

MINUTES

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., at City Hall Council Chamber, 425 10th Street. The Honorable Mayor Jose Grijalva called the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 12:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL.**

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
MAYOR, JOSE GRIJALVA	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, IDA PEDREGO		X (Excused)
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE MONTANO	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, GUSTAVO DURAZO JR.	X (telephonically)	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MARIA DILLMAN		X (Excused)
COUNCILMEMBER, RICHARD C. ACOSTA		X (Excused)
CITY MANAGER, ANA URQUIJO	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, DENIS FITZGIBBONS	X	
CITY TREASURER, ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ	X	
CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

3. **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Ms. Andrade stated no public participation forms were submitted.

4. **DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVAL.**

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 26-1735**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **DECLARING** and **ADOPTING** the **RESULTS** of the **SPECIAL ELECTION** held on **MAY 19, 2026**, for the **CITY of DOUGLAS CHARTER AMENDMENTS**.

Ms. Andrade provided background providing a comprehensive overview of the background and results of the Special Election. She began by noting that Arizona Revised Statutes Section 19-143 requires that all proposed charter amendments be submitted to the voters of the city. In compliance with that requirement, the city had scheduled a special election for that purpose. She further noted that the Mayor and Council had approved Resolution No. 25-1700 on December 10, 2025, formally adopting the proposed charter amendments and setting the process in motion.

Ms. Andrade then described the public outreach and education efforts that preceded the election. City Clerk's office had initiated the drafting of a publicity pamphlet, which was subsequently distributed to every household within the city to ensure that all voters were informed about each proposition appearing on the ballot. In addition, Mr. Abe Villareal of Cochise College assisted the city by conducting two public educational sessions: the first held on April 14th at Cochise College and the second on April 16th at the Douglas Fire Department. These sessions provided residents with an opportunity to learn about and ask questions regarding the propositions before them. Information regarding the charter amendments was also disseminated through the city's social media channels and on the city's official website.

Ms. Andrade then turned to the results of the election. She reported that a total of seven propositions were approved by the voters, and proceeded to describe each in turn. Proposition 468 would require proof of residency for council persons whenever interested parties seek to serve on the Council. Proposition 471 would allow appointed council members to serve the remainder of the term to which they were appointed, citing Council Member Ida Pedrego as a current example of a member who would continue under this provision. Proposition 472 would allow citizen petitions to be considered at the Council's discretion, but no later than two regular

meetings following their submission. Proposition 473 would include certain positions within the City Manager's power of appointment and removal. Proposition 474 would determine the qualifications, powers, duties, and compensation of the City Clerk. Proposition 476 would shorten the notice period for ordinances and resolutions to 24 hours. Proposition 482 would amend the number of days to canvass election results, extending that period from 7 days to 20 days.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, second by Council Member Montañño to approve Resolution No. 26-1735.

Council Member Montañño inquired if Ms. Andrade could provide, for the record, a similar rundown of the propositions that had not been approved by the voters. He explained that his intent was to ensure the unsuccessful propositions were also captured in the official record so that the public would have a complete picture of the election results.

Ms. Andrade confirmed provided background on the eight propositions that did not receive voter approval. Proposition 469 would have increased the Mayor's stipend from three hundred dollars to one thousand dollars. Proposition 470 would have increased the stipend for council members from two hundred dollars to five hundred dollars. Proposition 475 would have removed the merit system board. Proposition 477 would have eliminated the requirement of full readings of ordinances during council meetings. Proposition 478 would have authorized designated city officers to sign contracts on behalf of the city. Proposition 479 would have increased the threshold from five hundred dollars to five thousand dollars for instances in which the City Manager may sell or dispose of personal city property. Proposition 480 would have similarly increased the threshold from five hundred dollars to five thousand dollars for when personal property must be sold at a live or online auction following publication in a newspaper. Proposition 481 would have allowed family members of city employees and elected or appointed city officials to purchase or acquire city property during a live or online auction.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 4-0. Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Jose Grijalva, Council Members: Jose Montañño, Gustavo Durazo and Ray Shelton. Voted Against: None.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, Second by Council Member Montañño to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by:  Cynthia Acuña Robles, Deputy City Clerk