

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Deasy called the Joint City/County Work Session held January 28, 2021, to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement**

The Council, Board of Supervisors, and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember McCarthy 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.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

CHAIRMAN RYAN (virtually)
VICE-CHAIRWOMAN FOWLER (virtually)
SUPERVISOR BEGAY (virtually) (arrived at 4:09 p.m.)
SUPERVISOR ARCHULETA (virtually)
SUPERVISOR HORSTMAN (virtually)

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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; County Manager James Jayne

4. **Public Participation:**

Public Participation enables the public to address the Council about items that are not on the prepared agenda. Public Participation appears on the agenda twice, at the beginning and at the end of the work session. You may speak at one or the other, but not both. Anyone wishing to comment on an item that is on the agenda is asked to fill out a speaker card and submit it to the recording clerk. When the item comes up on the agenda, your name will be called. 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.

Liz Olsen representing High Country Humane addressed Mayor, Council, and the County Board of Supervisors. She provided an update of the operations of High Country Humane.

Written comments were provided by Nithin Ravi, Tyler Denham, and Crystal Durham concerning housing affordability and the need to increase housing supply.

5. **2020 US Census Bureau Report and Recognition**

Tammy Parise with the US Census Bureau updated addressed Mayor, Council, and the County Board of Supervisors on the 2020 US Census.

- 2020 CENSUS: MEASURING RESPONSE RATES
- NONRESPONSE FOLLOWUP (NRFU)
- 2020 CENSUS NATIONAL RECAP
- DENVER REGION/DALLAS RCC
- STATE SELF-RESPONSE RATES
- COCONINO COUNTY SELF RESPONSE
- CITY OF FLAGSTAFF SELF RESPONSE
- OTHER COUNTY JURISDICTION SELF RESPONSE
- WHAT DOES SELF-RESPONSE MEAN?
- DID ALL SELF-RESPONSES SHOW ON THE MAP?
- WHAT'S NEXT IN 2021
- HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS
- DATA SERVICES
- THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2020 CENSUS

Mayor, Council, and the County Board of Supervisors thanked Ms. Parise and the other staff involved for their work on the Census and noted the difficulties the team overcame because of COVID. They also spoke about the importance of the census, especially in regards to vaccine distribution.

6. **COVID-19 Update**

Kim Musselman, Interim Health and Human Services Director and Incident Commander for the COVID-19 Pandemic, addressed Mayor, Council, and the County Board of Supervisors to provide a COVID-19 response update.

- JOINT CITY COUNTY MEETING COVID-19 DATA UPDATE
- CASES REPORTED WEEK 2 (JANUARY 10, 2021 – JANUARY 16, 2021)
- COCONINO COUNTY COVID-19 DATA UPDATE

- HISTORY OF COVID-19 RESPONSE
- COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE TIMELINE
- COCONINO COUNTY RESPONSE SUCCESSES
- VACCINE AVAILABILITY & SHORTAGE
- EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL FACTORS
- COCONINO COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITIZATION
- COCONINO COUNTY VACCINATION POPULATION: 98,665
- PARTNER VACCINATION OPERATION CAPACITY

The Mayor, Council, and County Board of Supervisors thanked staff for their hard work in combating COVID-19.

Mayor Deasy asked if the County will have the personnel capacity to administer vaccines if the Biden administration is able to fill the 100 million vaccines in 100 days as part of his campaign promises. Ms. Musselman replied that the County has that capacity at this time. Mayor Deasy asked if that was the case for counties throughout the state and Ms. Musselman replied that most of the counties are in a similar situation.

Councilmember Salas asked Ms. Musselman to walk through how to sign up for a vaccine. Ms. Musselman shared the COVID-19 vaccination website www.coconino.az.gov/covid19vaccine and the County's vaccine phone number 928-679-7300. Councilmember Salas also asked how the County verifies those with high-risk medical conditions. Ms. Musselman stated that they are verifying eligibility as they can and that she hopes to receive more guidance from the State on how to screen.

Councilmember Aslan asked what happens if a person has a reservation and an earlier slot opens up. Ms. Musselman stated that they ask that people let the County know so that they can cancel the existing reservation to allow someone else to register.

Councilmember Sweet asked about vaccines in the Verde Valley and if the distribution was going poorly with people "jumping line." Ms. Musselman stated that she had not heard that and that all the doses in a vial need to be used, so there may have been extra doses available and that could account for the report.

7. Update on City and County Legislative Priorities

Management Analyst Sarah Langley and Coconino County Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson presented to Mayor, Council, and the County Board of Supervisors on the Legislative Priorities.

- 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
- CITY OF FLAGSTAFF FEDERAL PRIORITIES
- ECONOMY
- COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
- TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE
- ENVIRONMENT
- CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STATE PRIORITIES
- COCONINO COUNTY STATE AND FEDERAL PRIORITIES
- FEDERAL PRIORITIES
- COVID-19
- FOREST RESTORATION
- RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- PUBLIC LANDS
- STATE PRIORITIES

- VACATION RENTAL PROPERTY TAX PARITY
- BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE
- TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
- ALTCS COSTS
- PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL STATUTE
- DANGEROUS INCOMPETENT & NON-RESTORABLE
- DIVERSION FUNDING
- POTENTIAL BROADBAND ADVOCACY COLLABORATION

Mayor Deasy addressed the overlap in priorities regarding broadband and other infrastructure opportunities.

Councilmember McCarthy added that he would like to discuss when it is appropriate for the government to do broadband and when it is appropriate for private utilities to do it. Mr. Petersen added that the conversation regarding private or public broadband is ongoing, but that the infrastructure could allow conduit for local public sector use.

Supervisor Ryan stated that the State is looking to invest in broadband for rural areas and added that private utilities could finish the last mile if public entities do the first and middle parts. He added that he was glad this was brought up as a potential opportunity for partnership to benefit to the City and the County. He also spoke about the work on the Short-Term Rental regulations and how the County has taken a bit of a back seat to the cities.

Supervisor Archuleta added that there are several areas where the City and the County can collaborate such as smart highways, rural broadband, and the areas around environment and forest health. She added that she is glad to see immigration reform on the agenda as well as justice reform and diversion.

IT Director CJ Perry offered that staff is always looking for ways to partner with the private market and the County to support the infrastructure efforts. He stated that he will be giving a presentation to City Council on February 23, 2021 on broadband for a more in-depth discussion.

Councilmember Shimoni stated that there is a lot of opportunity for support and collaboration between the City and County and that he likes the idea of broadband but has some concerns about 5G.

Supervisor Fowler spoke about broadband and how it could benefit the more rural parts of the County. Mayor Deasy added that if the government takes care of the main thoroughfare, it becomes more lucrative for the private industry to branch it out and expand it.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that he would be supportive of efforts to improve communication networks.

Councilmember Salas added that she wants to see more partnership in seeking policy and funding when it comes to transit that serves the Navajo and Hopi reservations directly in transporting them to Flagstaff. She also stated that she would like to more collaboration when it comes to work force development and to increase workforce housing.

Councilmember Sweet expressed her interest in seeking a partnership with the County regarding broadband.

Mayor Deasy stated that he would be very interested in changing the tax code for vacation rentals and that he would like to explore wastewater testing for COVID.

8. Informational Items To/From Chairman, Supervisors and County Manager, Mayor, Council and City Manager

Vice Mayor Daggett stated that the Housing Commission is starting a public participation process for the housing plan and that she hopes for good participation from around Flagstaff.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that he will be working on the MetroPlan Board and the Board will work closely with the County.

Councilmember Salas addressed the partnership between the City and County and added that February is considered Arizona Beer Month. The first week of February will be focused on the craft breweries in Flagstaff. She also spoke about the I Heart Pluto Festival at Lowell Observatory.

Councilmember Shimoni thanked the County Board of Supervisors for their leadership and for meeting with the City. He thanked County Manager Jimmy Jayne for his service.

Chair Ryan congratulated the new Councilmembers and Mayor and stated that he looks forward to continuing to work together. He added that the school superintendent resigned, and the Board decided to appoint a new superintendent to fill the partial term. He also thanked County Manager Jimmy Jayne for his service and stated that the Board of Supervisors is working on finding his replacement.

Supervisor Archuleta stated that she looks forward to working with the City and that she and Supervisor Horstman will be working with the FMPO.

Vice Chairwoman Fowler stated that she appreciates the continued collaboration and gave thanks for the continuous communication.

Mayor Deasy stated that he is looking forward to the partnership and communication. He spoke about vaccinations and how important it is to normalize the behavior of vaccinations.

Supervisor Horstman congratulated the new Councilmembers and stated that she is looking forward to working with the City. She stated that she has been working with Representative O'Halleran and Senator Kelly's offices on Phase 2 of the Mount Elden Estates Museum Fire Flood Mitigation project. She added that she is on the CJCC Board and the MetroPlan Board.

Supervisor Begay stated that she is glad and honored to be part of the Coconino County Team and that the partnership with the City is very important. She thanked everyone for their leadership.

9. Public Participation

Enoque Costa Júnior addressed Mayor, Council, and the Board of Supervisors regarding housing. He stated that affordability is a dire situation for the County in and around Flagstaff and that it feels like no action has been taken outside of a symbolic resolution. He asked that the representatives look at what direct actions they will take towards housing affordability.

10. Adjournment

The Joint City/County Work Session held January 28, 2021, adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK