

City of Goodyear Development Advisory Forum

May 27, 2026

1. Kick-off

- Katie Wilken, Director of the Development Services Department
- Welcome from our new City Manager, Bryan Langley
 - From Kyle, Texas
 - Wants to ensure people and processes are competitive
 - Very familiar with rapid development
 - Looking forward to working with everyone

2. City Updates

- Katie Wilken, Director of the Development Services Department
 - Election for the Mayoral seat and three council positions – four candidates
 - Parks Director, David Lopez starts June 8th
 - Wendy Bridges, Director of Economic Development, has retired and Darah Mann is currently serving as Interim Director
 - New records management software is coming, Laserfiche, which will make it easier for self-service viewing of records

3. Staffing Changes

- Alissa Magley, Administrative Services Manager
 - New Employees
 - Miguel Leon – Code Compliance Officer
 - David Mohler – Code Compliance Officer
 - Jay Romero – Code Compliance Officer
 - Isom Jackson – Construction Inspector II
 - Promotions
 - Robert Cunningham – Construction Inspection Supervisor overseeing Traffic Control
 - Catie Alexander – Permit Tech III

4. State of the Department

- Alex Lestinsky, Business Analyst
 - Reported 1st review times:
 - Planning and Zoning
 - Final Plats, Entitlement, Site Plans
 - Building
 - New Construction, Tenant Improvement
 - Please email the developmentcounter@goodyearaz.gov if you have any questions

5. Colorado River

- Silvana Burgos, Water Planning Advisor
 - Overview of the Colorado River
 - Hydrology
 - Snow Water Equivalent – above Lake Powell
 - Status of the River System
 - Lower Basin Proposal
 - Implications for Goodyear
 - Next Steps from Goodyear
 - Arizona is not running out of water; it is running out of cheap water

6. Zoning Ordinance

- Christian Williams, Planning Manager
 - The zoning ordinance has not been updated since 1999
 - Public draft review period formally closed, May 26th
 - Thank you for all the feedback, especially for BESS and data centers
 - Next steps
 - Work session June 10th with Planning and Zoning and June 15th with City Council
 - Expect to present the final ordinance for consideration of a recommendation on July 1st to the Planning and Zoning and on July 7th to the City Council for adoption
 - If adopted, the Zoning Ordinance will take effect 30 days later, on August 5th
 - For more information, please visit the website here:
<https://www.goodyearzoning.com/>

7. Building Codes

- Cheryl Mullis, Chief Building Official
 - Discussed the adoption of the 2024 International Technical Codes by the City Council on March 23rd, 2026
 - International Building Codes with Local Amendments are effective June 23rd, 2026
 - The International Fire Code was effective April 23rd, 2026
 - For more information, please click this link:
<https://www.goodyearaz.gov/government/departments/engineering-development-services/development-services/building-safety-division/currently-adopted-building-codes>

8. Buc-ee's Grand Opening

- Marty Crossland, Deputy Director of Development Engineering
 - Buc-ee's grand opening rapidly approaching June 22nd
 - Expecting a significant impact on traffic
 - Moratorium on all construction within the public right-of-way (ROW) in the immediate vicinity from Sunday, June 21st to Monday, July 6th.

- We are working with ADOT and the Department of Public Service
- Please see the moratorium letter and map located here:
<https://www.goodyearaz.gov/business/development-center/development-notifications#!/>
- Please call **(623) 932-3004** if you have any questions or concerns about the moratorium

9. SMART Webpage

- Christian Williams, Planning Manager
 - The City of Goodyear has created a Pre-Approved Housing Design Plan Program under A.R.S. § 9-461.20 and SB 1529 (2025)
 - The program is known as SMART: Streamlined Municipal Approved Residential Type
 - SMART Website is up and running at
<https://www.goodyearaz.gov/business/development-center/smart-streamlined-municipal-approved-residential-types>

10. Customer Experience Survey Results

- Kim Bradford, Deputy of Planning & Cheryl Mullis, Chief Building Official
 - The fiscal year 2026 through 2026 strategic goals for Development Services
 - Create a thriving team culture
 - Excellence in customer service
 - Quality at the source
 - Results of our recent customer survey
 - Overview
 - Strengths
 - Opportunities
 - Excited to see the positive movement in the metric for our customer experience goal
 - Appreciate everyone's input
 - Learned there are some opportunities for improvement
 - Requesting to meet with developers to learn what they need through focus groups
 - Please email the development counter to volunteer for the focus groups
developmentcounter@goodyearaz.gov

❖ **Next meeting is August 26th, 2026**

❖ **Please email any questions to developmentcounter@goodyearaz.gov**