

Transparency in Local Government



How are Decisions Made in Bisbee?

IN PUBLIC

COUNCIL = Direction

Law, Codes, Policies
Entitlements, Licenses
Budgets, Purchases
Personnel Policy
Compliance w State & Fed

STAFF = Action

Paperwork/Documentation
Ministerial (Wrote Tasks)
Field Actions/Project Execution
Technical Inspections/Analysis
Professional Recordkeeping

What Processes Are Public? – Council, Commissions, Committees

ALL Except SOME PARTS of HR*

** Some items aren't public immediately, like strategy in ongoing lawsuits, competitive bidding & contract negotiations...**but eventually those documents become public too.***

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How is Decision Making Transparent in Bisbee?

COUNCIL = Determines Direction

Makes ALL DECISIONS IN PUBLIC

- Many include Public Noticing
 - Many Require Public Hearings
 - Many Require Multiple Meetings
- ALL Docs are Public Record

STAFF = Takes Action

Action Directed by Council Policy
Documents All Work
All Docs are Public Record

TRANSPARENCY IS...

Access to decision making process
Input into decision making process
Access to elected officials
Freedom to request info
Access to the info

TRANSPARENCY IS NOT...

Closed Meetings
Predetermined Outcomes
Elite Decision making
A Closed System

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Transparency DOES NOT MEAN...

That you (or the public) know absolutely all of the answers and possible contingencies about something before a decision is made,

or

That your government has created an exhaustive analysis about all the possible issues any person might consider important about a decision being made.

Transparency means that the local government decision making process is accessible to the public, participative, and that documentation capturing the decision making process and issues at hand are retained and available to the public if requested.

How do I access my transparent government in Bisbee?



Links on Websites (Contact, Staff, Electeds, Emails)

www.bisbeeaz.gov

Call the General City Hall Number 520-432-6000

Call Any Elected Official or Staff Member

Request information through FOIA (Public Records Request) w City Clerk

Robert E Smith	City Manager	520-353-5010	rsmith@bisbeeaz.gov
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