

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, AT 6:00 PM IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 181 NORTH 9TH STREET, SHOW LOW, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Leech called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Leech, Vice Mayor Kakavas (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Councilman Adams, Councilman Clark (arrived 6:08 p.m.), Councilman Judd, and Councilman Whipple.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Hatch.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Morgan Brown, City Manager; Anna Atencio, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Bill Kopp, Public Works Director; Mike Mariscal, Community Services Director; Shane Hemesath, City Engineer; Rick Austin, Public Works Operations Manager; and Rachael Hall, City Clerk.

GUESTS: None.

3. Discussion of Downtown Parking.

Mr. Brown said the City currently had projects that were being worked on that would add more parking in the Downtown area. He said there were currently no parking regulations or restrictions. He said the lack of consistent regulations resulted in complaints, such as the previous UPS parking issue. Proposed requirements included two-hour parking (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) for business areas to encourage turnover, with overnight parking allowed in certain areas to accommodate residents. Specific problem areas, such as in front of City Hall and the library, were targeted for 'no overnight parking' to prevent people from camping in vehicles and misusing free internet access. He said staff was seeking the City Council's recommendations for parking restrictions and an overall plan for the Downtown Area.

Mr. Kopp presented a detailed map outlining the proposed parking signage: two-hour parking signs, no overnight parking, and no parking. The plan addressed issues with narrow streets like Cooley, where all parking would be prohibited due to limited space and the availability of private lots for customers. The zoning plan also covered mixed-use areas that previously had mismatched or unregulated parking, aiming to create a more organized and enforceable system. Mr. Austin displayed sample signs, and the group discussed the rationale for each designation, including the need to protect residential parking and manage business customer turnover.

Mr. Kopp discussed the impact of events on parking requirements, such as the potential need for four-hour parking restrictions at new developments like Woody's parking lot, which was scheduled to begin construction in the next few weeks.

Mayor Leech voiced concerns regarding special event nights leading to full occupancy, insufficient turnover for restaurants, and the risk of employees

occupying customer spaces all day. He said he talked with two restaurant owners in the area, one preferred the two-hour limit for higher turnover, and the other preferred the four-hour limit for event flexibility. He said both owners seemed flexible with either time limit.

Mayor Leech expressed the importance of promptly marking new lots with appropriate signage and monitoring their use.

Mr. Kopp reviewed parking rule changes for various blocks. For example, a two-hour zone on Cooley would be converted to 'no parking' due to street width and traffic flow concerns. On 11th and Owens, zones would be adjusted to balance business needs and residential overnight parking. Surface lots, such as those around McNeil and the City-owned lot behind the transmission shop, were discussed, with some already designated for overnight parking and others to be monitored for potential misuse.

Vice Mayor Kakavas asked for No-Overnight Parking signage at the pickleball courts.

Mr. Brown said staff would monitor downtown parking zones for compliance and adjust restrictions if issues developed. He said staff would educate and coordinate with the senior patrol on new parking enforcement procedures, ensuring they were prepared to enforce the updated rules.

4. Discussion of City Council Recognition of Youth Sports and Organizations.

Councilman Clark said this item was brought up for the Council to discuss the standards for recognizing student achievements, focusing on distinctions between AIA-recognized state championships, club championships, and other types of competitions. He said the conversation was prompted by a recent situation where a student received a state championship trophy from a club pickleball event that was not AIA-sanctioned, leading to questions about what qualified for official recognition by the Council. He said he knew the Council wanted to recognize excellence in the community, but there was a need for clearer criteria, particularly to avoid recognizing every club or mixed-town team achievement.

Mr. Brown said the Council usually recognized school teams who won state championships, but recently there were a few teams that were recognized for going to state tournaments but maybe not necessarily winning state. He said staff was looking for standards that the Council would like to implement for official recognition.

Vice Mayor Kakavas expressed recognizing school-sanctioned teams and not necessarily local traveling sports teams.

Councilman Adams agreed and said he thought the Council should recognize state champions for school or AIA-sanctioned competitions.

Councilman Clark agreed and added that he would like the Council to also

recognize White Mountain League Champions for the Jr. High School level.

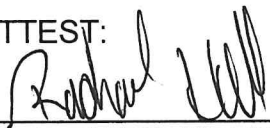
Ms. Hall mentioned other teams such as the STEM High School team or the Robotics team, and the competitions that they attend which were school-sanctioned events.

Many Councilmembers agreed that any school and/or AIA-sanctioned champions should be officially recognized by the Council and other great accomplishments could be recognized on a case-by-case basis approved by the Mayor.

5. Adjournment.

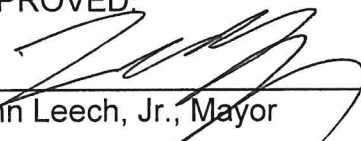
There being no further business to be brought before the Council, **MAYOR LEECH ADJOURNED THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF JUNE 3, 2025, AT 6:34 P.M.**

ATTEST:



Rachael Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED:



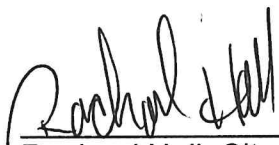
John Leech, Jr., Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Show Low held on June 3, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2025.

(SEAL)



Rachael Hall, City Clerk