

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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
VICE MAYOR SWEET
COUNCILMEMBER ASLAN
COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA
COUNCILMEMBER HOUSE
COUNCILMEMBER MATTHEWS
COUNCILMEMBER SPENCE

3. Pledge of Allegiance, Mission Statement, and 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.

The Council and audience recited the pledge of allegiance, Vice Mayor Sweet read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff, and Councilmember Spence read the Land Acknowledgement.

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.

DJ spoke of remembering of the Declaration of Independence, homelessness, COVID-19, satanism, and has filed complaints with the Police Department.

5. Review of Draft Agenda for the February 18, 2025 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.

6. City Manager Report

City Manager, Greg Clifton briefly reviewed his report and covered recent award recipients for the City Manager Award Event and Fire Department awards. Mr. Clifton also reviewed priorities for state and federal funding requests.

Mayor Daggett asked for clarification on if we have identified agencies for each of the requests and Mr. Clifton confirms that agencies have been identified.

Councilmember House requests more detail on Plaza Vieja Phase 2 project. Public Affairs Director Sarah Langley states staff submitted the request last year, and staff have been asked to resubmit it this year, the City received another earmark request for that so the City can move forward with more improvements.

7. Micromobility Share -- Preliminary Discussion

Climate Section Director, Jenny Niemann, Engineering Transportation Planner Chris Phair, and Kim Austin from Metroplan provided a report called MetroPlan and Mountain Line Micromobility Share Feasibility Report and a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

MICROMOBILITY SHARE IN FLAGSTAFF: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY

AGENDA

1.MICROMOBILITY SHARE FEASIBILITY REPORT

FEASIBILITY REPORT GOALS

MICROMOBILITY SHARE BASICS

WHAT IS MICROMOBILITY

HISTORY OF MICROMOBILITY SHARE IN NORTH AMERICA

WHY MICROMOBILITY SHARE

HOW MICROMOBILITY IS SUPPORTED BY METROPLAN AND CITY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

MICROMOBILITY SUPPORTED PLANS

FIRST LAST MILE SOLUTIONS FOR MOUNTAIN LINE

MICROMOBILITY SHARE IN PEER CITIES AND FLAGSTAFF

DIFFERENT MICROMOBILITY SHARE MODELS

PEER CITIES

PREVIOUS MICROMOBILITY SHARE IN FLAGSTAFF

MANAGING MICROMOBILITY SHARE

MANY BENEFITS, BUT ALSO ROSKS TO MANAGE

PERSONAL INJURY

DEVICE PARKING LOTS
LIMITED STAFF TIME FOR OVERSIGHT
PUBLIC PERCEPTION
COMPLIANCE WITH BIKE ORDINANCE
MEDIUM IMPACT RISKS -- MITIGATION STRATEGIES
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: EQUITY
FEASIBILITY REPORT CONCLUSIONS

Councilmember Matthews stated she liked the idea but has concerns regarding crazy drivers and accidents. She likes the approach of using the third party for liability. Councilmember Matthews states there might be a lot of usage after midnight when drinking has occurred, and she questions how seeing bikes and scooters in the streets would impact accessibility. Councilmember Matthews asks if staff has had conversations with the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living. Kim Austin from Metroplan states that would be part of the next steps if Council wishes to continue conversations. Councilmember Matthews restates this would a great next step for making Butler more accessible.

2.MICROMOBILITY SHARE IN FLAGSTAFF
HOW A MICROMOBILITY SHARE OPERATOR COULD MANAGE A SHARED SYSTEM IN
FLAGSTAFF
MOVING FORWARD
ALTERNATIVE
IMPLEMENTATION STEPS
KEY CONSIDERATIONS
ENGAGEMENT
3.SEEKING DIRECTION
MOVING FORWARD
ALTERNATIVE
DISCUSSION
THANK YOU

Council discussed the following points:

Councilmember House states she is very interested in moving this forward, remembering the pilot program, she noted that she was living and working in a multifamily area and there were challenges with the bikes being dumped and not having clear direction on navigating that. She recommends reaching out to the Neighborhood Associations and partnering with the schools.

Councilmember Garcia expresses support in moving forward as well but does have questions regarding the pilot program. Councilmember Garcia echoes Councilmember House's concern on underserved communities and the impacts on them. Councilmember Garcia suggests reaching out to Mountain Line to see how we can utilize and expand the program for linkage for people to get to their destination after a bus trip. He expresses safety concerns but believes the Grand Junction benchmark program might be a good guide and states he suggests starting with one company and seeing how it goes.

Vice Mayor Sweet states she is excited about the program possibilities. She acknowledges the pilot did have rough spots, but states technology has come a long way since the pilot. Vice Mayor Sweet suggested engaging the Downtown Business Alliance and she believes getting their perspective would be valuable. She states education will be important in the success of the program and engaging with Mountain Line will be important too.

Councilmember Aslan states he supports micromobility and the City's support for multimodal transportation. Councilmember Aslan acknowledges the challenges with the pilot but believes the community is now ready for this to come forward. He states the parking challenges will be interesting and also suggests coordinating with the Downtown Business Alliance for best practices.

Councilmember Spence states his support but asks if Northern Arizona University uses a vendor or if they own their devices. Ms. Niemann states that their yellow bike program is a long-term rental, however, the sports teams have private companies. She states she can gather more information from

them as well. Councilmember Spence restates support for a single vendor and Ms. Niemann states that staff and the feasibility report see the benefits of the single vendor and the procurement process does allow for a single vendor, but reiterates that ultimately the decision will end up with Council.

Council supports moving forward with discussions on Micromobility.

8. Pressure Wastewater Code Amendment

Water Services Project Manager Jackson Salazar, Water Services Engineering Section Director Mac McNamara, and NCS Engineer Brian Hamrick provided a Gravity Sewershed Map and a PowerPoint Presentation that covered the following:

PRESSURE WASTEWATER CODE AMENDMENT
HOW IT WORKS
RESEARCH
HISTORY OF PRESSURE WASTEWATER
PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT
CONCLUSION
NEXT STEPS
DISCUSSION

This code amendment will allow for publicly owned pressure wastewater systems and outlines the standards and specifications for new pressure wastewater mains and lift stations. The current code prohibits the public ownership of pressurized wastewater mains.

Councilmember Matthews states that we could implement a reliability requirement for developers to hold them accountable. Mr. Salazar states this causes challenges, and a developer would likely charge fees for those requirements. Councilmember Matthews states confusion on why we would maintain the system if a developer put it in. Mac McNamara states that if it is private company, it does not have to fall within the standard compliance levels however, if it is a public system that it must fall within the City standards.

City Manager Greg Clifton states that even with a private station there is no guarantee that it would be maintained. He states that is a big distinction between the systems, City systems have a lot more resources and team members dedicated to them. Mr. Clifton states the City always try to "own it now instead of own it later."

Councilmember Garcia asks about the gravity process and asks about pump specifics. Brian Hamrick describes the pumps and how they are mechanically and electrically powered. Councilmember Spence states concerns about safety with backflow prevention and protecting drinking water supply. Mr. Salazar states there are number of sensors, and it automatically calls out if something is out of compliance for an operator to attend to.

Mayor and Council support moving forward with this.

9. Discussion and Direction on Existing City Nuisance Ordinances

Staff provided a copy of Chapter 6-08 of city code Noise Control and Council discussed the following:

Councilmember Spence asks if there is a benefit to combine both the Party Nuisance Ordinance and the Noise Nuisance Ordinance. City Attorney, Sterling Solomon states that the one noise ordinance was insufficient due to challenges that arose from Flagstaff being a college town, and he advises they stay separate.

Public Commenters:

- Jim McCarthy
- Candace Ryan
- Blake Witten

Public Commenters expressed the following on the topic:

- Requesting to enforce both noise and party nuisance ordinances.
- Requests that Planning and Zoning prioritize residential properties in these zones to support livability.
- Times do not really matter if enforcement is not happening when the issue is occurring
- Struggles with rentals do to the noise

Mr. Clifton states staff is looking for direction to see if Council wants any amendments, He noted that staff have not been taking action under the current policies because of the recent court order.

Councilmember Spence states opposition to removing any commercial wording from the nuisance ordinances. Councilmember House concurs with Councilmember Spence on commercial wording. Councilmember House states she would like to look at the hours again and asked everyone to remember the neighborhood and ask "*what makes these neighborhoods different.*" She believes that a solution is needed for this neighborhood.

Councilmember Matthews asks if businesses are included in the ordinance, Mr. Solomon confirms they are. Councilmember Matthews states finding a solution is a struggle, there are not hours that would be acceptable. Councilmember Matthews states staff did a lot of work last year and Council could not find a happy medium.

Councilmember Aslan states he would like to see the ordinance go into active status and would like a year of data before making any decisions. He agrees with Councilmember Spence that we cannot allow commercial to be exempt. He states that he believes this is a location and situation specific and not a city-wide issue, he also states he does not want to bring decibels into the ordinance matter.

Vice Mayor Sweet states she supports looking at the hours and states her research shows most cities she found did state a level of decibels. She suggests reviewing the private consultants report again. She does not want to wait a year on this but agrees a few months of data with enforcing the ordinances would be helpful.

Councilmember House states she would like to keep voicing the question of being acceptable at this location. She recommends The Color of Law Book which reviews the history of segregation in the nation and how zoning codes have historically been discriminatory toward people of color and people of poverty.

Mayor Daggett states Council needs time to consider and to ensure a solution will work. Mr. Clifton restates that today is more of an interim discussion until the policy discussion returns. Mr. Clifton states this conversation will return within a few months so staff can gather more data from enforcing the ordinances for Council to consider.

10. Open Call to the Public

None.

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

Councilmember Spence states that after learning more about Priority Based Budgeting this week he rescinds one of his FAIR items from last week regarding updating goals.

Vice Mayor states that *I Heart Pluto* night is coming up and there is an event at Mother Road Brewery later in the week.

Councilmember Garcia states he had the honor to introduce the recent Police Department academy class. He states the Sunnyside Association meeting is that week. He states he watched Planning and Zoning meeting and requests to find out if we have a council liaison for it, he states interested in being

the liaison. He made a FAIR request to have a conversation around the Pinon Pine Project. Mayor Daggett responds that the Fire Department staff has a great presentation available regarding hazardous waste and suggests staff present the material to show how well trained and prepared our personnel is.

Councilmember Matthews states that last week's virtual meeting hosted by Water Resources Manager Erin Young showed a sneak preview on how Scottsdale and others are planning on water cleaning. She states would like to have some discussion what it would cost to initiate a firm to do a study.

Mayor Daggett states she is having a home fire assessment done and invited all her neighbors to come to see precautions they can take. Mayor Daggett provides Mark Adams, Fire Risk Reduction Specialists information for members of the public that are interested. She continues her update on just getting back from the Mayors Institute of Design, she is hoping to make the readings available to anyone interested in the material. Mayor Daggett shares that this weekend is the *With Love, Flagstaff* event. She also states there is a *Fix It Clinic* and reminds everyone to that you have to make an appointment for it.

12. Adjournment

The meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held February 11, 2025, adjourned at 5:10 p.m

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK