

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Deasy called the Work Session held September 13, 2022, to order at 3:01 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 through other technological means.*

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

MAYOR DEASY  
VICE MAYOR SWEET  
COUNCILMEMBER ASLAN  
COUNCILMEMBER HOUSE  
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY  
COUNCILMEMBER SALAS  
COUNCILMEMBER SHIMONI (virtually)

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, Mayor Deasy read the mission statement, and Councilmember 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. 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.*

Convention and Visitor Bureau Director Trace Ward announced the recent Best Weekend Getaway to a Sustainability Conscious Destination award that the CVB and the City of Flagstaff received.

Kate Wyatt, the Executive Director of FIAT, addressed Council and spoke about the human trafficking initiative that she directs and thanked Flagstaff Police Department for their partnership.

Heather Marcy addressed Council on behalf of Northland Family Health Center regarding the anti-trafficking efforts.

Stacey Sutherland addressed Council regarding the anti-trafficking efforts in Arizona and in Flagstaff. She is the Program Coordinator for the Arizona Council Arizona for Anti-Trafficking and works with FIAT.

#### 5. Review of Draft Agenda for the September 20, 2022 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. Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Deasy presented the proclamation, and it was accepted by Commission on Diversity Awareness Commissioner Mandy Gebler.

#### 7. Proclamation: Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Mayor Deasy presented the proclamation, and it was accepted by Donovan Wiedmann, Debbie Goldenstein, and Julie Baumgartner.

#### 8. City Manager Report

City Manager Greg Clifton gave some highlights from the report. They included:

- The retirement of Animal Control Officer John Marciniak.
- The award of the Flagstaff Police Department Lifesaving Medal to Officer Stewart.
- The award of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council's 2022 Administrative Professional of the Year award to Colleen Calhoun. City Attorney Sterling Solomon expanded on her service and the award.
- The forest thinning operations near Ft. Tuthill
- Wayside train horn repair
- The City Engineer position meet and greet and other recruitment updates.

The Water Services Division Monthly Report was presented by Lisa Deem. Highlights included:

- The WOW Award received by the Water Reclamation Team.

- Water Commission update
- Flooding information and Pipeline Fire flood mitigation need tour with Congressman O'Halleran
- Field cameras for live footage for flooding identification
- Drone imagery for burn scars
- Floodwater and wastewater needs
- Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water Rates and Fees study update

The Community Development Monthly Report was presented by Community Development Director Daniel Folke. Highlights included:

- Amendment to lighting standards
- Property Care Ordinance working group update
- Regional Plan Workshops update
- Update on Housing Division and their current work program priorities
- Community Meeting for CDBG funds
- Building Safety Permit activity
- Inspections/Plan Reviews numbers and staffing issues
- Code Compliance violations overview

Mr. Clifton expanded on the bond education outreach efforts.

## 9. Lived Black Experience Update

Kim Robinson from the Lived Black Experience Project gave an update to Council. Slides included:

- Accomplishments
- Funding Matches
  - Bella Investment Group for Housing Program
  - NAU for Health Program
  - Route 66 + Juneteenth Project
  - Flagstaff Beautification & Mural
- Moving Forward

## 10. 2004 Neighborhood Open Space and Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS) Land Acquisition Bond Priorities

Multi-Modal Planner Martin Ince and Open Space Specialist Robert Wallace gave a presentation on the 2004 Bond Fund Acquisition Priorities. Slides included:

- Summary
- Discussion topics
- Process/steps
- Council review/dates
- Prop 302
- Ordinance 2009-41
- Acquisitions to date
  - FUTS corridors
  - Open space parcels
  - FUTS/open space acquired with bond funds map
- Updated acquisition plan

Councilmember Aslan asked for single track to be further explained. Mr. Ince explained that FUTS trails are ten-feet in width and contrasted that single track is only two to three feet wide and is scraped ground. Councilmember Aslan asked if single track is ADA compliant or accessible for a lot of users. Mr. Ince addressed that some can be depending on the trail. Councilmember Aslan asked if they are different than social trails and Mr. Ince explained that they are, and he spoke about the use of single track trails and the usual user of the trails.

- FUTS/open space acquisition plan - FUTS maps

- FUTS acquisitions
- Open space parcels
- FUTS/open space acquisition plan -- Open Space map
- Open space acquisitions
- Hoffman Tank
- Next Steps

Councilmember Salas asked how the map of the property acquisitions overlays with the Regional Trail Plan. Mr. Ince replied that the Flagstaff Trails Initiative (FTI) plan was mostly outside the City and that these acquisitions would allow for points of connectivity. Staff is working closely with the Forest Service and FTI on the plans. Councilmember Salas also asked staff to think about the increase cost of maintenance for the new property acquisitions.

Councilmember Shimoni stated he supports the plan and asked if there are any other projects that would rise in priority in terms of equity. Mr. Wallace stated that staff conducted an access study for open space a few years ago and they identified some areas of access concerns south of I-40. This project addresses some of those concerns. Councilmember Shimoni asked about the unofficial FUTS trail that runs from the East Side Library and Bushmaster Park and if it could be acquired. Mr. Ince stated that he believes there are some property acquisition difficulties in that area. He stated that he will look into the property rights again.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that he is overall supportive of the plan and suggested that the statement that the FUTS trails are for non-motorized vehicles be changed since electric bikes are allowed.

Mayor Deasy asked about the priorities since Hoffman Tank takes quite a bit of the monies. Mr. Ince stated that the funds available are closer to \$3 million when the monies allocated for Hoffman Tank are accounted for and that he also believes that some of the property acquisitions will be inexpensive to free so the \$1.9 million will go further than expected. After the money is exhausted, staff will go back to the old way of calculating FUTS costs by adding in the property acquisition in the project cost.

## 11. Public Participation

Paul Haro addressed Council to follow up on an email he sent to them on Saving Sacred Oak Flat. He also suggested to Council that they attend some talks on Sacred Oak Flat and stated that he is looking for support for Saving the Sacred Oak Flat.

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

Councilmember Salas spoke of attending a recent MetroPlan event where the state transportation plan was reviewed.

Councilmember McCarthy stated he recently attended a meeting on Housing issues. He added that City staff made very good presentations.

Councilmember Shimoni stated he also attended the Housing meeting. He stated he recently also did a ride-along with the CARE team.

Councilmember House recently attended the City of Flagstaff Town Hall with conjunction of the League of Neighborhoods.

Mayor Deasy spoke of the Peace Day celebration later that week at Heritage Square. He also reminded the community that Pickin' in the Pines was coming up that weekend.

**13. Adjournment**

The September 13, 2022 City Council Work Session was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK