

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deasy called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held January 5, 2021, to order at 3:01 p.m.

NOTICE OF OPTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the City Council and to the general public that, at this regular meeting, the City Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice and discussion with the City's attorneys for legal advice on any item listed on the following agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

2. **ROLL CALL**

NOTE: One or more Councilmembers may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

MAYOR DEASY (virtually)
VICE MAYOR DAGGETT (virtually)
COUNCILMEMBER ASLAN (virtually)
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY (virtually)
COUNCILMEMBER SALAS (virtually)
COUNCILMEMBER SHIMONI (virtually)
COUNCILMEMBER SWEET (virtually)

Others present: City Manager Greg Clifton; City Attorney Sterling Solomon.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MISSION STATEMENT**

The Council and audience recited the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Shimoni read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Flagstaff is to protect and enhance the quality of life for all.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public Participation enables the public to address the Council about an item that is not on the agenda. Comments relating to items that are on the agenda will be taken at the time that the item is discussed. If you wish to address the Council at tonight's meeting, please complete a comment card and submit it to the recording clerk as soon as possible. Your name will be called when it is your turn to speak. You may address the Council up to three times throughout the meeting, including comments made during Public Participation. Please limit your remarks to three minutes per item to allow everyone an opportunity to speak. At the discretion of the Chair, ten or more persons present at the meeting and wishing to speak may appoint a representative who may have no more than fifteen minutes to speak.

Eric Kolvig addressed Council with concerns about the lack of affordable housing in Flagstaff.

5. **LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Deasy opened the public hearing

Sergeant Ryan Turley introduced the application.

There being no public comment, Mayor Deasy closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Regina Salas, **seconded by** Councilmember Austin Aslan to forward the application to the State with a recommendation of approval.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- A. **Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Jeffrey Michael Chastain "Milton Mobil," 2020 S. Milton Road, Series 09 (liquor store - all spirituous liquor), Owner Transfer.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS**

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion approving the recommendations listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise indicated, expenditures approved by Council are budgeted items.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Councilmember Shimoni asked if the Job Order Contracts are reviewed annually. Purchasing Manager Matt Luhman indicated that they are evaluated every three years but if there are issues with a particular vendor, since they are on-call only, the City can choose to no longer utilize their services.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- A. **Consideration and Approval of Contract:** Wildcat Hill WRP emergency crane repair

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approve the contract with Kone Cranes for the repair of the overhead Crane used to move Sulfur Dioxide chemical containers in the amount of \$ 53,646
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

- B. Consideration and Approval of Contract:** Multiple Job Order Contracting Services Contracts for upcoming projects under \$1,000,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approve award of Job Order Contracting Services Contracts to 15 contractors representing five discipline areas.
 - Horizontal Construction: Eagle Mountain Construction Co. (EMC), Kinney Construction Services, Inc. (KCS), Markham Contracting Co., Inc., and Tiffany Construction Co.
 - Vertical Construction: Kinney Construction Services, Inc., Loven Contracting, Inc., and Wespac Construction, Inc.
 - Water/Wastewater General Construction: KEAR Civil Corporation, PCL Construction, Inc., and Schofield Civil Construction, Inc.
 - Water/Wastewater Controls Construction: M# Engineering and Technology Corporation and Southwest Automation Services, LLC
 - Landfill Construction: Fann Contracting Inc., Markham Contracting Co., Inc. and Rummel Construction, Inc
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-01:** A Resolution of the Flagstaff City Council, approving the first amendment to the Restated Master Intergovernmental Agreement between Coconino County, the Arizona Board of Regents acting for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University, Coconino Community College, and the City of Flagstaff pertaining to public transit service in the greater Flagstaff area

Risk Management Specialist Becky Penado reported that Risk Management is comfortable with reducing the insurance coverage and the other changes within the amendment.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Adam Shimoni to read Resolution No. 2021-01 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COCONINO COUNTY, THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY, COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

Moved by Councilmember Adam Shimoni, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-02:** A resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Management Mutual Aid Compact between the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, Northern Arizona University, Community College District, Flagstaff Unified School District, and Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority.

Grants and Contracts Manager Stacey Brechler-Knaggs stated that the mutual aid agreement is needed because many jurisdictions do not always have adequate resources to independently respond to emergency events. A mutual aid agreement allows for partnering agencies to share resources to better respond to emergency events.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Mayor Paul Deasy to read Resolution No. 2021-02 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY, THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, COCONINO COUNTY, COCONINO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTHERN ARIZONA INTERGOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Moved by Mayor Paul Deasy, **seconded by** Councilmember Austin Aslan to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- C. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-04:** A resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Flagstaff and Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) for Community-Wide After School Programs.

Ms. Brechler-Knaggs reported that the City has had a long-standing relationship with Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) for after school programming. The prior Intergovernmental Agreement expired on June 30, 2020. The new IGA would be effective back to July 1, 2020 and would include a five-year term that is subject to the budget process each year. She introduced Travis Drake and Frank Garcia with FUSD who discussed the services that they have been able to provide during the school closures. While there are not the same activities as there were before, they have been able to provide tutoring services and an online band and choir program. They have been preparing and remain ready to resume functions once schools are reopened.

Mayor Deasy asked how many students are generally served by the program. Mr. Travis stated that it varies each year but last year was around 700. Councilmember Shimoni asked how many are currently being served during the school closures to which Mr. Travis stated about 50 students. Councilmember Shimoni asked if there are any plans to increase virtual programming. Mr. Garcia stated that many kids are experiencing screen burnout and the participation levels are low to nonexistent.

Councilmember Sweet asked if there are any changes from past agreements.

Ms. Brechler-Knaggs stated that the agreement began in 1999 and since then there have not been any significant changes.

Moved by Councilmember Regina Salas, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to read Resolution No. 2021-04 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-WIDE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Moved by Councilmember Regina Salas, **seconded by** Mayor Paul Deasy to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A break was held from 3:39 p.m. through 3:50 p.m.

- D. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-03:** A resolution of the Flagstaff City Council approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County establishing maintenance and operation responsibilities and an extended warranty period for a segment of the Sheep Crossing FUTS Trail.

Capital Improvements Project Manager David Pedersen provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

SHEEP CROSSING FUTS TRAIL IGA WITH COCONINO COUNTY
AERIAL MAP
SHEEP CROSSING FUTS IGA
WESTERN PORTAL
INTERSTATE TANK BENCH
LOOKING WEST THROUGH TUNNEL
EASTERN PORTAL
SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Councilmember Aslan asked if there were plans to lay a substrate surfacing or if it would remain compacted dirt. Mr. Pedersen stated that the surface is complete and is made up of decomposed granite. There will be not additional asphalt along the trail but there are a few concrete sections planned.

Councilmember Shimoni asked if the Stronger as One plaques could be used on the benches on the trail. Parks Manager Amy Hagin stated that the Parks Section has ten signs and those benches could be a great location for placement.

Moved by Vice Mayor Becky Daggett, **seconded by** Councilmember Austin Aslan to read Resolution No. 2021-03 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COCONINO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF ESTABLISHING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEMORIALIZING AN EXTENDED WARRANTY PERIOD FOR A SEGMENT OF THE SHEEP CROSSING FUTS TRAIL

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Becky Daggett to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

8. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Salas reported that the Flagstaff Sister City Board meeting occurred in December, they are looking forward to seeking out sister cities for Flagstaff. She also reported that the Tourism Commission will have its annual retreat next week.

9. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. City Manager Report

Mr. Clifton provided a brief recap of his report.

10. COVID-19 UPDATES

A. COVID-19 Updates

Public Works Director Andy Bertelsen provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

COVID-19 UPDATE
AGENDA
THE DATA
CCHHS: COVID-19 WEEKLY CASES
CCHHS: COVID-19 DAILY CASES
CCHHS: HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
CCHHS: COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS
CCHHS: COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION
ADHS DASHBOARD
NAH: HOSPITAL CENSUS

Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives Rose Toehe continued the presentation:

INDIGENOUS NATIONS DATA
NAVAJO NATION
HOPI TRIBE
INDIGENOUS NATIONS UPDATE
NAVAJO NATION
HOPI TRIBE

Mr. Bertelsen introduced Coconino County Health and Human Services Interim Director Kim Musselman who continued the presentation.

COCONINO COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY CASES
TESTING OPERATIONS
COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE
COVID-19 VACCINE & EXECUTIVE ORDER UPDATE
POTENTIAL COCONINO COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITIZATION
COVID-19 VACCINE PHASE BY ARIZONA COUNTY
PPE BLITZ: UPDATE

Mayor Deasy asked if there are any issues with healthcare professionals who do not want the vaccine. Ms. Musselman explained that much of the information is anecdotal but that 60% are indicating that they want the vaccine and the other 40% are wanting to wait. She stated that they are encouraging everyone to get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible.

Mayor Deasy asked if Ms. Musselman was aware of employers mandating that they employees get a vaccine. Ms. Musselman stated that she has not come across an employer who is requiring employees to get a vaccine.

Councilmember Shimoni asked if there is any charge for the vaccine. Ms. Musselman stated that the way it is set up is that no one will be charged a fee to receive a vaccine however, insurance information must be provided and the administering entity would receive the administrative fee back from the carrier; individuals are not being charged. If someone does not have insurance, they can still sign up and receive the vaccine at no cost.

Mr. Bertelsen introduced NAU Associate Vice President for Community Relations Josh Maher and NAU Vice President for External Affairs and Christy Farley who provided an update to Council concerning the testing and vaccination efforts on campus.

Mr. Maher indicated that he will continue update Council weekly on the campus testing information.

Ms. Farley stated that NAU is preparing for the fall semester and plans on continuing many of the strategies implemented last year. They will continue to do significant testing and they are preparing to reopen the field house location. NAU will continue to do mitigation testing of students, staff, and faculty with 2,500 to 3,000 notifications per week. They will also be asking students who will be residing on campus to provide a negative test result prior to move in. In addition to those who are on campus, they are also encouraging those off campus to be diligent and to test frequently. She also reported that spring classes are ending on April 29, 2021 since spring break was eliminated in an effort to mitigate travel back to campus after leaving town.

Councilmember Shimoni asked about contact tracing. Ms. Farley explained that NAU continues to support the contact tracing efforts in partnership with the County. They have also included responses to contact tracing in the students code of conduct. They are working hard to remove the stigma that someone must have done something wrong to contract COVID and encourage people to report. NAU continues to improve their quarantine accommodations and offer on campus options in an effort to make students comfortable with reporting any illness.

Mr. Maher added that with the volume of mitigation testing NAU has been able to identify very quickly who has come in contact with the virus. This has been reflected in the lower rates of positivity on campus than in the broader community.

Mr. Bertelsen introduced Dr. David Engelthaler with TGen North who continued the

presentation.

COVID-19 – THE UPDATE
THE STATE OF COVID
COVID FATALITIES – AZ
COVID AND ALL CAUSE MORTALITY
COVID IMPACT ON NATIVE AMERICAN: DEATHS
DEATHS IN THE TIME OF COVID
COVID VS FLU
MY OBSERVATIONS
MY RECOMMENDED STRATEGY – PREVENT DEATHS, LIMIT HARM
A ROLE FOR EVERYONE
THE CURRENT BIG QUESTIONS
THE AZ GENOMIC FIRST RESPONDERS

Councilmember Aslan asked if after the vaccine people will still need to wear a mask or if the virus could still be transmitted even after someone has received a vaccine. He also asked when things might be able to safely open up. Dr. Engelthaler stated that there is still a lot that is unknown and that is still being learned. He indicated that seven to ten days following the vaccine a person is still at the same risk for contracting the virus. It will be important for people to not change their behaviors until after they receive the second vaccine dose. He did indicate that while still at risk after the first vaccine, the risk of contracting is much lower and those who do get the virus experience a significantly weaker case. He stated that by March the community effects of the vaccine will hopefully start to be seen. He believes that by the fall and winter of 2021 people can go to concerts, sporting events, and other types of gatherings.

Councilmember Sweet asked if there is any information about how long the antibodies remain in people who have had COVID. Dr. Engelthaler stated that there are a number of studies being done but it does seem that most are showing those infected eight months ago still have immunities. At this point it appears there will be at least a year immunity from the vaccine but there is still so much unknown at this time. He added that even if someone had COVID they should still get a vaccine.

Mayor Deasy asked about the new mutations that are being discovered. Dr. Engelthaler stated that what has been looked at now is the way antibodies will attach to those viruses, there may not be good attachment in some areas but there would good effective attachments elsewhere keeping the vaccines effective. It would require a really substantial change in the virus to render the vaccine ineffective.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND STAFF, FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Vice Mayor Daggett stated that there has been conversation in the community about artists providing art for vacant building windows and she asked for staff to provide some information to the Council.

Beautification, Arts, and Sciences Manager Eliza Kretzmann indicated that it is a small public/private art project that has been confused with as economic development project. The project is funded with BBB funding and the pilot is \$10,000 or less. The project is supported by the Beautification and Public Art Commission and it is based on best practices from other communities across the country. She stated that staff can provide a summary to Council with more information.

Councilmember Shimoni expressed a desire to discuss options for a possible relocation of the Babbitt House. Mr. Clifton indicated that there are meetings later in the week to discuss the matter and he indicated that more information will be forthcoming to Council.

Councilmember Sweet thanked the community for continuing to support local businesses. She also reported that she met with the Fire Department to talk about their concerns and how Council may be able to help. She also stated that she will be meeting with Steve Finch with the Flagstaff Lodging, Restaurant, and Tourism Association soon.

Mayor Deasy stated that he is excited for 2021 and that it feels that there is an upward trajectory to seeing some normalcy on the horizon.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held January 5, 2021, adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I, STACY SALTZBURG, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Flagstaff, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above Minutes are a true and correct summary of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Flagstaff held on January 5, 2021. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2021.

CITY CLERK