

Citizen Petitions & FAIRs

City Council Retreat

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Citizen Petitions

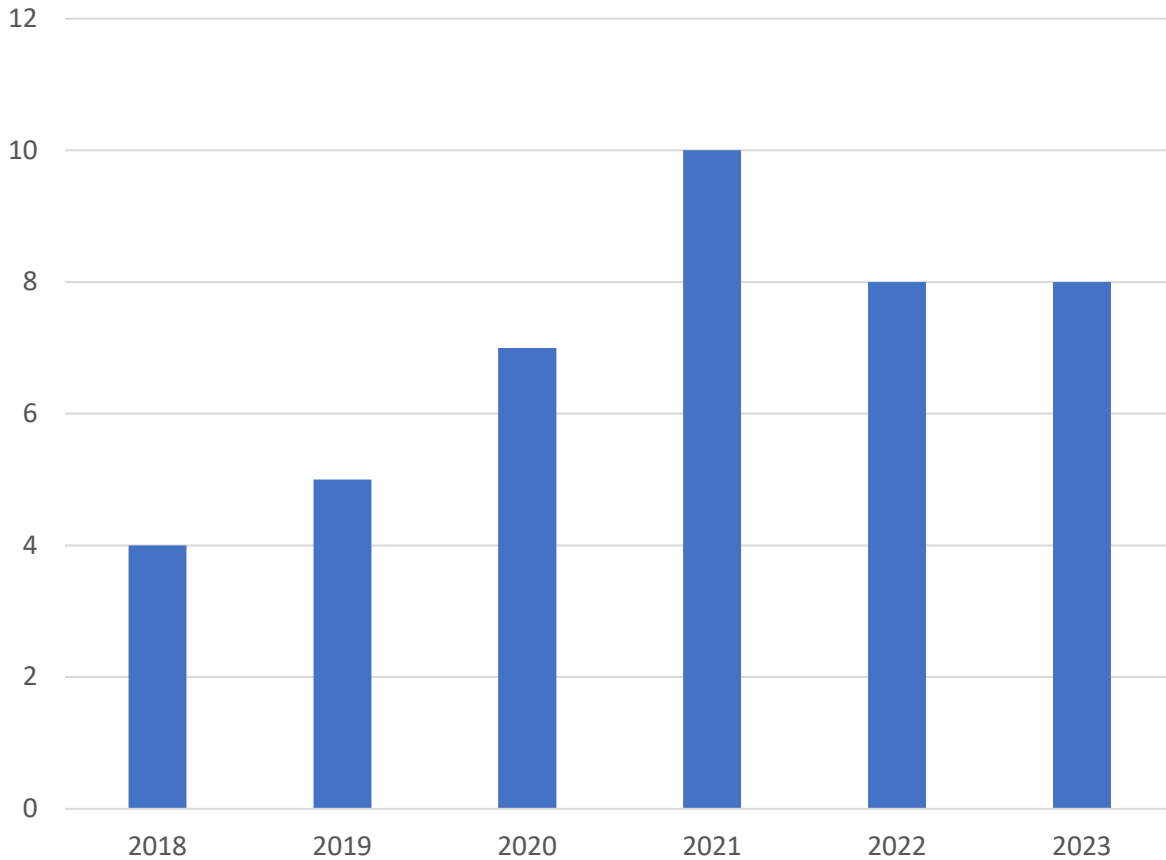


- Require 25 signatures to appear on the agenda
- The Council has 30 days to take action on the petition
 - Advance or not advance item
- Treated similarly to a FAIR item



Citizen Petitions

2018 - 2023



- Increase in amount
- Increase in intensity
 - Vocal proponents
- Increase in staff & Council time
 - Pushing other items aside
- Going beyond municipal scope
 - Political statements
- Mandating administrative outcomes



Citizen Petitions



Recent Petition Topics

- Noise Pollution/Sound Study
- Camping Ordinance
- Abortion
- Nuclear Weapons
- Divestment from Wells Fargo
- Pickleball (x 3)
- Carbon Neutrality

Citizen Petition: FOSPR
Citizen Petition: Coconino County Detention Center
Citizen Petition: FOSPR Revised
Citizen Petition: Free Parking for First Fridays
Citizen Petition: Add Grandfather Clause to T21 Ordinance
Citizen Petition: Climate Emergency Resolution
Citizen Petition: Ranked Choice Voting
Citizen Petition: Noise Pollution
Citizen Petition: Coconino Estates Sidewalks
Citizen Petition: Formally declare 2020 the year of the mother in Flagstaff
Citizen Petition: School Zone Speed Limits
Citizen Petition: Pinnacle Pines
Citizen Petition: Flagstaff Police Reform: Use of Force and Funding
Citizen Petition: Modification to US89 & Smokerise Dr. Intersection
Citizen Petition: Tunnel/Bridge to connect Thompson St. to Lower Coconino St.
Citizen Petition: Declare a Housing Crisis in the City of Flagstaff through Emergency Resolution
Citizen Petition: Save the tree at 510 W. Beal Rd.
Citizen Petition: Essential Retail Workers Vaccine
Citizen Petition: Seeking closure of Woody Way
Citizen Petition: Bike Safety
Citizen Petition: Camping Ordinance
Citizen Petition: Flagstaff Village Issue
Citizen Petition: 30-day Street Parking Ordinance
Citizen Petition: Designating Woody Way as one way street
Citizen Petition: Museum Flood Mitigation Plan
Citizen Petition: Southside Neighborhood Character Overlay
Citizen Petition: Climate Emergency: Stop the Money Pipeline
Citizen Petition: Fourth Street Lockett Intersection
Citizen Petition: Nuclear Weapons – Existential Threat
Citizen Petition: Protect Abortion Access
Citizen Petition: Deny zoning text amendment change for the Switzer Canyon Wash Floodplain
Citizen Petition: Pipeline West Culvert Improvements at Schultz Creek & Hwy 180
Citizen Petition: Timely Public Access to Traffic Study Data
Citizen Petition: Traffic Calming in Boulder Point
Citizen Petition: Declare Macy's Coffeehouse as a historic landmark
Citizen Petition: Redevelopment of Firehouse #2
Citizen Petition: Access to El Paso Flagstaff or Empire Road
Citizen Petition: Pickleball Reconsideration
Citizen Petition: Pickleball Reconsideration at Thorpe Park Annex
Citizen Petition: Pickleball Impact Mitigation
Citizen Petition: Walk by Default
Citizen Petition: Add New Priorities to the Carbon Neutrality Plan



Citizen Petitions



Some Principles to Consider

- Respect the Council/Manager Form of Governance
- Obtaining 25 signatures is easy; Council policy discussion is not
- Focus should be within our Municipal Scope
- Staff Time = Expenditure of Taxpayer Dollars

Future Agenda Item Requests (FAIR)

- FAIRs are the process by which a Councilmember may ask to have an item placed on a future agenda for discussion
- FAIRs should be limited to possible policy formulation and not as a means of obtaining information or making a political statement
- A Councilmember may submit an item for consideration in a public meeting during To/From
- The FAIR process is a good and thoughtful methodology ... but it may need a little refinement





Future Agenda Item Requests (FAIR)



- The support of three (3) Councilmembers is needed for the item to be placed on a future agenda
- FAIRs are placed in a queue based upon the order that they are received. Items may be expedited by a majority of Council
- Periodic check ins with Council to review the FAIR item list and bring attention to any workload or time concerns



Current FAIRs



FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS (F.A.I.R.) – Needs 3 in Support

These are items requested by a Councilmember to be placed on an agenda under F.A.I.R. to determine if there is at least two other Councilmembers interested in placing it on a future agenda.

DATE REQ'D	MTG. DATE	REQUESTOR	SUBJECT
09/20/2023	10/17/2023	Cit. Petition	Citizen Petition: Add New Priorities to the Carbon Neutrality Plan
10/03/2023	11/07/2023	Matthews	Discussion to consider adding the 10-Year Housing Plan to the weekly agenda policy impact section

COUNCIL DISCUSSION QUEUE – Seeking Council Direction

These are items that have received the support of three Councilmembers through the F.A.I.R. process to place the item on a future agenda. These items are placed in sequential order.

MTG TYPE	DATE REQ'D	REQUESTOR	MTG. DATE	SUBJECT	STAFF ASSIGNED
FAR	02/01/2022	Deasy		Development of artistic pedestrian crosswalks	Overton/Bauman
FAR	02/01/2022	Aslan		Development of a Councilmember Evaluation Process	HR
FAR	02/15/2022	Deasy		Housing program for elderly citizens to have an assistive roommate in exchange for rent	Darr
FAR	03/02/2022	Deasy		Legal violations of permittees as grounds to suspend or terminate building permits or public construction contracts.	Solomon
FAR	03/02/2022	Deasy		Apprenticeship requirements for public construction contracts	Brown
FAR	03/15/2022	Deasy		Development of an "only dig once" policy to allow for other utilities to participate in projects	Bauman
FAR	04/05/2022	Salas		Discussion about the bringing back the city owned parcel at Schultz Pass to the list of properties to be developed for workforce housing	Darr
FAR	02/07/2023	Aslan	01/09/2024	Revisit the City of Flagstaff's Logo	Rhode
FAR	04/04/2023	Cit. Petition		Citizen Petition: Declare Macy's Coffeehouse as a historic landmark	Reavis/Dechter
FAR	07/03/2023	Aslan		Discussion about a pond next to Ponderosa Trails neighborhood between Pulliam and I 17	
FAR	09/05/2023	Cit. Petition		Citizen Petition: Walk by Default	Bauman
FAR	09/05/2023	Aslan		Discussion about developing court amenities for city parks, specifically basketball and Bankshot	Sayers
FAR	09/05/2023	Aslan		Discussion about local breweries and increasing the square footage for retail space in light industrial zones	Antol
FAR	10/03/2023	House		Discussion about the Walk Friendly Community Designation, the levels within the designation, and working toward the next level.	Ince



Considerations

Citizen Petition

- Consider the scope
 - Is it a municipal action?
 - Does it concern policy or is it administrative?
 - Has it been previously addressed?
 - Should the requisite number of three votes to advance the item be changed to a simple majority of Council?



Considerations

FAIR

- Consider the scope
 - Is it a municipal action?
 - Is it something staff is already working on?
 - Is it something that can be addressed administratively?
 - Should the requisite number of three votes to advance the item be changed to a simple majority of Council?
- Simplify
 - Allow latitude in how the FAIR is framed (“including and all discussion items germane to this topic”)
 - City Manager can administratively advance items without the need for a FAIR when appropriate



City Council Initiative Fund

- Funded in FY 23/24
- Purpose is to enable Council's expenditure of funds for items not anticipated
- Has generally not been used; not initially intended to roll over from one budget year to the next
- No parameters, but does require Council action
- Recent Examples
 - Movies on the Square - \$1,555



City Council Initiative Fund

- Outstanding Requests
 - Adopt a Planet at Lowell - \$10,000
 - Sister Cities Sponsorship - \$3,500
 - Youth Poet Laureate?
 - Others?
- Going Forward
 - Aggregate fund subject to a ceiling (consistent with Procurement Code Thresholds)