

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CITIZEN EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC SPIRE OF THE ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH; DESIGNATING THE TOWN HALL PROPERTY AS AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR INSTALLATION OF THE SPIRE; AND APPROVING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR SUCH INSTALLATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council (the “Town Council”) of the Town of Paradise Valley (the “Town”) recognizes the importance of preserving historic architectural features within Paradise Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ascension Lutheran Church, designed in 1963 by William Wesley Peters of Taliesin West Architects, had significant influences of the organic architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, including a prominent, architecturally-significant spire (the “Spire”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2024, the Town Council held a study session to discuss assisting the efforts to preserve the Spire and thereafter unanimously adopted Resolution 2024-13, which (i) authorized (a) acceptance of ownership of the Spire, and (b) storage of the Spire on Town property for a period of time to allow for options to be evaluated, plans to be created, and fundraising to occur to allow for relocation and display of the Spire; and (ii) directed the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to (a) prepare and execute such documents as were necessary to transfer ownership of the Spire to the Town, (b) facilitate temporary storage on Town-owned property, and (c) provide assistance to the Paradise Valley Historical Advisory Committee and the citizen’s group to locate a suitable display location for the Spire, which location may include Town-owned property; and

**WHEREAS**, following approval of Resolution 2024-13, the Town Attorney prepared, and the Town Manager executed, an Assignment and Bill of Sale, dated August 22, 2024, whereby the property owner delivered the Spire to the Town Hall property for safe-keeping, and the Town accepted ownership of the Spire; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paradise Valley Historical Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the Save the Spire Citizen Group (the “Spire Design Team”), has completed drawings and design concepts for locating the Spire on the Town Hall campus generally in the area known as the reflection garden (the “Conceptual Design”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council reviewed the Conceptual Design at a study session on April 23, 2026, and has determined that it is appropriate for the Town Hall campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to assist the efforts of the Paradise Valley Historical Advisory Committee and the Save the Spire Citizen Group by (i) approving the location for the Spire and allowing for further development of plans and drawings necessary to advance the Conceptual Design to a construction-ready project, and (ii) providing certainty for fundraising

efforts to generate sufficient funding to complete the design process and to construct a base to display the Spire on the Town Hall campus, as envisioned in the Conceptual Design.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The Town Council hereby approves locating the permanent display for the Spire on the Town Hall campus in the manner envisioned by the Spire Design Team as shown on the Conceptual Design.

Section 2. The Town Manager is hereby directed to ensure cooperation between Town staff and the Spire Design Team. Such cooperation is intended to include staff time and only minor expenditures falling within the Town Manager’s authority; design and construction costs are intended to be funded privately.

Section 3. The Spire Design Team shall provide a follow-up presentation to the Town Council at the time the Conceptual Design has advanced to the 30% design stage.

Section 4. The Town Manager, the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney are further authorized and directed to take the actions necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Valley this 14th day of May, 2026.

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Mark Stanton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Andrew McGuire, Town Attorney