayor

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Appointment of the Council Member for the Vacant Ward I Council Seat.

Ken Budge, Mayor

ADJOURNMENT:

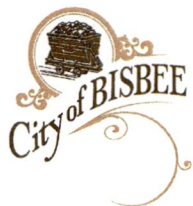
Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H), The public will have physical access to Council Chambers 20 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin.

Individuals with hearing disabilities can contact the City Clerk's Office (520) 432-6012 to request an Assisted Listening Device, at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Anyone needing special accommodation to attend this meeting should contact Ashlee Coronado at (520) 432-6012 at least twenty-four hours before the meeting.

Public documents referred to herein may be viewed during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office at 118 Arizona St, Bisbee.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Council may vote to enter executive session at any point during this meeting for discussion or consultation for legal advice with its attorney(s), who may appear telephonically.

**REQUEST FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL ACTION****Session of: June 16, 2026**☐ Regular ☒ Special**DATE ACTION SUBMITTED:** June 9, 2026**REGULAR** ☒**CONSENT** ☐**TYPE OF ACTION:****RESOLUTION** ☐**ORDINANCE** ☐**FORMAL ACTION** ☐**OTHER** ☒**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing to Consider Submitting a Proposal to the Voters to Authorize City Expenditures in Excess of the Limitations of Article IX, Section 20 of the Arizona Constitution (Home Rule Option).**FROM:** Ashlee Coronado, Interim City Manager**RECOMMENDATION:** Call for the Public Hearing**PROPOSED MOTION:** Open the Public Hearing for Public Comment

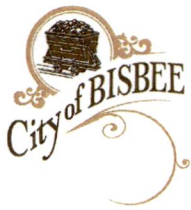
DISCUSSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-563.01, the City of Bisbee is required to hold two public hearings prior to proposing an alternative expenditure limitation for consideration by the electors. This is the second hearing. The City may propose the adoption of an alternative expenditure limit, the "home rule" option. The final limitations that would be proposed in absence of the approval of this home rule option will be determined by the Auditor General's Office, prior to that election. The current estimate is that in absence of the approval of this alternative expenditure limitation, the City's total budget for all expenses, from all sources of revenue, would be limited to approximately one quarter of the present budget. There would be very little capacity for any expenditure other than the repayment of existing debt and the existing public safety pension obligations.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A**DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM ACCOUNT:** N/A**BALANCE IN LINE ITEM IF APPROVED:** N/A**Prepared by:**

Nina Williams
Nina Williams,
Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Ashlee Coronado
Ashlee Coronado, Interim
City Manager / City Clerk

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DISCUSSION: This Resolution will approve the submittal of the "Home Rule" optional expenditure limitation to the electorate for their consideration at the election to be held on November 3, 2026. The proposed alternative is what is designated as the Home Rule Option under which the expenditure limit for each year would be established as the same amount as authorized for expenditures in the approved budget. In the absence of this alternative limitation, the required limit on expenses would be an amount that would not be sufficient to fund most of the necessary city services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$5,000 (cost of adding this proposition to the election)**DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM ACCOUNT:** 10-53-46531**BALANCE IN LINE ITEM IF APPROVED:** (next fiscal year expense)**Prepared by:**

Nina Williams
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Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Ashlee Coronado
Ashlee Coronado, Interim
City Manager / City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, ARIZONA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 20, SUBSECTION 9 OF THE ARIZONA CONSTITUTION, ORDERING AND CALLING AN ELECTION TO PROPOSE AN EXTENSION OF THE ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; DIRECTING PUBLICATIONS AND NOTICES AS REQUIRED BY LAW; SETTING FORTH THE INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THE FILING DEADLINE AND COST OF ARGUMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS; SETTING FORTH THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND EARLY VOTING; DESIGNATING THE ELECTION FORMAT; SETTING FORTH THE CANVASS DEADLINE AND POST-ELECTION NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bisbee is subject to State-imposed expenditure limitation which is based on local revenues for the City for fiscal year 1979-1980 and is calculated based on population projections provided by the Demographer's Office in the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 20, subsection 9 of the Arizona State Constitution permits the submission to the voters of the City of Bisbee of an alternative expenditure limitation (Home Rule Option) that allows the City Council to set the expenditure limitation based on expected revenues for the budget year; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Bisbee in 2022 adopted an alternative expenditure limitation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Bisbee after two public hearings has determined by two-thirds vote that an extension of the alternative expenditure limitation is necessary for the City of Bisbee for the next four fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Bisbee believes that the following referral, as shown on the form of ballot as shown on Exhibit A, should be submitted to the qualified electors of the City at the general election held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Pursuant to Article IX, Section 20, subsection 9 of the Arizona State Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 16-204 and 16-211, an election in the City is hereby ordered and called to be held on November 3, 2026 ("Election"), to submit to the qualified

electors of the City the question of the alternative expenditure limitation in the form of ballot, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

Section 3. Publications. The City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare and distribute any required publications as required by law and provide any notices as necessary to comply with all applicable laws.

Section 4. Informational (Publicity) Pamphlet.

- (A) The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause the preparation and distribution of the Informational Pamphlet, and the City officers are hereby authorized to prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, to the City Clerk the information necessary or appropriate for completing the Informational Pamphlet.
- (B) The Informational Pamphlet shall include the Summary Analysis pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-563.03(C) and the purpose(s) for which the additional expenditures will be used if the alternative expenditure limitation is approved by the voters.
- (C) The City Clerk is hereby authorized to request arguments “for” and “against” the alternative expenditure limitation by posting the information in this Section on the City website.
- (D) Pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-141(C), the City hereby sets the deadline to submit arguments “for” and “against” the alternative expenditure limitation by 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2026.
- (E) Each argument “for” and “against” the alternative expenditure limitation shall be submitted in person at Bisbee City Hall located at 118 Arizona Street, Bisbee, AZ 85603. Each argument must also be submitted electronically to the City Clerk at submissions@bisbeeaz.gov. Each argument must include a sworn statement from the person sponsoring the argument; for organizations submitting arguments, the sworn statement must be from two executive officers; and for political action committees submitting arguments, the sworn statement must be from the committee’s chairman or treasurer. Persons signing the argument shall identify themselves by giving the City Clerk their residence address and telephone number; only the person’s name and city or town and state of residence shall appear in the pamphlet.
- (F) Arguments are limited to 300 words in length. With each argument supporting or opposing the alternative expenditure limitation, the sum of one hundred dollars and no/100 (\$100.00) shall be deposited with the City to offset a portion of the proportionate cost of paper and printing the argument in the Informational Pamphlet.

Section 5. Conduct of Election; Contracts; Expenditures.

- (A) The Election will be conducted in the manner provided by law, and the poll lists kept, and the votes cast thereat will be counted and tabulated, and the returns thereof will be made in the manner provided by law and only persons who are qualified electors of the City will vote at the City Election.
- (B) The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause ballots to be printed and delivered to the election boards to be furnished to the qualified electors eligible to vote at the Election. The Election may be conducted using either electromechanical or electronic vote recording and ballot counting equipment or paper ballots, as shall be determined to be in the best interests of the City by the Cochise County Elections Department and the Mayor and the City Clerk or either of them. The Mayor and the City Clerk, or either of them, are each hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Cochise County Recorder to obtain precinct registers for the Election and to enter into an agreement with the Cochise County Elections Department to conduct the Election for the City.
- (C) The City Council hereby authorizes all expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the Election, which expenses shall be paid from current operating funds of the City. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to facilitate the Election.

Section 6. Deadline for Voter Registration and Early Voting Dates. A voter for the General Election must be a qualified elector of the City. Cochise County registration and voting lists will be used for Election. To be qualified to vote in the Election, a City resident must be registered by vote by midnight on Monday, October 5, 2026. Absentee/early voting with respect to the Election will be permitted in accordance with the provisions of A.R.S. Title 16, chapter 4, article 8.

Section 7. Designating Election Format. The General Election may be consolidated with any other election conducted in the City on November 3, 2026. Ballots shall be counted by the voting system in use by the Cochise County Elections Department for the recordation of the electors' choices as authorized by Arizona law.

Section 8. Canvass of Election; Submission to Governor. The election officials will forward the votes cast to the City Council for canvassing. The City Council will meet within 20 days after the Election to canvass the returns of the Election and to certify the result, as provided by Arizona law.

Section 9. Post-Election Notification. Immediately following the canvass by the City Council, the City Manager or designee is authorized and directed to inform the Auditor General and Economic Estimates Commission of the Election results.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or phrase shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that the City would have adopted this resolution and each and every other section, paragraph, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase hereof and authorized and approved the actions of the City pertaining to the Election pursuant hereto irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, paragraphs, subdivisions, sentences, clauses or phrases of this resolution may be held illegal, invalid or unenforceable.

Section 11. The appropriate officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution and to submit the foregoing question to the voters as required by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Council of the City of Bisbee, Arizona, this 16th day of June, 2026.

Ken Budge, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

Joseph D. Estes, City Attorney

Exhibit A: Form of Official Ballot

EXHIBIT A
FORM OF OFFICIAL BALLOT

**CITY OF BISBEE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

PROPOSITION 400

**A PROPOSAL REFERRED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE RELATING TO AN ALTERNATIVE
EXPENDITURE LIMITATION**

OFFICIAL TITLE: A resolution proposing an extension of the alternative expenditure limitation for the City of Bisbee.

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: This proposal replaces the state-imposed expenditure limitation by establishing an alternative expenditure limitation for the City of Bisbee for four years. Annually, the City Council will determine the amount of the alternative expenditure limitation for the fiscal year after a public hearing.

**SHALL THE CITY OF BISBEE, ARIZONA EXTEND AN ALTERNATIVE
EXPENDITURE LIMITATION BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2027?**

A “YES” vote shall have the effect of requiring the City of Bisbee to annually adopt an alternative expenditure limitation based on budgeted expenditures/expenses for each of the four fiscal years beginning in fiscal year 2026- 2027; and prohibiting expenditures in violation of such limitation or in excess of estimated available revenues unless Council declares an emergency by a three-fourths vote for that fiscal year.

A “NO” vote shall have the effect of not allowing the City of Bisbee to extend the alternative expenditure limitation and to require expenditures of the City to be limited by the State-imposed expenditure limitation.

YES

NO

TAGLINE TEXT:

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A “**NO**” vote shall have the effect of not allowing the City of Bisbee to extend the alternative expenditure limitation and to require expenditures of the City to be limited by the State-imposed expenditure limitation.

YES

NO

ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The voters of the City of Bisbee 2022 adopted an Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule Option. The purpose of this election is for the continued use of the Home Rule Option.

Pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution, the City/Town of Bisbee seeks voter approval to adopt an Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule Option for determining the expenditure limitation of the city/town for the next four years beginning in Fiscal Year 2027-2028. Under the Home Rule Option, if approved by the voters, the city/town estimates it will be allowed to expend approximately \$41,880,397 in Fiscal Year 2028, \$39,504,938 in Fiscal Year 2029, \$40,169,550 in Fiscal Year 2030, and \$39,060,945 in Fiscal Year 2031.

With approval of the Home Rule Option, the city/town will utilize the expenditure authority for all local budgetary purposes including general government, economic development, culture & recreation, public works and public safety.

Under the State-imposed limitation the city/town estimates it would be allowed to expend approximately \$20,217,960 in Fiscal Year 2028, \$18,679,932 in Fiscal Year 2029, \$17,456,813 in Fiscal Year 2030, and \$14,682,110 in Fiscal Year 2031 for the operation of your local government. These expenditure estimates include expenditures of any Constitutionally excludable revenues.

The amount of revenue estimated to be available to fund the operation of your city/town government is \$41,880,397 in Fiscal Year 2028, \$39,504,938 in Fiscal Year 2029, \$40,169,550 in Fiscal Year 2030, and \$39,060,945 in Fiscal Year 2031. These revenue estimates are the same under either the Home Rule Option or the State-imposed expenditure limitation. The city/town primary property tax shall continue to be limited to the amount prescribed in the Arizona State Constitution.

All dollar amounts presented in this summary are estimates based upon the information available when the analysis was prepared. The budget and actual expenditures in any year may be more or less than the expenditures noted above, depending on available revenues.

If no Alternative Expenditure Limitation is approved by a majority of the qualified electors, the State-imposed expenditure limitation prescribed by Article IX, Section 20, Constitution of Arizona, shall apply to the city/town.

ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution, the City of Bisbee, as authorized by Resolution #R-26-19 passed on June 16, 2026, will seek voter approval to adopt an Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule Option for determining the expenditure limitation of the city/town for the next four fiscal years beginning in Fiscal Year 2028.

Under the Home Rule Option, if approved by the voters, the city/town estimates it will be authorized to expend approximately \$41,880,397 in Fiscal Year 2028, \$39,504,938 in Fiscal Year 2029, \$40,169,550 in Fiscal Year 2030, and \$39,060,945 in Fiscal Year 2031.

With approval of the Home Rule Option, the city/town will utilize the additional expenditure authority for all local budgetary purposes including general government, economic development, culture & recreation, public works and public safety. The city/town estimates the expenditures for the next four years under the Home Rule Option will be as follows:

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO BE EXPENDED IN SPECIFIC AREAS

Purpose	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
General Government	1,899,552	1,947,040	1,995,716	2,045,609
Economic Development	2,915,246	2,988,127	3,062,830	3,139,401
Culture & Recreation	6,608,675	6,773,892	6,943,239	7,116,820
Public Works	23,505,773	20,670,949	20,864,711	19,273,485
Public Safety	6,951,151	7,124,930	7,303,053	7,485,630
Total Expenditures	41,880,397	39,504,938	40,169,550	39,060,945

If approved, the authorized expenditures will be funded from revenues obtained from Federal, State, and local sources. It is estimated that the amount of revenue from each source for the next four years will be as follows:

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF REVENUE FROM EACH AND ANY SOURCE

Source	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Federal	12,947,277	9,848,490	9,771,691	7,903,139
State	11,616,010	11,906,411	12,204,071	12,509,173
Local	17,317,110	17,750,037	18,193,788	18,648,633
Total Revenues	41,880,397	39,504,938	40,169,550	39,060,945

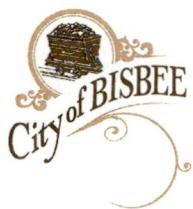
**ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION
HOME RULE OPTION
SUMMARY ANALYSIS WORKSHEET**

POPULATION FACTOR COMPUTATION

Fiscal Year	Prior Fiscal Year Population	÷	1978 Population	=	Population Factor
2028	4,984	÷	6,860	=	0.7265
2029	4,960	÷	6,860	=	0.7230
2030	4,933	÷	6,860	=	0.7191
2031	4,904	÷	6,860	=	0.7149

STATE-IMPOSED EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

Fiscal Year	1979-80 Base Limit	x	Population Factor	x	Inflation Factor	=	Projected State-Imposed Expenditure Limitation	+	Estimated Exclusions	=	Total Expenditures Under State-Imposed Limit
2028	\$1,625,337	x	0.7265	x	3.9786	=	\$4,697,960	+	\$15,520,000	=	\$20,217,960
2029	\$1,625,337	x	0.7230	x	4.0801	=	\$4,794,602	+	\$13,885,330	=	\$18,679,932
2030	\$1,625,337	x	0.7191	x	4.1639	=	\$4,866,682	+	\$12,590,131	=	\$17,456,813
2031	\$1,625,337	x	0.7149	x	4.2329	=	\$4,918,433	+	\$9,763,677	=	\$14,682,110

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DISCUSSION:

The candidates that will be interviewed for the vacant Ward I position are as follows:

- Cooper Raphael
- Cesilia C. Garcia

FISCAL IMPACT: NA**DEPARTMENT LINE-ITEM ACCOUNT:** NA**BALANCE IN LINE ITEM IF APPROVED:** NA**Prepared by:**

Nina Williams
Nina Williams,
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Reviewed by:

Ashlee Coronado
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To the Bisbee City Council,

I am submitting this letter of interest to be appointed to the council for the remainder of the term vacated by Lori Reynolds.

I've lived in Bisbee's Ward 1 for the past 11 years. Before moving here I traveled the country for four years alone living in a motorhome. Previously, I lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for 35 years. While there I was married, raised 2 sons and created and ran 2 small businesses.

Volunteering from a young age has always played a significant role in my life. When I started a family, much of it took place at the different schools my sons attended. I also worked for the Marin Family Service Agency in the Parent Volunteer Program. There we coordinated efforts with the various agencies involved in supporting young immigrant families and others get the help they needed to create a healthy and successful family.

I arrived in Bisbee on November 1 and that Thanksgiving weekend I was a volunteer docent for the Home Tour. I've continued that role many times as well as being a docent for the garden tour and being a garden on the tour. I helped with the Chocolate Tasting fundraiser many years and donated many pieces of my own art to a variety of fundraising auctions.

I became one of the first volunteers when Old Bisbee Firewise was started and have been the coordinator of Bisbee Firewise since 2020.

I've recently been serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Design Review Board. I mention all of these volunteer activities because I have always strongly felt that rolling up your sleeves and pitching in when there is a need is almost a requirement for being a decent citizen and neighbor. Because Bisbee is a small city there are many ways residents can help and have the experience of getting up close and personal to the ways a functioning and successful society works. I consider it a privilege to contribute. The education I've received through these various lifelong efforts has been invaluable.

A few years ago when the Ward 1 seat was up for new candidates I was approached by a council member to apply. I didn't feel ready at the time but I do now. I know more about how government and the citizens here interact and depend on each other and I can see that my experience would be an asset.

I am an independent thinker. I read constantly and take information from many sources to understand a particular problem or idea. Something in Bisbee's politics lately has taken on a "them vs us" feeling. I am neither them or us and I hope to bring a more neutral and maybe nuanced view to discussions and decisions on the city council.

I appreciate you considering me for this position.

Cooper Raphael



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Cesilia C. Garcia



26 May 2026

Ashlee Cornado, Bisbee City Clerk
118 Arizona Street
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Letter of Interest for Ward I Council - City of Bisbee

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my interest in the Ward I City Council vacancy for the City of Bisbee. As someone who has been actively involved in the community and who has called Bisbee home my entire life, I would be honored to serve the residents of Ward I.

I am a third-generation Bisbee resident. At 24 years old, I have earned bachelor's degrees in Political Science, with an emphasis in Law and Public Policy, and History from the University of Arizona, as well as a master's degree in Education. My education has provided me with the skills necessary to analyze complex issues, understand legal and policy documents, and evaluate the potential impacts of public decisions.

In addition to my academic background, I have dedicated much of my life to community service. I have worked at the Boys & Girls Club in both Bisbee and Tucson, served meals to those in need through St. Patrick Parish's Youth Crew, and conducted historical research through my work on the political internment camp research project. I currently serve as Program Associate for Naco Heritage Alliance, where I help preserve and share the stories, history, and culture of our border region. Through this work, I have gained a deeper understanding of Bisbee's past, its evolution over time, and the opportunities and challenges that will shape its future.

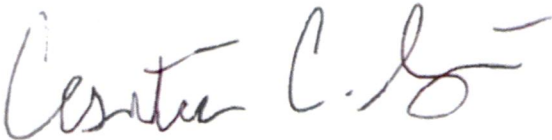
I am passionate about Bisbee's potential for growth and prosperity. I want to see our community create opportunities that allow families to build their futures in Bisbee without feeling the need to leave in search of employment or economic stability. Having attended Bisbee schools from headstart through twelfth grade, I have experienced our community through many stages of life. These experiences have shaped my understanding of the needs of residents at every stage: from providing enriching educational and recreational opportunities for children, to supporting educational and career pathways for teenagers and young adults, and ensuring families have the resources and opportunities they need to build successful lives here in Bisbee.

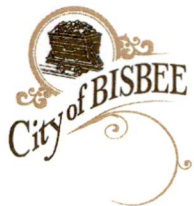
If appointed, I would work to build upon Bisbee's strengths while supporting economic opportunity, local businesses, family-friendly policies, and transportation improvements. I would approach the position with professionalism, transparency, and a commitment to listening to and representing the residents of Ward I.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and vision for Bisbee during the interview process. I appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to the possibility of serving our community on the Bisbee City Council.

Sincerely,

Cesilia C. Garcia

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cesilia C. Garcia', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Approval of a Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss and Consider the Appointment of a Council Member for the Vacant Ward I Council Position as Authorized by § ARS 38-431.03, (A)(1).

FROM: Ken Budge, Mayor**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Motion

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to go into Executive Session to Discuss and Consider the appointment of a Council Member for the vacant Ward I Council position as authorized by ARS § 38-431.03(a)(1)

DISCUSSION:

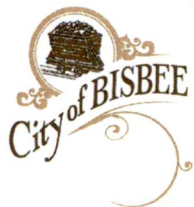
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**REQUEST FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL ACTION**Session of: **June 16, 2026**☐ Regular ☒ Special**DATE ACTION SUBMITTED:** June 9, 2026**REGULAR** ☒**CONSENT** ☐**TYPE OF ACTION:****RESOLUTION** ☐**ORDINANCE** ☐**FORMAL ACTION** ☒**OTHER** ☐**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the Appointment of the Council Member for the Vacant Ward I Council Position.**FROM:** Ken Budge, Mayor**RECOMMENDATION:** NA**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to Approve the appointment of _____ as Council Member for the vacant Ward I position.**DISCUSSION:****FISCAL IMPACT:****DEPARTMENT LINE-ITEM ACCOUNT:****BALANCE IN LINE ITEM IF APPROVED:****Prepared by:**Nina Williams
Nina Williams,
Deputy City Clerk**Reviewed by:**Ashlee Coronado
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