

## MINUTES

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Daggett called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held January 3, 2023, 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 DAGGETT  
VICE MAYOR ASLAN  
COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS  
COUNCILMEMBER HOUSE  
COUNCILMEMBER MATTHEWS  
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY  
COUNCILMEMBER SWEET

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

### 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MISSION STATEMENT, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Council and audience recited the pledge of allegiance, Councilmember Sweet read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff, and Councilmember McCarthy read the Land Acknowledgement.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The Flagstaff City Council humbly acknowledges the ancestral homelands of this area's Indigenous nations and original stewards. These lands, still inhabited by Native descendants, border mountains sacred to Indigenous peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their traditions, and their continued contributions. We celebrate their past, present, and future generations who will forever know this place as home.*

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- A. **Consideration and Approval of Minutes:** City Council Regular Meeting of December 7, 2021, Combined Special Meeting/Work Session of December 28, 2021, Special Meeting (Executive Session) of December 6, 2022, and Special Meeting (Executive Session) of December 20, 2022.

**Moved by** Councilmember Khara House, **seconded by** Mayor Becky Daggett to approve the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of December 7, 2021, Combined Special Meeting/Work Session of December 28, 2021, Special Meeting (Executive Session) of December 6, 2022, and Special Meeting (Executive Session) of December 20, 2022.

**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.*

None

### 6. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. **Proclamation:** Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The City Council joined Mayor Daggett at the podium where she read and presented the Human Trafficking Awareness Month proclamation.

### 7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember House reported that she attended the Commission on Diversity Awareness Commission meeting where they discussed increased engagement and upcoming proclamations.

## 8. 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: Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Moved by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to appoint Marchell Camp to a term expiring December 2025.

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - Unanimously

Councilmember Aslan indicated that he would have preferred to have more applications to consider for the appointments. He suggested postponing his appointment to allow more time

for applications to be submitted.

The Council briefly discussed a possible postponement and how that could affect the commission.

**Moved by** Vice Mayor Austin Aslan, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to postpone his appointment until more applications are received.

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - Unanimously

### B. Consideration of Appointments: Open Spaces Commission.

**Moved by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Khara House to appoint Bruce Fox to a term expiring April 2023.

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - Unanimously

## 9. LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Daggett opened the public hearing on all three applications.

Police Lieutenant Ryan Turley introduced the application noting nothing of concern.

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

**Moved by** Councilmember Khara House, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to forward the applications to the state with a recommendation for approval.

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - Unanimously

### A. Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application: Amy S. Nations, "Foram Bar, Grill, Nightclub," 30 S. San Francisco, Series 06, Owner Transfer.

- B. **Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Tung Kam Cheng "Golden Dragon," 2730 E. Lakin Drive, Series 12 (restaurant), New License.
- C. **Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Scott Emil Sawyer "FlagTagAZ," 1801 W. Route 66, Suite 102, Series 07 (Beer and Wine Bar), New Application.

10. **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 McCarthy requested Item 10B be pulled for discussion.

**Moved by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to approve the Consent Agenda 10A and 10C as presented.

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- A. **Consideration and Adoption of Ratifying the Supplemental Project Agreement:**  
Ratifying the Supplemental Project Agreement between the City of Flagstaff and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Coconino National Forest for the implementation of cultural resource surveys.  
Ratify the Supplemental Project Agreement with the Coconino National Forest in the amount of \$1,504,489.93.
- B. **Consideration and Approval of Final Plat:** TLC PC Land Investors, LLC requests Final Plat approval for Ghost Tree at Pine Canyon (PZ-21-00155-05) located at 3201 South Clubhouse Circle, a 12-unit single-family home subdivision on 7.87 acres in the Single-Family Residential (R1) Zone.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that while he will be voting in support of the item because it is in strict compliance with the City Code, he believes that the project is contrary to the city's goals of promoting mass transit, walkability, and bikability.

Vice Mayor Aslan agreed with the comments and appreciated the opportunity to recognize the tension that exists. Councilmember House added that the project was approved back in 2000 when there was no climate emergency declaration, however, it is important to keep the concerns noted by Councilmember McCarthy in mind with all projects.

**Moved by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Khara House to approve the Final Plat and authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Plat and City/Subdivider Agreement when notified by staff that all documents are ready for signature and recordation.

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- C. Consideration and Approval of Contract:** Ratification of a Contract for Professional Services with Water Resources Economics in an Amount Not to Exceed \$65,000 for a Stormwater Utility Rate Adjustment Study
1. Staff recommends Ratification of a Contract for Professional Services with Water Resources Economics in an Amount not to Exceed \$65,000 for a Stormwater Utility Rate Adjustment Study; and
  2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**11. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Federal and State Legislative Priorities Update**

Public Affairs Director Sarah Langley provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
AGENDA  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

Federal Lobbyist Bob Holmes continued the presentation.

FEDERAL LANDSCAPE  
PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
ECONOMY  
TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE  
ENVIRONMENT  
COUNCIL FEEDBACK

Councilmember McCarthy stated that there may be more support for the Grand Canyon protection item if the focus is on public health in terms of water quality at the Grand Canyon. Mr. Holmes agreed that it may be a way to find some common ground on the matter.

Councilmember House stated that post-wildfire flooding incidents have brought attention to major issues associated with national flood insurance such as how to determine eligibility and exacerbated rates. She wanted to ensure that those types of matters are included within the existing priorities. Mr. Holmes stated that he has seen some correspondence in regard to the huge cost increases for insurance and it will be something that he will be watching for.

Vice Mayor Aslan indicated that it will be great to see some of the Rio de Flag project points take shape in the coming year and he wants to continue to prioritize that project. He also asked about adding fireworks to both the federal and state priorities as a matter of home rule.

Mayor Daggett asked about the project related to the recent watershed protection funding. Stormwater Manager Ed Schenk stated that the funding was awarded to Flagstaff for channel stabilization downstream of the basins, however the projects related to the Highway 180 culvert were not included because they are not eligible for the NRCS funding.

State Lobbyist Todd Madeksza continued the presentation.

STATE LANDSCAPE  
PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
COUNCIL FEEDBACK

Mr. Clifton addressed Council stating that there was reference to a five year delay by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns related to short term rental legislation. There is a desire for cities and towns to have the ability to regulate short term rentals and it is not well understood by many cities and towns why the League would take a position of a five-year moratorium. Cities and towns can seek legislation individually but the ability to do that collectively has been hindered. It is a frustrating position to be in. Council discussed their frustrations and the challenges related to the short-term rental situation.

Vice Mayor Aslan requested that communication and regular meetings be reinstated with the Arizona Corporation Commission. With different leadership in place, relations may improve and work to the city's favor.

Councilmember McCarthy requested that wildlife corridors be included in the priorities. Vice Mayor Aslan agreed stating that wildlife corridors relate directly to forest health and habitat restoration.

Ms. Langley concluded the presentation.

NEXT STEPS

**12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO/FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

Vice Mayor Aslan requested additional information about snow play at the new basins related to the Pipeline West post-wildfire flooding.

Councilmember McCarthy reported that he will be attending the meeting of January 10, 2023 virtually as he will be out of state.

Councilmember House reported that she attended the memorial ceremony for Officer Tyler Stewart. The Flagstaff Police Department did a wonderful job with the ceremony and reflection of Officer Stewart's life and legacy.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held January 3, 2023, adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 3, 2023. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2023.

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CITY CLERK