

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Deasy called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held September 7, 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
VICE MAYOR DAGGETT
COUNCILMEMBER ASLAN
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY
COUNCILMEMBER SALAS
COUNCILMEMBER SHIMONI
COUNCILMEMBER SWEET

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 Sweet 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- A. **Consideration and Approval of Minutes:** City Council Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019, Planning Session of September 24, 2019, Regular Meeting of October 1, 2019, Regular Meeting of October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting of November 5, 2019, Regular Meeting of November 19, 2019, Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019, Work Session of December 5, 2019, Joint City/Chamber Work Session of December 9, 2019, Regular Meeting of December 17, 2019, Regular Meeting of January 7, 2020, Work Session of January 14, 2020, Budget Retreat of February 3, 2020, Regular Meeting of April 6, 2021, Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021, Budget Retreat of April 22, 2021, Special Meeting of April 24, 2021, Regular Meeting of May 4, 2021, Regular Meeting of May 18, 2021, Executive Session of May 25, 2021, Regular Meeting of June 1, 2021, Executive Session of June 8, 2021, Work Session of June 8, 2021, and Special Work Session of June 22, 2021.

Moved by Mayor Paul Deasy, **seconded by** Councilmember Adam Shimoni to approve the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019, Planning Session of September 24, 2019, Regular Meeting of October 1, 2019, Regular Meeting of October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting of November 5, 2019, Regular Meeting of November 19, 2019, Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019, Work Session of December 5, 2019, Joint City/Chamber Work Session of December 9, 2019, Regular Meeting of December 17, 2019, Regular Meeting of January 7, 2020, Work Session of January 14, 2020, Budget Retreat of February 3, 2020, Regular Meeting of April 6, 2021, Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021, Budget Retreat of April 22, 2021, Special Meeting of April 24, 2021, Regular Meeting of May 4, 2021, Regular Meeting of May 18, 2021, Executive Session of May 25, 2021, Regular Meeting of June 1, 2021, Executive Session of June 8, 2021, Work Session of June 8, 2021, and Special Work Session of June 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

5. 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.

John Conley addressed Council calling for the resignation of Mayor Deasy.

Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives Rose Toehe addressed Council inviting them and the public to participate in Indigenous People's Day.

6. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. **Proclamation:** Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Deasy read and presented the Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to reorder the agenda to take Item 17 before moving on in the agenda.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

Item 17 was taken as the next agenda item.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. City Manager Report

Mr. Clifton briefly reviewed his report.

8. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember McCarthy reported that he attended the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting where they discussed road markings downtown to help protect cyclists and the Beaver and Butler protected bike lanes. He attended the MetroPlan meeting and met with Bob Holmes, the City's federal lobbyist. He also attended meetings on early childhood development, the new hospital relocation proposal, and the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Councilmember Salas reported that she attended the FMPO Executive Board meeting last week where they approved a \$2.4 million request for the Lone Tree Overpass project as part of the \$50 million request being put forward by the Rural Transportation Advocacy Board.

9. COVID-19 UPDATES

A. COVID-19 Update

Deputy City Manager Shannon Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

COVID-19 UPDATE
AGENDA
CCHHS COVID-19 WEEKLY CASES
CCHHS: HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
CCHHS: COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS
CCHHS: COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION
CCHHS: COMMUNITY VACCINATION
CCHHS: VARIANTS
NAH: HOSPITAL CENSUS

Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives Rose Toehe continued the presentation.

INDIGENOUS NATIONS DATA
NAVAJO NATION
HOPI TRIBE

Councilmember Shimoni asked if there was more that could be done to encourage mask wearing and social distancing. Economic Vitality Director Heidi Hansen suggested shifting back to the Stay, Play, and Distance messaging. Council supported the suggestion.

10. APPOINTMENTS

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 the City Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of discussing or considering employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of any public body....., pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

A. Consideration of Appointments: Library Board.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to appoint Carmenlita Chief to a term expiring November 2023.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Austin Aslan to appoint Meredith Heller to a term expiring November 2023.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

B. Consideration of Appointments: Housing Commission.

Tyler Denham addressed Council asking to be appointed to the commission.

Moved by Councilmember Regina Salas, **seconded by** Councilmember Adam Shimoni to appoint Tyler Denham for the Community Representative seat with a term expiring September 2023.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Mayor Paul Deasy to recess into Executive Session for legal advice.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

Council recessed into Executive Session from 4:26 p.m. through 4:44 p.m.

ORIGINAL MOTION

Councilmember Shimoni stated that Mr. Denham is passionate and he appreciates his advocacy and energy. He expressed support for the nomination.

Vice Mayor Daggett also noted her support for the nomination stating that she has worked with Mr. Denham on the 10-Year Housing Plan and his work has been invaluable.

Councilmember Aslan expressed concern about Mr. Denham and recent interactions he has had with him.

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NAY: Councilmember Austin Aslan
Councilmember Jim McCarthy
Mayor Paul Deasy

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to appoint Karen Flores for the Building & Real Estate Professional - Lender seat with a term expiring September 2024.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Mayor Paul Deasy to appoint Devonna McLaughlin for the Low Income Housing Expert seat with a term expiring September 2024.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

11. LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Deasy opened the public hearing for all applications.

Police Sergeant Ryan Turley introduced the three applications and noted no concerns.

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

Moved by Mayor Paul Deasy, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to forward the applications to the State with a recommendation of approval.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- A. **Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Jared Michael Repinski, "Lumberjack Pizza," 104 E. Route 66, Series 07 (beer and wine bar), Owner Transfer.
- B. **Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Adam Louis Harrington, "Harrington's Tap House," 2711 E. Lakin Drive, Series 07 (Beer and Wine Bar), New Application.

A break was held from 4:52 p.m. through 5:11 p.m.

12. 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.

Councilmember Shimoni requested Item 12D be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Mayor Paul Deasy, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to approve Items 12A, B, C, and E.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- A. **Consideration and Approval of Contract:** Approve the Contract for Services with Chief Building Services, LLC for security services at City Libraries and City Hall; also approve the Contract for Services with Sedona Protective Services, LLC dba Southwest Protective Services for security services at City Parks locations.

1. Approve the Contract for Services with Chief Building Services, LLC, for security

services at the following facilities:

- City Libraries, not to exceed \$90,000 annually.
- City Hall, not to exceed \$40,000 annually.

2. Approve the Contract for Services with Sedona Protective Services, LLC, dba Southwest Protective Services for security services at City Parks locations, not to exceed \$35,000 annually.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

B. Consideration and Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Contract: Purchase of one (1) Commercial Front Load Refuse Truck and one (1) Residential Side Load Refuse Truck from Rush Truck Center Arizona through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchase Agreement, Contract No. HT06-20.

1. Approve the purchase of one (1) Commercial Front Load Refuse Truck in the amount of \$307,615.19, and one (1) Residential Side Load Refuse Truck in the amount of \$325,165.21, for a total purchase amount of \$632,780.40 (page 1 of pricing worksheet) from Rush Truck Center Arizona through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Contract No. HT06-20; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

C. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Award Eagle Mountain Construction, Inc. the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) construction phase services agreement for Phase 2 of the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport Long-Term Parking project.

1. Award Eagle Mountain Construction, Inc. the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) construction phase services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$487,335.37 for Phase 2 construction (final phase) which includes a Contractor's contingency of \$10,000.00 and an Owner's contingency of \$11,110.55.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

D. Consideration and Approval of Final Plat PZ-17-00227-11 : Ponderosa Parkway LLC, requests Final Plat approval for Ponderosa Parkway Condominiums Unit 3—a 65-unit residential condominium subdivision at 1640 E. Ponderosa Parkway on 11.97 acres in the High Density Residential (HR) Zone.

Councilmember Shimoni asked if the project had ten bike spots. Planning and Development Manager Tiffany Antol explained that the rezone was do a couple of years ago and this action is just for the condo plat.

Moved by Councilmember Adam Shimoni, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to approve the Final Plat and authorize the Mayor to sign the plat and City Subdivider Agreement when notified by staff that the documents are ready for recording.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

E. Consideration and Approval: Post-wildfire funding advocacy letter

Approve the post-wildfire funding advocacy letter

13. ROUTINE ITEMS

- A. Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-19:** An ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the City Code pertaining to the establishment of fees for fire department services outside the City Limits.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Mayor Paul Deasy to read Ordinance No. 2021-19 by title only for the final time.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, AMENDING SECTION 5-01-001-0001 OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY CODE REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES IN COUNTY ISLANDS AND OTHER SELECTED UNINCORPORATED PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Moved by Mayor Paul Deasy, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-19.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-20:** An ordinance amending Flagstaff City Code, Chapter 1-18, Administrative Departments, to establish the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Division in City Code.

Vice Mayor Daggett stated that with the issue of housing rising in consciousness and Council declaring a housing emergency, she would like the City Manager to consider elevating the Housing Section so they have a seat at the leadership table.

Councilmember Salas noted a correction in the ordinance that the title of the Division should be Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events.

Moved by Mayor Paul Deasy, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to read Ordinance No. 2021-20 by title only for the final time.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE FLAGSTAFF CITY CODE, CHAPTER 1-18, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, TO ESTABLISH THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DIVISION; PROVIDING REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Moved by Mayor Paul Deasy, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-20.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

C. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Lone Tree Overpass Project - Award of First Amendment to the Design-Build Services Agreement to Ames Construction.

Senior Project Manager Christine Cameron displayed a map and explained that a future presentation is coming forward in the near future for the design of the project..

LONE TREE OVERPASS AND CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS VICINITY MAP

Councilmember Aslan asked how AMES Construction is thinking about the aesthetics and the potential landmark opportunity. Ms. Cameron stated that those elements will be part of the presentation in a couple of weeks.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Mayor Paul Deasy to award the First Amendment to the Design-Build Services Agreement to Ames Construction of Phoenix, Arizona in an amount not to exceed \$893,268.46; and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

D. Consideration and Approval of Preliminary Plat: Case No. PZ-17-00175-04 Miramonte Birch & Verde, LLC requests Preliminary Plat approval for Miramonte at Birch Avenue. The subdivision consists of 24 residential condominium units, located at 304-316 E Birch Avenue. The condominium plat is on 0.53 acres in the T4N.1 (Transect) Zone.

Senior Planner Tiffany Antol provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

MIRAMONTE AT BIRCH CONDOMINIUMS
REQUEST OVERVIEW
VICINITY MAP
MIRAMONTE @ BIRCH PRELIMINARY PLAT
REQUIRED FINDING #1: ZONING CODE (TITLE 10)
MIRAMONTE @ BIRCH SITE PLAN
MIRAMONTE @ BIRCH ELEVATIONS
REQUIRED FINDING #2: ENGINEERING STANDARDS (TITLE 11)
REQUIRED FINDING #3: SUBDIVISION STANDARDS (TITLE 11)
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Councilmember Shimoni asked if covered bike parking is provided. Applicant Jack Kemmerly explained that there are eight bike spaces that are covered within the parking structure.

Councilmember Shimoni asked if electric vehicle parking is being provided. Mr. Kemmerly stated yes, they are looking to expand on the ten spaces in the parking garage.

Councilmember Salas asked why there were no affordable units included. Mr. Kemmerly stated that unfortunately, the cost of construction and price of land and infrastructure improvements did not lend itself to affordable units with this project.

Moved by Councilmember Regina Salas, **seconded by** Councilmember Adam Shimoni to approve the Preliminary Plat.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

14. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-42:** A resolution approving two Binding Waivers of Enforcement relating to Assessor Parcel Numbers 101-35-002, 101-35-003, 101-35-004, and 105-10-481A located at the corner of Dale Avenue and Leroux Street and located at 3100 South Solitaires Canyon Drive.

Deputy City Attorney Kevin Fincel provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

PROP 207 CLAIMS
BACKGROUND
ORDINANCE 2020-28
PROP 207 CLAIMS
OVERVIEW OF PROP 207
BINDING WAIVER OF ENFORCEMENT

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Becky Daggett to read Resolution No. 2021-42 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, APPROVING TWO BINDING WAIVERS OF ENFORCEMENT, RELATING TO ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 101-35-002, 101-35-003, 101-35-004, AND 105-10-481A LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF DALE AVENUE AND LEROUX STREET AND LOCATED AT 3100 SOUTH SOLITAIRES CANYON DRIVE, BOTH WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Becky Daggett to adopt Resolution No. 2021-42.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. City Council Review of Conditional Use Permit:** A Conditional Use Permit request from Miramonte Presidio LLC to establish a Planned Residential Development (PRD) on Tract M within the Presidio in the Pines master planned development was denied by the Planning Commission on August 25, 2021 by a 3-2 vote.

Robert Davis addressed Council requesting that they accept the denial from the Planning and Zoning Commission and request Miramonte to come back and address the resident concerns.

Land Acquisition Development Manager for Miramonte Homes Charity Lee addressed Council requesting that they review the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Staff recommended approval with conditions and granting the use permit will not be detrimental to the health safety and welfare of the community. The project is a 39 unit for sale project that include four attainable units.

Councilmember Shimoni asked what the projected units were for Tracts A and B. Ms. Lee explained that Tract A was a 232 unit, five-story complex that has been downsized to 42 units. Tract B was 23 units downsized to 14.

Councilmember Shimoni asked if there could be any increase in affordable units within the project. Ms. Lee explained that the Development Agreement has been approved by Council

and they intend to proceed within the requirements of the Development Agreement.

Tyler Denham addressed Council stating that the Planning and Zoning Commission vote was close with a 3-2 vote and of the three who opposed only one gave a reason. He is supportive of Council considering the conditional use permit at a meeting because it will bring light to the project.

Summer Johnson addressed Council in support of the Planning and Zoning Commission decision. She is concerned about traffic and noise should the project move forward.

Brandon (no last name given) addressed Council in support of the Planning and Zoning Commission decision. He is concerned about traffic, the height of the building, and converting to condos.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that he attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and both sides of the issue had a lot to say. If Council does not move forward with review of the decision, the project is dead. He does not believe that ending a project on such a close vote is appropriate and he would like to have the discussion and allow both sides the opportunity to present to Council.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Austin Aslan to have Council review the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the Conditional Use Permit.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

15. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Discussion and Direction:** American Rescue Plan Act Local Recovery Funding

Management Services Director Rick Tadder, Public Affairs Director Sarah Langley, and Grants and Contracts Manager Stacey Brechler-Knaggs provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS
 AGENDA
 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS OVERVIEW
 INTENT OF THE STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUND
 POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION
 COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING GUIDANCE
 COMPLIANCE
 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
 REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES
 US TREASURY IDENTIFIES 7 CATEGORIES, 66 SUBCATEGORIES
 REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES
 BUDGET TEAM DRAFT PROPOSAL
 DRAFT PROPOSAL
 NEXT STEPS

Devonna McLaughlin from Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona addressed Council in support of funding for housing efforts.

Monica Foos with Flagstaff Family Food Center addressed Council in support of funding for a vehicle to assist in food distribution in the community.

Terry Madeksza with the Downtown Business Alliance addressed Council in support of funding for small businesses.

The Council discussed how to allocate the funds and agreed to the following:

| Funding Draft Proposal | Amount |
|---|---------------|
| Vaccination incentive program | \$ 500,000 |
| Support congregate settings agencies such as shelters and schools | \$ 200,000 |
| Support of mental health and substance use services | \$ 75,000 |
| Pilot programs to assists with alternate care services | \$ 2,400,000 |
| Support of small businesses. Possible business grants | \$ 500,000 |
| Support of tourism related businesses | \$ 350,000 |
| Support of non-profits and other agencies impacted by the pandemic. Including arts grants, event, permit and parking waivers; food agencies | \$ 725,000 |
| Contracted Human Resources services to assist with recruitment | \$ 50,000 |
| Education assistance for early learning opportunities | \$ 250,000 |
| Education assistance for academic opportunities, such as STEM related programs | \$ 350,000 |
| Housing assistance programs | \$ 450,000 |
| Possible premium pay for workers performing direct work in public health and safety areas | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Improvement to water and wastewater cyber security measures including fiber projects to facilities | \$ 1,500,000 |
| Revenue loss replacement | \$ 4,500,000 |
| Hiring of staff and/or consultants to help manage the ARPA Local Funding including compliance and reporting | \$ 400,000 |
| ADD: Temporary labor funding | \$ - |
| ADD: Job Training | \$ - |
| ADD: Study for water quality from treatment plants | \$ - |
| Total | \$ 13,250,000 |
| ARPA Local Allocation | \$ 13,252,816 |
| Remaining Balance | \$ 2,816 |

A break was held from 7:50 p.m. through 8:04 p.m.

B. Consideration and Direction: Expenditure of less than \$50,000 for wastewater testing for COVID-19 at public schools

Dr. Christal Hepp provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

SAMPLING PROCEDURES
CITY OF FLAGSTAFF WWTPS
CITY OF FLAGSTAFF QPCR RESULTS
NAU WASTEWATER TESTING PROJECT
PREVIOUS FUSD WASTEWATER PROJECT
PROPOSED FALL 2021 AND SPRING 2022 COLLABORATION WITH CITY OF
FLAGSTAFF AND FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAVEATS / PROS

Flagstaff Unified School District Superintendent Mike Penca addressed Council and thanked Dr. Hepp for the presentation. He indicated that FUSD found value with the project the prior year; however, with the high community transmission levels it is expected that all sites would show positive readings. With many students ineligible to receive vaccines, the testing has been one of many strategies used during the pandemic. Continued testing has not been discussed with the School Board.

Councilmember McCarthy indicated that he would like to get an opinion from an epidemiologist and perhaps Dr. Engelthaler could present to Council in the future about the impact of wastewater testing. Vice Mayor Daggett stated that she spoke with Dr. Engelthaler about the testing and he indicated that when there are higher instances of positive cases in the community, additional testing is not needed because it is expected that there will be positive samples at all schools.

Dr. Hepp explained that the value is not necessarily in seeing a presence or absence of COVID-19 but rather in the quantification of different mitigation strategies. They are able to evaluate effectiveness based on how COVID-19 increased or decreased.

Mayor Deasy noted that the testing also picks up other pathogens that are traveling throughout the community. It is possible that the flu would show up in the testing before it physically manifests which could allow for earlier interventions.

Councilmember Aslan stated that he is not supportive of expending funds for testing at this time. He feels that contact tracing and other mitigation strategies are more appropriate and he is more interested in utilizing funds for alternate care or housing services.

Councilmember Sweet indicated that she sees value in the testing but agrees that it may not be the right time. She suggested that Council revisit the matter at a later time when cases lower and it might be more beneficial for testing to occur.

Councilmember Salas also suggested postponing the item. She indicated that she would like to get information from Coconino County Health and Human Services along with Dr. Engelthaler. She would like to give the FUSD School Board time to discuss and determine if it would be beneficial for them.

Mayor Deasy stated that these types of projects provide opportunities for lab technicians and entry level workers; it is about more than just Covid-19, it is also a workforce development opportunity.

A majority of Council was not in support of allocating funding to wastewater testing.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

After discussion and upon agreement by three members of the Council, an item will be moved to a regularly-scheduled Council meeting.

- A. Future Agenda Item Request (F.A.I.R.)** A Citizens' Petition seeking to "limit the on-street parking of all Recreational Vehicles (campers, boats, camping vehicles, trailers, etc.), and any other trailer, to 30 calendar days, with a possible appeal to the City for an additional 30-day extension, for a maximum limit of 60 days per calendar year."

Council was supportive of moving the item to a future agenda for discussion.

- B. Future Agenda Item Request (F.A.I.R.):** A request by the Commission on Diversity Awareness through Councilmember McCarthy to place on a future agenda a discussion about equitable restroom availability.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that the request came from the Commission on Diversity Awareness. The would apply to City properties that have a single, general use restroom that it be signed using equitable signage.

Council was supportive of moving the matter forward to a future agenda for discussion. They requested that the Commission on Diversity Awareness be invited to present to the Council at that meeting.

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

Councilmember McCarthy read a statement that encouraged treating everyone with respect and to focus attention on community issues.

Councilmember Sweet also read a statement. She expressed frustration about the Mayor calling a Special Council Meeting after Council had already voted to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting due to the League Conference. Unless the issue at hand is a true emergency, the public deserves ample notice for agendas.

Councilmember Salas reported that she attended a number of meetings at the League Conference on behalf of the Mayor. She also met with a company who is exploring Flagstaff as a location for a training center.

Councilmember Shimoni stated that the Council is charged with working together and serving the community. He expressed disappointment with the events of the prior week. He spoke about treating each other with respect and taking efforts to repair relationships.

Vice Mayor Daggett stated that the Council should be spending time working on behalf of the community rather than addressing the behavior of Council. She would like to see everyone conduct themselves in accordance with their position of representing the community.

Mayor Deasy explained his sense of urgency with the situation and that the urgency was not well communicated. He did not feel that he was asking for too much time in calling a meeting. He was acting with a sense of urgency for the Council to assist the community.

He recognized his tone and acknowledged the need to repair and build relationships.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held September 7, 2021, adjourned at 9:01 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 September 7, 2021. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 20th day of September, 2022.

CITY CLERK