

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Deasy called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held March 22, 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
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, 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 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. 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.

Climate Energy Coordinator Ramone Alatorre addressed Council to provide information about an upcoming workshop titled Wake Up to Heat Pumps on March 31, 2022.

5. City Manager Report

Mr. Clifton briefly reviewed his report.

6. Introduction of CARE (Community Alliance, Response, & Engagement) Unit

Fire Chief Mark Gaillard addressed Council and introduced Brian Gest from Terros and Captain Mike Felts who provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

CARE
STAFFING THE UNIT
BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL MODEL
PARTNERSHIPS
COLLABORATIONS
COMMUNITY INPUT
TRAINING
START DATE!
OMEGA RESPONSE
MISSION OF THE CARE UNIT
GOALS
OUTLOOK
WHAT IS SUCCESS?

Vice Mayor Daggett asked about the training and requirements for the staff responding to calls. Mr. Gest stated that staff are certified as behavioral health technicians or behavioral health professionals. It is a diverse team that includes all levels of experience and education. Everyone is trained through mobile crisis platforms and are fully competent to handle a wide range of situations. For every situation there is a flow chart they work from. The initial approach is to make public contact and as they go through the contact there are trigger points where

Terros responds or if there is a need for medical response.

Councilmember McCarthy asked what happens during off hours. Captain Felts stated that if Terros is not on staff at the time, the EMS staff will respond in the same way; respond, assessment, attempt alternative means of treatment or implement a medical response.

Councilmember Shimoni stated that he would like to see the addition of a Peer Specialist to the response team.

Mayor Deasy asked about the process used to differentiate calls from the dispatch units. Captain Felts explained that there are a series of questions and parameters assessed to determine the appropriate response dispatched. They used the existing CART protocol as a starting point. There will be daily modifications and tweaks on how to respond and interact as the program gets started. They anticipate a lot of findings in the early periods and they stand ready to adjust as necessary.

Council expressed gratitude and excitement for the program. They appreciate the coordination with other agencies within the community and they are eager to see an easing of the burden on police and fire.

7. Parks and Recreation Commission Update

Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events Director Rebecca Sayers provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION UPDATE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Sayers introduced the Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson Richard Conway and Co-Chair Stephen Parsons who continued the presentation.

COMMISSION AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION RECENT P&R COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS UPCOMING P&R COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS UNFUNDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Council thanked Chairperson Conway and Co-Chair Parsons for the presentation and they thanked the commission for their work.

8. Discussion and Direction Regarding Filling a Council Vacancy

City Clerk Stacy Saltzburg provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

FILLING A COUNCIL VACANCY VACANCY APPOINTMENT PROCESS POSSIBLE TIMELINE DECISION POINTS

Council discussed the appointment process and provided the following direction:

- Formal application process that includes an application, letter of interest, resume, and completed questionnaire.
- Responses to the questions will be limited to 250 words or less.
- Official candidates for the November 2022 election will not be permitted to apply.
- Applicants will participate in a series of presentations and interviews.
- An appointment will be made on or before May 3, 2022.

9. Public Participation

None

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

Councilmember Salas reported that she would be attending a number of federal lobbying meetings that week.

Councilmember Sweet reported that she will be attending the Flagstaff to Ukraine benefit at the Orpheum; she encouraged others to attend.

Vice Mayor Daggett reported that the Sustainability Commission and the Housing Commission will be meeting together on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Councilmember Shimoni reported that he attended the Children Funding Institute Conference. He also reported that the Mountain Line Board meeting is later in the week.

11. Adjournment

The Special Work Session of the Flagstaff City Council held March 22, 2022, adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK