

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Daggett called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held September 10, 2024, to order at 3:00 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 discussion and consultation 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 through other technological means.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

MAYOR DAGGETT (virtual)
VICE MAYOR ASLAN
COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS
COUNCILMEMBER HOUSE
COUNCILMEMBER MATTHEWS
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY
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 Harris read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff, and Vice Mayor Aslan 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. Open Call to the Public

Open Call to the Public enables the public to address the Council about an item that is not on the prepared agenda. Comments relating to items that are on the agenda will be taken at the time that the item is discussed. Open Call to the Public appears on the agenda twice, at the beginning and at the end. The total time allotted for the first Open Call to the Public is 30 minutes; any additional comments will be held until the second Open Call to the Public.

If you wish to address the Council in person at today's meeting, please complete a comment card and submit it to the recording clerk as soon as possible. Your name will be called when it is your turn to speak. You may address the Council up to three times throughout the meeting, including comments made during Open Call to the Public and Public Comment. Please limit your remarks to three minutes per item to allow everyone 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.

Dennis Givens addressed Council with concerns he had heard from Southside residents.

5. Proclamation: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Councilmember Matthews read and presented the proclamation.

6. Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month

Councilmember House read and presented the proclamation.

7. September Work Anniversaries

Deputy City Manager Joanne Keene provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY
FIRST YEAR
FIVE YEAR
TEN YEAR
TWENTY YEAR
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR

8. Review of Draft Agenda for the September 17, 2024 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.

None

9. City Manager Report

Mr. Clifton briefly reviewed his report. He called out the Meade Lane Flooding topic and Stormwater Manager Ed Schenk provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

MEADE LANE DRAINAGE
SUMMARY
FLOODING MAP
MEADE LANE PLAN AND PROFILE
MEADE ROADWAY SECTION

Councilmember House asked about the timeline for the project. Mr. Schenk stated that the project was funded through a FEMA grant so the timing was difficult to pinpoint exactly as to when the agreement

would be finalized. The hope was to advance the project quickly and staff continued to pressure DEMA and FEMA for a rapid conclusion and funding of the grant. Mr. Clifton added that the project would be treated as a high priority. The best case scenario would be that funding was realized much sooner than anticipated.

Councilmember Matthews asked why the project started with a smaller pipe and why the same size was not used throughout. Mr. Schenk explained that it had to do with the slope; a larger slope had larger velocity and the need for a larger pipe is lessened. This would save on cost and would reduce maintenance issues in the future.

Parks, Recreation, Open Spaces, and Events Director Rebecca Sayers briefly reviewed the PROSE monthly report.

Water Services Community Engagement Specialist Sarah Jablon briefly reviewed the Water Services quarterly report.

10. Moving the Needle on the Active Transportation Master Plan, the Carbon Neutrality Plan, and the 10 Year Housing Plan

Community Development Director Dan Folke, Sustainability Director Nicole Antonopoulos, City Engineer Paul Mood, Building Official Amy Tressler, Housing Director Sarah Darr, Planning Director Michelle McNulty, and Climate Section Director Jenny Niemann provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

MOVING THE NEEDLE
DISCUSSION
THE ON-GOING CONVERSATION
THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
THE CARBON NEUTRALITY PLAN
THE 10-YEAR HUSING PLAN
THE CHALLENGE
THE SOLUTION
ASSESSING CONDITIONS
THE APPROACH
TOUCHING THE SURFACE
MOVING FORWARD
HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF PLANNED EFFORTS
CITY ENGINEERING -- STANDARDS UPDATE (ATMP)
CITY ENGINEERING -- CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE (ATMP)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -- BUILDING SAFETY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -- HOUSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -- PLANNING
SUSTAINABILITY -- CLIMATE ACTION

Council discussion included the following:

- Ted Talk by Dr. Ayana Johnson: The presentation focused on finding joy in climate action and helping people understand their personal contribution to climate efforts.
- Climate Communication: There was a concern about whether current climate action messaging was effectively understood by the general public and efforts to simplify complex jargon and meeting people where they were. The approach was to focus on practical benefits like saving money or improving home comfort rather than using the term "climate" directly. Past initiatives included a climate ambassador program to help communicate those ideas.
- EV Charging Plan: There was a plan to install EV charging stations, particularly in parks due to their community integration. Future plans may involve public-private partnerships and exploring alternatives like charging stations in multifamily housing areas.
- ADU Standardization: Support for standardized building plans for ADUs to increase efficiency in construction, similar to practices in other cities. Emphasis on adding features like better insulation to improve energy efficiency should be considered.

- E-Bikes: Excitement about integrating e-bikes into the community, with a potential for broader adoption to encourage biking for a variety of purposes.
- Resilience Hubs: There was interest in seeing and understanding the impact of resilience hubs. A formal or informal tour for Councilmembers was suggested.
- Sidewalks on Zuni Street: There was a request to address the lack of sidewalks on Zuni Street, which was missed in past construction efforts. It was seen as a basic necessity for the neighborhood.
- Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and ADUs: There was concern about how HOAs might impact the implementation of ADU plans. It was suggested that staff engage with HOAs on how to work together and manage potential restrictions imposed by them.

11. Open Call to the Public

Nadine Hart addressed Council with concerns about the Flagstaff Housing Authority.

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

Councilmember House reported that she had participated in Operation Ready along with a few other Councilmembers. She offered high praise to all staff involved and also to the community members who volunteered to participate. She also reported that she was involved in a meeting that covered a number of housing topics, she was grateful for the invitation and opportunity to participate. She shared that it was Suicide Prevention Day and National American Indian and Alaska Native Hope for Life Day which is a suicide prevention awareness day. She also shared that the official colors for Suicide Prevention Month were purple and teal. She encouraged people to wear the colors in recognition of the month. Lastly, she noted the 23rd anniversary of September 11 and indicated that she would be participating in a few memorial ceremonies.

Councilmember Sweet reported that she attended the Mobile Haven neighborhood meeting and thanked staff and the Police Department for their participation. She also attended the 96th birthday party for the Museum of Northern Arizona along with the Coconino Center for the Arts 40th Anniversary celebration. She noted that she would also be participating in a few September 11 memorial ceremonies. She also indicated that she would be attending the Pickin in the Pines festival.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that he had been to the September 11 Memorial in New York City and encouraged others to visit if they had the opportunity. He also would be attending the Pickin in the Pines festival.

Vice Mayor Aslan reported that he, along with Mayor Daggett and Councilmember House, met with White House Advisor Tom Perez. He was impressed by the relationships that Mayor Daggett had been building nationally and leveraging those resources to visit Flagstaff. The meeting was great and Mr. Perez discussed the administration's accomplishments with ARPA and the IRA.

Councilmember Harris stated that she also attended the Ready Flag event and was pleased to have participated. She noted that the highlight of the event was the C130 airplane. She also attended the Creative Flagstaff events which were very nice.

Councilmember Matthews shared that she was an observer of the Ready Flag event and that it was impressive to see coordination of all the different agencies. The exercise brought heightened awareness that the region did not have all the resources it needed should an event happen. She also indicated that she would be attending the September 11 memorial events. Lastly, she reported that she attended the NAU Community Breakfast where it was interesting to learn about AI technology.

Mayor Daggett reported that the Ready Flag exercise was incredible to observe and to see all the agencies coordinating a response. She thanked all the staff and volunteers involved in the event. She attended the Mayor's Institute on City Design which was a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and the US Conference of Mayors. There were four Mayors in attendance and two Tribal Chairmen; each brought a project from their community to share and discuss with experts in

design. She presented the Indigenous Community Cultural Center. There would be follow up meeting in the future with members of the Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff and staff to follow up on what was discussed.

Mayor Daggett also shared that she welcomed Director Tom Perez to Flagstaff to discuss how Flagstaff spent ARPA and IRA dollars. The discussion focused on housing and along with staff, Flagstaff Shelter Services, Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona, Catholic Charities, and Habitat for Humanity were invited to participate. They toured JoJo's Place and Housing Director Sarah Darr provided great information about all the projects that had received funding. It was a great conversation and opportunity to brag on the city and local housing partners. Mr. Perez was impressed at how all the organizations coordinated with each other and shared that most communities did not do that.

Lastly, Mayor Daggett requested a FAIR item to discuss how to organize the Fleet Electrification Policy to focus on the rightsizing of vehicles for the job. She also requested a FAIR item to discuss the possibility for implementation of speed humps in Flagstaff and how they could work with snow operations.

13. Adjournment

The Work Session of the Flagstaff City Council held September 10, 2024, adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK