

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Deasy called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held January 11, 2022, to order at 3:02 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, Councilmember McCarthy read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff, and Vice Mayor Daggett 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. 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 at the meeting 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 to have 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.*

Traffic Engineer Jeff Bauman and Public Works Streets Director Sam Beckett provided a brief update on the bike lane pilot project on Beaver.

Dawn Rodriguez addressed Council speaking about Museum Fire flooding.

Michelle James addressed Council regarding the Lone Tree Overpass project and expressed concern about the size and safety of intersection; she asked the Council to slow the design process down. She also offered comments in support of the Active Transportation Master Plan.

Paul Bier also addressed Council with concerns about the Lone Tree Overpass project.

### 5. Review of Draft Agenda for the January 18, 2022 City Council Meeting

*Citizens wishing to speak on agenda items not specifically called out by the City Council may submit a speaker card for their items of interest to the recording clerk.*

Councilmember Shimoni indicated that he would like to hear from staff in Capital about Item 12A during the presentation next week.

### 6. Commission on Diversity Awareness Recommendation for Equitable Restroom Availability

Commission on Diversity Awareness Chairperson DeAnn Wegwert provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

EQUITABLE RESTROOM ORDINANCE  
PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE  
KEY ELEMENTS  
NON-CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Claire Hardi submitted a written comment in support of the recommendations from the Commission on Diversity Awareness.

Council expressed appreciation for the presentation and the recommendations from the

commission. They expressed support for moving the issue forward and for city facilities to be signed as they are able. They were also supportive of a possible ordinance that would require single use restrooms within city facilities be signed in a gender-neutral manner.

## **7. Presentation: Municipal Equality Index**

Management Analyst Chris Rhode provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

MUNICIPALITY EQUALITY INDEX  
SUMMARY  
WHAT IS THE MUNICIPALITY EQUALITY INDEX?  
CONTENTS OF SCORECARD  
FLAGSTAFF 2021 SCORECARD  
WHERE WE LOSE POINTS  
HOUSING NON-DISCRIMINATION LAWS  
CITY PROVIDES TRANSGENDER-INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS  
NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE IS ENFORCED BY CODA  
LEADERSHIP'S PRO-EQUALITY LEGISLATIVE OR POLICY EFFORTS  
SINGLE-OCCUPANCY ALL-GENDER FACILITIES  
CITY PROTECTS YOUTH FROM CONVERSION THERAPY  
YOUTH BULLYING PREVENTION POLICY FOR CITY SERVICES  
CITY PROVIDES SERVICES TO LGBTQ+ PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
CITY PROVIDES SERVICES TO LGBTQ+ OLDER ADULTS  
CITY PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY  
CITY TESTS LIMITS OF RESTRICTIVE STATE LAW

Claire Hardi submitted a written comment urging Council to move forward with an ordinance banning conversion therapy for individuals under 18. She also asked Council to consider how dismantling Section 6-01-001-0022 of the City Code could be viewed as a pro-equality policy effort.

Mayor Deasy stated that if the city were to pursue large policy changes, it would need to do so with input from the community. He suggested the formation of a committee or task force to engage with the community,

Vice Mayor Daggett stated that she is open to conversations about how to make things better for people in the community and understanding what could be done to make sure Flagstaff is as welcoming and inclusive as it can be.

Councilmember McCarthy suggested having the Commission on Diversity Awareness weigh in and offer recommendations back to Council.

Council agreed to ask the Commission on Diversity Awareness to weigh in and offer recommendations. They also asked Mr. Solomon to research and present at a future Executive Session legal advice concerning Housing Non-Discrimination Laws.

## **8. Carbon Neutrality Plan Quarterly Update**

Sustainability Director Nicole Antonopoulos, Climate Engagement Coordinator Jenna Ortega, Climate Program Manager Jenny Niemann, and Climate Analyst Ramone Alatorre provided a

PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

CARBON NEUTRALITY PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE  
TODAY'S DISCUSSION  
WELCOME JENNA!  
CARBON NEUTRALITY ACTION UPDATES  
STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS  
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE  
EQUITABLE SYSTEMS  
DECREASED DEPENDENCE ON CARS  
CLEAN ENERGY SOURCES  
ELECTRIC MOBILITY  
BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION  
CLEAN ELECTRICITY  
MANAGED CONSUMPTION  
REDUCED BUILDING ENERGY USE  
SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION & WASTE MGMT.  
UPHOLDING OUR COMMITMENT  
CARBON DIOXIDE REMOVAL  
ENGAGEMENT  
IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS  
INVESTMENT STRATEGY  
HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING ACTION

The Council expressed appreciation for the presentation and the work of staff. They extended words of support and excitement about future updates.

Councilmember Shimoni stated that he was excited to hear about possible incentives for electric bikes. He also noted that he would like to see an audit done of all city division efforts toward carbon neutrality to evaluate where they are at and help set goals for the future.

Councilmember Sweet mentioned the success of the ride and drive event and encouraged similar events. She also noted excitement about another round of the solar co-op.

Councilmember Salas stated that the cooperation with MetroPlan will lead to a good partnership with the ATMP and the regional transportation safety plan being initiated by NACOG. There is grant funding and other funding resources for electrification and EV charging stations, complete streets, smart signals, and the like.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that transportation is the leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions, and it is important to keep that in mind as decisions are made with regard to land use and the zoning code.

A break was held from 5:37 p.m. through 5:52 p.m.

## **9. COVID-19 Update**

Acting City Manager Heidi Hansen, Housing Director Sarah Darr, Library Director Jared Tolman, Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events Director Rebecca Sayers, City Attorney Sterling Solomon, and Grants and Contracts Manager Stacey Brechler-Knaggs provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

COVID-19 UPDATE

AGENDA  
PHASE 3 – CURRENT PHASE  
PHASE 2  
CITY PHASE RECOMMENDATION  
CITY FACILITY OPERATIONS  
HOUSING OFFICES  
FLAGSTAFF VISITOR CENTER  
SITE SPECIFIC PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS  
DOWNTOWN & EAST SIDE LIBRARIES  
RECREATION FACILITIES  
JOE C. MONTOYA COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER  
HAL JENSEN RECREATION CENTER  
AQUAPLEX  
JAY LIVELY ACTIVITY CENTER  
ATHLETICS  
CITY PHASE SUMMARY  
MASK AVAILABILITY UPDATE  
COVID EOC ATTENDANCE

Council discussed the staff recommendations, reduced capacity at the Aquaplex pool, using masks while on the ice at Jay Lively, mask requirements at city facilities, and community messaging.

Deb Harris addressed Council stating that she does not want to see staff put in a position of confrontation with the public about masks so communicating to people up front that they will be asked to leave if they do not wear a mask seems like a softer approach rather than telling someone that they are required to do something. She also spoke about challenges with only permitting KN95 masks because there is a lot of confusion about what they are and how to find them.

The Council majority was to move forward with staff recommendations along with a reduction in pool capacity to 30 and requiring masks at all times at Jay Lively. They also agreed that Mayor Deasy and Councilmember Sweet would attend the COVID EOC meetings with Councilmember Shimoni as an alternate.

**10. Public Participation**

None

**11. Informational Items To/From Mayor, Council, and City Manager; future agenda item requests**

Councilmember Shimoni reported that he attended the Indigenous Commission meeting where they received an update on cultural sensitivity and education training, they also discussed a logo for the commission. He reported that the CJCC will be meeting later that week and the Transportation Commission will also be meeting to discuss the Lone Tree Overpass project. He also offered comments about the tension among Council over the last week and encouraged his colleagues to commit to working together and in support of the community. He commented about Mayor's upcoming State of the City address and that he believes it should be a Council, rather than individual, effort.

Vice Mayor Daggett reported that the Housing Section has some upcoming information sessions on the CDBG block grant process. The sessions will be recorded and available online

if people are unable to attend live.

Councilmember McCarthy reported that MetroPlan met recently where they allocated money to the city for the Downtown Mile Project. He also reported that he, Councilmember Sweet, and Mayor Deasy met to discuss the draft noise ordinance. He then read a statement regarding the Mayor's upcoming State of the City address and clarified that the speech will represent the Mayor's views individually and the context may or may not be in agreement with a majority of the City Council.

Councilmember Sweet noted that she will not be in attendance at the next Council meeting due to a death in her family.

Councilmember Salas invited Council to agree to disagree while upholding the rule of majority.

Mayor Deasy wished his twins happy birthday.

**12. Adjournment**

The Work Session of the Flagstaff City Council held January 11, 2022, adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK