

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Deasy called the Budget Retreat of the Flagstaff City Council held February 4, 2022, to order at 8:32 a.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: 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 Salas 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. City Council Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Retreat

Facilitator Nicole Lance offered some opening remarks and provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

HOW ARE WE SHOWING UP TODAY?

Housing Director Sarah Darr continued the presentation.

HOUSING

LESSONS LEARNED

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST 4 YEARS?

EMERGENCY HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS - \$17 MILLION

RENTAL HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS - \$16 MILLION

WORKFORCE HOUSING/HOMEOWNERSHIP - \$17 MILLION

PROPOSED HOUSING BOND PROJECTS

HOUSING – 10 YEAR PLAN

HOUSING FUNDING

Vice Mayor Daggett asked how eviction prevention would boost the efforts already underway in the community and what happens to the households that need additional assistance. Ms. Darr stated that local money equals local rules and right now federal and state funding is being utilized for eviction prevention and that has some income caps that are too low to help working households in the community. Using local money would allow us to create rules that are specific to Flagstaff to augment what is already available.

Mayor Deasy stated that he supports the navigator position and the homebuyer assistance with a revolving component. He would like to look at options for bonding at \$10 million and \$20 million.

Councilmember Shimoni also voice support for the Housing Navigator position but is not interested in exploring lesser amounts on the bond recommendation.

Councilmember McCarthy indicated he was supportive of the revolving loan program and that it was worth analyzing smaller amounts for the bond. The information would be helpful as the Council considers their final decision.

Capital Improvements Engineer Trevor Henry continued the presentation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

JWP LAKE MARY TO AIRPORT

JWP LONE TREE TO FOURTH STREET

PILOT PROGRAM SEPARATE BIK

BUTLER AVENUE WIDENING

FOURTH-LOCKETT ROUNDABOUT

BEULAH UNIVERSITY

City Engineer Rick Barrett continued the presentation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Council discussed limitations with funding and personnel and the need to potentially reprioritize the five-year plan.

Following discussion, it was decided that a Work Session dedicated to discussion of the five-year plan and project prioritization would be held to allow adequate time for discussion and direction.

A break was held from 10:27 a.m. through 10:34 a.m.

Public Works Director Scott Overton continued the presentation.

FACILITIES FLEET

IT Director CJ Perry continued the presentation.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mayor Deasy spoke in support of infrastructure and cyber security the importance of maximizing opportunity.

COUNCIL FORUM/BUDGET EXPECTATIONS

The following takeaways were noted by Council:

- Use the Housing Emergency and Climate Emergency as a lens to apply the budget through.
- Support the foundational needs.
- Lack of affordable housing holds us back from what we could be achieving from business retention and attraction.
- Our climate change needs are not environmental wishes, those of us least able to afford the impacts of climate change will be the ones who experience those impacts most.
- Housing needs a seat at the leadership table and at all planning discussions.
- Would like to have priority packages of projects.
- Maximize matching funds wherever possible.
- Cost recovery and revolving funds should be included in the priority list.

5. Public Participation

None

6. Adjournment

The Budget Retreat of the Flagstaff City Council held February 4, 2022, adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK