

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Evans called the Special Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held June 23, 2020, 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 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. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement

The Council and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance and Vice Mayor Shimoni read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Flagstaff is to protect and enhance the quality of life for all.

3. Roll Call

NOTE: One or more Councilmembers may be in attendance through other technological means.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

MAYOR EVANS
VICE MAYOR SHIMONI
COUNCILMEMBER ASLAN
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY
COUNCILMEMBER ODEGAARD
COUNCILMEMBER SALAS
COUNCILMEMBER WHELAN -- joined at 3:04 pm.

Others present: City Manager Greg Clifton; City Attorney Sterling Solomon.

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.

Mayor Evans addressed the changes in the public participation protocol.

5. **Recognition:** Police Chief Kevin Treadway

City Manager Greg Clifton acknowledged Police Chief Kevin Treadway's retirement, highlighting his service.

Chief Treadway thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and spoke about his time with the police department.

Councilmember McCarthy praised Chief Treadway for addressing national concerns about policing and spoke about his positive experiences with him. He also highlighted the successes of the Flagstaff Police Department (FPD) under Treadway's leadership.

Councilmember Odegaard expressed gratitude for Chief Treadway's service, mentioning his father and emphasizing the high standards of policing at FPD. He also advocated for higher pay for officers.

Councilmember Aslan thanked Chief Treadway for his decades of service, including his role as interim Deputy City Manager, and appreciated his leadership.

Vice Mayor Shimoni shared a personal connection with Chief Treadway, noting they share the same birthdate and reflected on Treadway's time with the FPD.

Councilmember Whelan also thanked Chief Treadway for his service and spoke about her past work with him.

Mr. Clifton further praised Chief Treadway's leadership, particularly during challenging times, and thanked him for his service.

Councilmember Salas shared a positive story of her first interaction with FPD and thanked Chief Treadway for inspiring both officers and city employees.

Mayor Evans expressed sadness about losing Chief Treadway but excitement for his next chapter. She reflected on their long-standing partnership, particularly in community policing efforts. She also highlighted the success of these efforts, including a significant crime rate drop in local neighborhoods.

Chief Treadway expressed his appreciation for the kind words and spoke about missing his team at Flagstaff.

6. **Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-17:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Flagstaff, relating to the financing of a certain project, specifically approving publication of notice of proposed lease of land and buildings from, and lease-purchase back of such land and buildings to, the City and request for bids in connection therewith; authorizing the acceptance of a bid with respect thereto; approving the sale and execution and delivery of Certificates of Participation in a lease-purchase agreement to provide the necessary financing therefor; approving the form and authorization the execution and delivery of necessary agreements, instruments and documents related to the sale and issuance of the certificates; delegating authority to the Management Services Director of the City to determine certain matters and terms with respect to the foregoing; and authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this ordinance and ratifying all actions taken to further this ordinance; providing for severability, authority for clerical corrections, and establishing an effective date (**Certificate of Participation Debt Authorization - Pension COPS**)

Councilmember Whelan stated that this has been quite a process and she thanked leadership and Council for all the work on it.

Vice Mayor Shimoni asked Mr. Tadder to clarify the last statement of his email regarding the increased payment in 2034/2035. Mr. Tadder stated that it was the actuarial assumption to have the peak

payments in that budget year due to retirement status.

Moved by Councilmember Jamie Whelan, **Seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to read Ordinance No. 2020-17 by title only for the final time.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT, SPECIFICALLY APPROVING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS FROM, AND LEASE-PURCHASE BACK OF SUCH LAND AND BUILDINGS TO, THE CITY AND REQUEST FOR BIDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID WITH RESPECT THERETO; APPROVING THE SALE AND EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION IN A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FINANCING THEREFOR; APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATES; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR OF THE CITY TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS AND TERMS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS ORDINANCE AND RATIFYING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN TO FURTHER THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, **Seconded by** Councilmember Regina Salas to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-17.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

7. **Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-15:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Flagstaff, adopting a Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Contingency Reserve Fund Policy; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances, severability, and establishing an effective date.

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City Manager Clifton offered some additional thanks to the team at Stiefl. He addressed the expertise that the City received and acknowledged their assistance.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, **Seconded by** Councilmember Jamie Whelan to read Ordinance No. 2020-15 by title only for the final time.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ADOPTING A PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND POLICY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Moved by Councilmember Regina Salas, **Seconded by** Councilmember Jamie Whelan to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-15.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

8. **Discussion:** When and how the City might negotiate an agreement to disallow short term rentals.

Evans suggested that staff could look into this as re-zonings come up on an case-by-case basis during development agreements.

Councilmember Odegaard thanked Councilmember McCarthy for bringing forward this FAIR item. He stated that this idea was brought to the City by a developer. He stated there are challenges regarding limiting short-term rentals due to Arizona state government preemption.

Councilmember McCarthy thanked staff for their expertise and stated that HOA rules could disallow short-term rentals. He suggested that the FAIR item be cancelled since there is an informal go forward process.

Councilmember Salas thanked Councilmember McCarthy for bringing the discussion forward. She stated that she appreciated the Mayor's direction of having staff bring this up as needed. She said that the Council needs to tread lightly on this subject due to Arizona law. Neighborhoods and HOAs and voluntary private agreements between owners can disallow short-term rentals.

Vice Mayor Shimoni expressed his appreciation of the topic and expressed his disappointment of the state's preemption.

Mr. Clifton commented that the state preemption is an evolving topic at the state house. He also mentioned that the staff is endeavoring to engage a third-party to inventory short-term rentals.

City Attorney Sterling Solomon added that the FAIR item could come off, but only if no one on Council objects.

Council supported the removal of the FAIR.

9. **Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-09:** A resolution endorsing the declaration of a climate emergency for the City of Flagstaff, and requesting regional collaboration on an equitable transition and urgent mobilization efforts to restore a safe climate.

Sustainability Manager Nicole Antonopoulos gave a presentation to Mayor and Council on the Climate Emergency Declaration. Slides included:

- Discussion
- Background
- Rationale for Increased Action
- Climate Emergency Declaration
- CAAP GHG Emissions Goals
- The Climate Emergency
- Three Phases of Mobilization
- Climate Mobilization
- Flagstaff's Emissions
- Immediate Next Steps
- Preliminary Ideas
- Envision a Flagstaff that...
- Questions

Councilmember Aslan thanked Ms. Antonopoulos for her guidance and emphasized the urgency of addressing climate change, which remains a constant amidst the global pandemic and societal upheaval. He stressed that immediate action is needed, drawing parallels between flattening the COVID curve and taking steps to address climate change, which involves investment and difficult choices.

Councilmember McCarthy clarified that the goal of carbon neutrality is for the entire Flagstaff community, not just the city government. He expressed support for the initiative, acknowledging the challenges of meeting such ambitious goals in a short timeframe.

Vice Mayor Shimoni expressed excitement about the goal of carbon neutrality by 2030, praising Flagstaff's leadership and the opportunity to make bold changes.

Councilmember Whelan inquired about regional involvement in the plan and suggested reaching out to NACOG as a regional partner. Ms. Antonopoulos noted that the county and larger employers will be key partners, and regional cooperation will be vital.

Dara Marks Marino spoke on behalf of the community, emphasizing the importance of addressing climate change holistically and linking the health of the planet to the health of people. She urged decisions to be made based on what is right rather than financial considerations.

Mayor Evans expressed enthusiasm for the plan but also concern about the need to include marginalized communities, particularly youth, minorities, and those experiencing poverty. She highlighted the importance of making bold choices and addressing equity as part of the climate action plan.

Councilmember Whelan raised the idea of potentially using bonds to fund the initiative and asked about creative financing options. Ms. Antonopoulos indicated that everything would be on the table for funding, but the impact analysis would be needed before making final decisions.

Vice Mayor Shimoni and Councilmember Salas both supported including minority and impoverished communities in the plan, acknowledging the need for local, state, and federal action on climate change. Councilmember Salas also emphasized leveraging business leadership for innovation.

City Attorney Solomon confirmed that there was majority support on the Council to update the resolution's language to include youth, minorities, and people experiencing poverty. The suggested language was added to Section 5 of the resolution.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, Seconded by Councilmember Charlie Odegaard to read Resolution No. 2020-09 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, AND REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON AN EQUITABLE TRANSITION AND URGENT MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, Seconded by Councilmember Charlie Odegaard to adopt Resolution No. 2020-09.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

10. **Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-41:** A resolution urging the Arizona Corporation Commission to adopt a statewide clean energy standard.

Sustainability Manager Nicole Antonopoulos gave a presentation to Mayor and Council regarding the Statewide Clean Energy Standard. Slides included:

- Statewide Clean Energy Standard
- Questions and discussion of Goal at 2030 or 2050

Vice Mayor Shimoni expressed full support for the goal of achieving carbon-free status by 2030, seeing it as an opportunity for Flagstaff to take bold action.

Councilmember Aslan emphasized the need for practical and achievable goals while showing leadership. He acknowledged that the state is not yet on track to meet a 2030 goal but urged for boldness in advocating for it.

Councilmember Odegaard agreed but felt the state might not be ready for such an ambitious target,

suggesting 2050 as a more realistic goal.

Councilmember McCarthy proposed a slightly less ambitious target, suggesting 2040 or 2035 instead of 2030.

Councilmember Whelan expressed support for McCarthy's 2040 suggestion and highlighted the importance of having a liaison to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), drawing on successful collaboration experiences like with the ADOT Board.

Councilmember Aslan responded by noting that while the 2030 goal might feel arbitrary, the intention behind the language is to push for progress. He suggested that the state might consider adjusting its timeline and that Flagstaff should advocate for faster action, regardless of the state's current position.

Mayor Evans and Vice Mayor Shimoni both supported the idea of being bold in Flagstaff's actions and pushing the state to follow suit. They agreed that a focus on intention rather than a strict timeline would be a good compromise.

Councilmember Odegaard agreed, recognizing the city's goal while leaving the state's goal flexible.

Councilmember McCarthy proposed that the wording be worked on now and returned to the item later in the meeting. The majority of the Council agreed to table the discussion for the time being.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, Seconded by Councilmember Austin Aslan to table Agenda Item #10 to the end of the Agenda.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

Council resumed discussion. Ms. Antonopoulos presented the updated language.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, Seconded by Councilmember Jim McCarthy to read Resolution No. 2020-41 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, URGING THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION ADOPT A STATEWIDE A CARBON-FREE CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD AS AMENDED

Moved by Councilmember Charlie Odegaard, Seconded by Councilmember Jamie Whelan to adopt Resolution No. 2020-41.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

11. **Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-40:** A Resolution of the Flagstaff City Council urging the United States Congress to pass carbon fee and dividend legislation.

Sustainability Manager Nicole Antonopoulos presented on behalf of a citizen's petition to Mayor and Council. Slides included:

- Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation
- Questions

Shawn Newell expressed her gratitude to Council for hearing this issue and for taking climate action seriously and for their bold action. Tucson and Pima County also passed resolutions. She read a letter signed by 107 community members in support of this resolution to pass HR 736.

Moved by Councilmember Charlie Odegaard, Seconded by Councilmember Austin Aslan to read Resolution No. 2020-40 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND LEGISLATION.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, Seconded by Councilmember Jamie Whelan to adopt Resolution No. 2020-40.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

12. **Discussion and Possible Direction:** Re-Entry Plan and Temporary Use Permit Review Process

City Manager Clifton presented the Re-Entry Plan to the Council, explaining that the City is in Phase 2, with Phase 3 upcoming. He emphasized that the plan follows CDC guidelines, which have recently changed. The discussion included the issuance of Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) for private events on non-City properties, with permits based on health and safety criteria.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Christina Rubuclava clarified that TUPs are handled by the Planning Director, who assesses the health risks of events. The CDC's guidance now focuses on assessing event risk based on factors such as size, location, and attendee travel. There was a debate about how to evaluate these events, particularly regarding events on private property.

Kevin Ty, President of Youth Hockey Association, advocated for the opening of recreation facilities, emphasizing the need for safety plans.

The Council discussed the inconsistencies between City and County guidelines and acknowledged the need for better coordination with County Health on these matters. Some Councilmembers suggested hiring an external expert, like an epidemiologist, to guide the decision-making process.

The Council agreed to reach out to County Health for clearer guidelines, and if necessary, hire a consultant to help with public health decisions related to TUPs. The City Manager indicated that staff would work to expedite this process, possibly using emergency management funds.

The Council returned to item 10.

13. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND STAFF, FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

Councilmember Aslan expressed gratitude to the City staff, community, and fellow councilmembers. He raised a legal question regarding HB 2686, which preempts municipalities from dictating their own gas and propane policies. He questioned if there was a way to navigate the language of the law. Mr. Solomon agreed to look into the matter.

Councilmember Odegaard reported on an ADOT Board meeting, noting that the five-year plan would be postponed to the fall due to COVID-related revenue projections, but that projects were still in a tentative status.

Councilmember Salas requested that the reentry plan be kept as an ongoing agenda item and also asked for a discussion on indoor facilities.

Councilmember Whelan highlighted that commission meetings were not being streamed due to budget constraints and the recession plan. She also praised the Juneteenth celebration and suggested that the Southside community hold six public forums.

City Manager Clifton responded by confirming that the reentry plan would remain on the agenda and noted that streaming commission meetings was not feasible due to cost. He also provided an update on the Southside Community Association's de-escalation training, which had been approved in the budget, and said the city was in discussions to finalize costs with the association. Clifton added that there would be a roadmap for moving forward with these community matters.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held June 23, 2020, adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I, STACY SALTZBURG, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Flagstaff, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above Minutes are a true and correct summary of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Flagstaff held on June 23, 2020. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2025

CITY CLERK