

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Deasy called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held January 6, 2022, to order at 5:01 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 work session, 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: Acting City Manager Heidi Hansen; City Attorney Sterling Solomon.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance, Mission Statement, and Land Acknowledgement**

The Council and audience recited the pledge of allegiance, Vice Mayor Daggett read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff, and Councilmember Shimoni 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. Discussion and Direction on COVID-19 Matters Including:

- **Council Meeting Protocol**
- **COVID Testing Assistance**

Acting City Manager Heidi Hansen explained why she called the meeting and clarified that the need was to do it in a timely manner and in accordance with Open Meeting Law.

Councilmember Sweet asked if transitioning back to fully virtual meeting requires Council to change the phase the city is currently in. Senior Deputy City Manager Shannon Anderson explained that there would not need to be a change in the phase.

Christy Zeller and Alicyn Gitlin addressed Council and expressed concern that they were not told of a possible exposure to COVID-19 after meeting with the Mayor.

Councilmember Shimoni stated that a surge is coming and he would like to see the city move back to Phase 2 as soon as possible and move all meetings back to virtual only. Ms. Anderson stated that moving back to Phase 2 would close all facilities except the Visitor Center and Jay Lively.

Councilmember Salas asked if staff had a recommendation on the phases. Ms. Anderson stated that staff is encouraged to work remotely when able, buildings remain under limited hours, and masks are required in city facilities. At this point there is no recommendation to go back to Phase 2 but to continue messaging the current protocols and guidelines.

Councilmember Aslan stated that the Council meetings should go back to remote until further notice.

Vice Mayor Daggett stated that she supports going back to virtual until the next COVID update from staff and then Council can reassess at that point. The Council agreed to holding remote meetings for three to four weeks and then reassess. Council requested an update from the Re-Entry Team on the current phase and operations. Council also asked that staff have access to high quality N95 masks and that adequate stocks are maintained.

Council discussed using city facilities as potential testing sites and places where the public could pick up at home tests. There were concerns about exposure to employees and not wanting to put them at additional risk or place additional burden on them. The County Health Department has not made a formal request for use of city facilities and it is something that could be considered if and when a request is made.

Director of Coconino County Health and Human Services Kim Musselman addressed Council stating that there is not an ask for the use of city property or facilities; the county has plenty of facilities to utilize. Right now, people are able to come to the NAU testing site and there are still other free testing sites open and available for those who want to use them. The at home tests are not readily available and the county is not yet ready to facilitate distribution as they do not have the supply needed to maintain. She will communicate with cities if additional resources or locations are needed.

Ms. Hansen stated that the Flagstaff Local My Actions Matter campaign will continue to be utilized to communicate where tests are available, testing options and locations, along with other helpful information.

Ms. Anderson stated that Council will continue to be updated on the bi-weekly emergency operation calls. Ms. Musselman added that the calls are open to the Council to attend and listen.

5. Adjournment

The Special Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held January 6, 2022, adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK