

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daggett called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held May 7, 2024, to order at 3:02 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 regular meeting, 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 ASLAN
COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS
COUNCILMEMBER HOUSE
COUNCILMEMBER MATTHEWS
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY
COUNCILMEMBER SWEET (virtual)

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 House 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 about the First Amendment, reading from the Constitution to emphasize protections for free speech, religious freedom, and the separation of church and state. He cited Thomas Jefferson on the necessity of separating church and state, warned against any one person holding too much power, and concluded with statements affirming that Black Lives Matter, and that everyone and small businesses matter.

Dapper Dre addressed Council and thanked them and staff for their work funding bicycle improvements on Butler Avenue, lowering speed limits, and advancing walkability and bikeability. He emphasized that traffic injuries and deaths largely involve cars and argued that improving safety requires slowing and sometimes inconveniencing vehicles to encourage other travel modes. He urged city leaders to model alternatives like biking, transit, and walking, consider residents who cannot own cars, and design streets that invite all users, not just drivers.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

A. **Proclamation:** Municipal Clerks Week

Councilmember Matthews read and presented the proclamation.

B. **Proclamation:** Economic Development Week

Mayor Daggett read and presented the proclamation.

C. **Proclamation:** Bike Month

Vice Mayor Aslan read and presented the proclamation.

6. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilmember Matthews reported on a recent Mountain Line meeting, noting a capital budget of just over \$70 million that includes replacement electric buses, completion of phase one of the Downtown Connection Center, the interim Connection Center as part of phase two, and initial renovations to the Kasper headquarters to improve maintenance facilities. She also shared that a state bill expanding eligibility for transit agencies to use state funds as local matches for federally funded transportation projects has been signed by the governor, giving Mountain Line access to this funding opportunity. Lastly, she reported on an in-person Indigenous Commission meeting held at the future Indigenous Cultural Center, which provided members with a clearer understanding of the site and the work ahead.

Vice Mayor Aslan provided updates from the Tourism and Sustainability commission meetings,

including discussion of the city's water rate study as part of broader public outreach. Additional updates included reports from Lowell Observatory and city staff, leadership appointments within the commission, and the start of an equity assessment of the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant Program.

Councilmember McCarthy reported on a recent trip to Washington, D.C. with the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and staff, where they met with federal representatives to advocate for continued funding for major city projects such as flood control and forest restoration. He described the meetings as intensive but productive.

Councilmember Sweet reported that she was attending NACTO conference in Miami focused on multimodal transportation, where she met with the Bloomberg Foundation and other cities to discuss projects similar to Flagstaff's. She also announced the completion of the Mountain Line CDL training and testing facility, with a ribbon cutting scheduled later that month, and reminded Council of an upcoming special work session on the water rate study.

7. APPOINTMENTS

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 the City Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of discussing or considering employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of any public body...., pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

A. Consideration of Appointments: Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to appoint Laura Smith to a term expiring March 2025.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

8. LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Applications under Liquor License Public Hearings may be considered under one public hearing and may be acted upon by one motion unless otherwise requested by Council.

Mayor Daggett opened the public hearing on both applications.

Sergeant Nick Almendarez introduced the two applications and noted no concerns from police, there were however concerns from Community Development.

The Council discussed planning and zoning issues related to a bar that staff discovered had been operating without completing the required city review process. Current Planning Manager Alexandra Pucciarelli explained that the owner was notified of the violation, informed of the steps needed to come into compliance, and participated in a pre-application meeting outlining the required process, which would likely include a concept plan review followed by a building permit. No concept plan application had been submitted yet.

The business owner Mike Patel explained that that he was unaware of the licensing and review issues when purchasing the business and explained that delays in securing an architect have prevented submission of the concept plan. He requested an extension to allow time to complete the process and expressed a desire to continue operating the bar once approvals are obtained.

Deputy City Clerk Stacy Fobar explained that under Arizona law, the city had only 60 days to review and make a recommendation on liquor license applications, and that the deadline had been reached. As a result, an extension was not available.

Councilmember McCarthy explained that he was supportive of the establishment getting their license however, it was important to get the zoning issues resolved.

There being no further comment Mayor Daggett closed the public hearing.

- A. Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Lauren Kay Merrett, "Grand Canyon Spirits," 928 Fort Valley Road, Series 07 (Beer and Wine Bar), Owner Transfer.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Austin Aslan to forward the application to the state with a recommendation for denial with the understanding that the Council would be supportive once the appropriate paperwork was submitted.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Lauren Kay Merrett, "Grand Canyon Spirits," 928 Fort Valley Road, Series 09 (Liquor Store), Owner Transfer.

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Councilmember Khara House to forward the application to the state with a recommendation for approval.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

9. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine. Unless a member of City Council expresses a desire at the meeting to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion, the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion approving the recommendations listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise indicated, expenditures approved by Council are budgeted items.

Moved by Councilmember Khara House, **seconded by** Councilmember Jim McCarthy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- A. Consideration and Approval of Lease Amendments:** Flagstaff Airport Rental Car Concessions, IFB 2011-09A: Amendment to leases with Avis Budget Car Rental LLC, Alamo Rental Car/National Car Rental, The Hertz Corporation, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car companies, to continue leases on a month-to-month basis.

1. Approve amendments to the current leases between the City of Flagstaff and Avis Budget Car Rental LLC, Alamo Rental Car/National Car Rental, The Hertz Corporation, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car Companies, to continue the leases on a month-to-month basis; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

- B. Consideration and Approval of Contract:** Approve the Professional Services Contract with Ardurra Group, Inc. in the amount of \$492,235.00 for the Wildcat Interceptor Sewer Upgrade Project.

1. Approve the Professional Services Contract with Ardurra Group, Inc. in the amount of \$492,235.00 for the Wildcat Interceptor Sewer Upgrade Project; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

- C. Consideration and Approval of Grant Agreement Ratification:** Water Conservation Grant Fund Agreement with Water Infrastructure Finance Authority

1. Approve the Grant Agreement with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Water Conservation Grant Program for the City's Radio Read Meter Replacement Program for \$750,000.00 (75% WIFA Share), with a minimum \$250,000.00 (25% Non-Federal Share) match requirement; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

D. Consideration and Approval of Contract: First Amendment to the Cinder Lake Landfill Construction Manager at Risk, Phase 2-Cell D, Construction Services Agreement - GMP 2 with Rummel Construction, Inc.

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Cinder Lake Landfill Construction Manager at Risk, Phase 2-Cell D, Construction Services Agreement - GMP 2 with Rummel Construction, Inc. of \$2,344,891.66, in addition to an Owner's Contingency of \$55,108.34, for a total price of \$2,400,000.00, with a scheduled start date of July 2, 2024; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

E. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Second Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services for the Cinder Lake Landfill Sequence D-Phase II Excavation Plan and Landfill Design, with Tetra Tech BAS, Inc.

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services with Tetra Tech BAS for Cinder Lake Landfill Sequence D Phase II Excavation Plan and Landfill Design in the amount of \$125,037.95; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

F. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Approval of Contract with Flagstaff Shelter Services for emergency shelter and services, in an annual amount of \$100,000.

1. Approve the Contract with Flagstaff Shelter Services for emergency shelter and services, in an annual amount of \$100,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

10. **ROUTINE ITEMS**

A. Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-14: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Flagstaff, ratifying the grants of easements and real property; and formally accepting grants of easements and real property; providing for severability, authority for clerical corrections, and establishing an effective date.

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Deborah Harris to read Ordinance No. 2024-18 by title only for the final time.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, RATIFYING THE GRANT AND RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS; AND FORMALLY ACCEPTING DEDICATIONS AND DONATIONS OF EASEMENTS AND REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Khara House to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-18.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

11. **REGULAR AGENDA**

A. Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-15: An ordinance amending the Flagstaff City Code, Chapter 1-14, Personnel System, by amending the Employee Handbook of Regulations, Section 1-50-010 Holiday Leave; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances, severability, authority

for clerical correction, and establishing an effective date.

Interim Deputy Human Resources Director Jennifer Caputo addressed Council and shared that the amendments related to the holiday leave policy. She explained that the Council approved two new holidays, Juneteenth and Indigenous Peoples' Day and the ordinance would add those two holidays into the handbook.

Moved by Councilmember Khara House, **seconded by** Councilmember Miranda Sweet to read Ordinance No. 2024-15 by title only for the first time.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, AMENDING THE FLAGSTAFF CITY CODE, CHAPTER 1-14, PERSONNEL SYSTEM, BY AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 1-50-010 HOLIDAY LEAVE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- B. **Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-21:** A resolution approving settlement of the City's attorney fees in *City of Flagstaff v. State of Arizona, et. al.*, Case No.: CV2021-011210 in the Maricopa County Superior Court relating to Flagstaff's local minimum wage and its alleged impacts on agencies of the State of Arizona operating in Flagstaff.

City Attorney Sterling Solomon addressed Council and stated that the case had gone through the courts, and he recommended approval the settlement of attorney's fees in the case as presented in the resolution.

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Khara House to read Resolution No. 2024-21 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE CITY'S ATTORNEY FEES IN CITY OF FLAGSTAFF V. STATE OF ARIZONA, ET. AL., RELATING TO FLAGSTAFF'S LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE AND ITS ALLEGED IMPACTS ON AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA OPERATING IN FLAGSTAFF

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Khara House to adopt Resolution No. 2024-21.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

12. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Post-wildfire Flooding Update**

Stormwater Director Ed Schenk, Julie Leid with Peak Engineering, Emergency Program Manager Daniel Kelly, Sustainability Analyst Jenna Ortega, and Mike Loverich with JE Fuller, provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

POST-WILDFIRE FLOODING UPDATE
 OBJECTIVES FOR TONIGHT
 OVERALL MAP
 SPRUCE WASH
 SCHEDULE
 SPRUCE WASH
 SUITE OF PROJECTS
 GRANDVIEW DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION
 CURRENT CONDITIONS

FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS
"THE WEDGE" DETENTION BASIN
LINDA VISTA CROSSING
CURRENT CONDITIONS
FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS
LINDA VISTA TO CEDAR CHANNEL
CURRENT CONDITIONS
FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS
CEDAR AVENUE CROSSING
CURRENT CONDITIONS
FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS
ARROYO SECO TO DORTHA CHANNEL
ARROYO SECO DRIVE INLET
KILLIP BASINS INLET
KILLIP BASINS OUTLET
FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS
SPRUCE WASH MODELING
DRAFT MODELING RESULTS -- 2" STORM
INTERIM CONDITION -- GRANDVIEW DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
SHORT-TERM MITIGATIONS -- SPRUCE WASH
SCHULTZ CREEK
SYSTEM OF IMPROVEMENTS
SCHULTZ CREEK LONG TERM MITIGATION
HIGHWAY 180 CULVERT
SCHULTZ CREEK MODELING
SHORT-TERM MITIGATIONS -- SCHULTZ CREEK
2024 MONSOON SEASON PREPARATIONS
PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE
FLOOD PREVENTION GRANTS

Mr. Clifton thanked staff and presenters for their work, with specific appreciation for the Sustainability team's update on the grant program. He suggested that Sustainability could help organize a city-sanctioned volunteer program to assist with removing sandbags in affected neighborhoods and expressed interest in participating. Additional praise was given to the team for extensive behind-the-scenes outreach and one-on-one engagement with residents in neighborhoods such as Linda Vista and Grandview regarding easements, property boundaries, and sandbag-related concerns.

Councilmember House then asked for an update on the timing of grant workshops or office hours listed on the Sustainability grant program website. Ms. Ortega responded that the workshops have not yet begun but are expected to be scheduled within the next week, with support from an AmeriCorps member. She committed to updating the website and following up with Council once dates are posted.

B. Discussion and Possible Direction on the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport Air Carrier Incentive Policy

Airport Director Brian Gall, Airport Communications Manager Claire Harper, and Economic Vitality Director Heidi Hansen provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

FLG AIR CARRIER INCENTIVE POLICY
BACKGROUND
YEARLY ENPLANEMENTS 2016 -- PRESENT
PROPOSED INCENTIVES
NEW CARRIER ADDING SERVICE
MORE THAN 4 TIMES PER WEEK
3 TIMES OR LESS PER WEEK
INCUMBENT CARRIER ADDING NEW ROUTE
NEXT STEPS...

Councilmember House asked how airport incentives and efforts to attract additional air service might affect airline ticket prices at the Flagstaff airport, noting that high fares are a common concern at smaller municipal airports. Mr. Gall responded that airline pricing is influenced by many variables and can be difficult to predict, but generally increased competition among carriers and tends to lower ticket prices or increase flight frequency. While other factors such as fuel costs and pilot availability also affect pricing, staff indicated that attracting more carriers or routes would be expected to have at least some downward impact on ticket prices.

Councilmember Matthews asked whether runway improvements would be needed to attract additional airlines or different types of aircraft. Mr. Gall responded that the airport's runways and airfield facilities are generally in good condition and can accommodate the regional jets used by most prospective carriers. While some larger aircraft could require weight restrictions, they are within the range of what the airport can handle. The primary infrastructure limitation is inside the terminal, particularly the size of the passenger hold room, TSA checkpoint capacity, and baggage screening. With only about 210--215 seats in the hold room, simultaneous arrivals or larger aircraft could exceed capacity. Staff noted that grant funding has been sought to expand the terminal, though none has been secured yet, and emphasized that the airport is well positioned for regional carriers, with terminal upgrades being the main need for larger, mainline aircraft.

Councilmember Matthews expressed strong support for the proposed airline incentive program, noting that similar incentives have been effective in other cities and that attracting at least two airlines would benefit Flagstaff's economy, travel options, and residents.

Mayor Daggett asked whether airlines are required to guarantee a minimum length of service in Flagstaff in exchange for incentives. Mr. Gall explained that no minimum length-of-stay requirement is currently proposed due to volatility in the airline industry, which makes long-term commitments difficult for carriers. Instead, the incentive program includes limits on the maximum benefit over time and restrictions that prevent an airline from leaving and then quickly returning to receive incentives again, with a prohibition period of approximately 24 to 36 months after terminating service. Incentives are intended to support routes that meet specific connectivity needs for Flagstaff, such as access to key hubs or east coast connections, rather than duplicating existing service. He noted that upcoming discussions with airlines at industry conferences will focus on targeting routes that best align with the city's connectivity goals, ensuring incentives are used strategically.

A break was held from 4:43 p.m. through 4:57 p.m.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

After discussion and upon agreement by three members of the Council, an item will be moved to a regularly-scheduled Council meeting.

Mayor Daggett took public comment on Items 13A and 13B together.

The following individuals addressed Council in support of a ceasefire resolution:

- Dr. Emily Davalos
- Debra Block
- Marilyn Weissman
- Frederica Hall
- Laura Franke
- Kyle Nitschke
- Don Keller
- Kalhon Kelly
- Lindsay Falkenburg
- Fayez Dalia
- Jawad Dalia
- Eric Descheenie
- Adam Shimoni

- Lorenzo Gomez
- Zachary Rodriguez

The following individuals submitted written comments in support of a ceasefire resolution:

- Clare O'Brien
- Sandra Lubarsky
- Marcus Ford
- Maggie Huntington
- Elisabeth McGuirk

The following comments were received:

- Advocates for a ceasefire to prevent further civilian casualties and suffering in Gaza.
- Emphasizes Israel has no right to commit genocide under the guise of self-defense.
- Highlights Israel's excessive military response, collective punishment, and disproportionate targeting.
- Notes Israel rejected a ceasefire proposal on May 6.
- Frames support for a ceasefire as a moral, humanitarian, and civic responsibility.
- Stresses the urgent humanitarian crisis and need for direct aid in Gaza.
- Criticizes vengeance-driven violence and systemic oppression on both sides.
- Calls for peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians.
- Critiques war as inherently violent, unjust, and ineffective for achieving lasting peace.
- References U.S. responsibility in supplying weapons and funding military actions.
- Advocates for local government and city leaders to act as representatives and use their power to advocate for peace.
- Highlights the voices and activism of students and young people in promoting a ceasefire.
- Emphasizes moral responsibility and solidarity with affected community members.
- Frames support for a ceasefire as an act of love, human rights, and standing on the right side of history.
- Supports a ceasefire to facilitate humanitarian aid and prevent further trauma and deaths.

The following individuals addressed Council in opposition of a ceasefire resolution:

- Dr. John Vadast
- Rabbi Dovie Shapiro
- Tzvi Schnee
- Peter Vadas
- Tyler Lawhead

The following individuals submitted written comments in opposition of a ceasefire resolution:

- Janet Wessels
- Mark Haughwout
- Carina Bien-Willner
- Andy Kunsberg

The following comments were received:

- Opposes council discussion or adoption of the resolution, arguing it is not a city matter and could further divide the community.
- Frames Hamas attacks on October 7 as evil, terroristic, and committed to destruction rather than peace.
- Supports Israel's right to self-defense and stresses its historical connection to the land.
- Argues a ceasefire before Hamas is neutralized could embolden terrorists and allow future attacks, threatening Israel's survival.
- Emphasizes moral responsibility to oppose Hamas rather than support a ceasefire prematurely.
- Claims "Free Palestine" rhetoric is anti-Semitic and equates it with support for genocide.
- Encourages dialogue with pro-Palestinian individuals but opposes resolution adoption until threats are addressed.

Following public comment, Council discussed the petitions along with a proposed resolution from Councilmember McCarthy.

Mayor Daggett thanked the community for their engagement, emphasizing the value of open dialogue, and expressing her personal sorrow over the humanitarian crisis affecting both Palestinians and Israelis. She acknowledged the importance of having passionate discussions in the community but stated she would not support either petition, noting that the Council's primary responsibility is to local issues rather than international conflicts.

Councilmember McCarthy framed the conflict through historical and personal lenses, citing his travels to Israel and drawing parallels to Ireland's division and peace process. He highlighted the need for a two-state solution, the cessation of violence on both sides, and the dangers of ongoing retaliation. His proposed resolution urged the President to negotiate a ceasefire, secure the return of hostages, and facilitate a long-term peaceful solution with defined borders, while also condemning violence and promoting coexistence.

Councilmember Matthews echoed appreciation for public engagement but emphasized the Council's role in addressing local matters like water rates, trash, and infrastructure. She expressed concern that passing the resolution would create local division without influencing the broader conflict. She shared her personal experience visiting Israel, noting her heartbreak for innocent civilians on both sides, but concluded that the Council should focus on local governance.

Councilmember House acknowledged the moral weight of addressing global injustice while recognizing the Council's limits as local officials. She emphasized that silence in the face of oppression is unacceptable and spoke in favor of using personal and community voices to advocate for peace, human rights, and justice. While she did not fully support Councilmember McCarthy's resolution, she expressed agreement with much of its language and committed to continued advocacy against genocide, hostage-taking, and injustice.

Councilmember Sweet expressed that she had been informed on the issue and valued the complexity of the discussion. She emphasized peaceful coexistence, open dialogue, and avoiding further divisiveness in the Flagstaff community.

Vice Mayor Aslan highlighted that peace requires courage from those affected by injustice and war. He generally supported the principle of calling for a ceasefire but acknowledged the limits of his authority. He stressed the importance of the Council providing a platform for respectful dialogue and community healing, rather than attempting to resolve the international conflict directly.

Councilmember Harris echoed concerns about local division, emphasizing that passing a resolution could deepen tensions without changing the broader conflict. She focused on community care, advocating support and healing for both Palestinian and Israeli residents within Flagstaff, rather than attempting to influence actions abroad.

A. Consideration and Possible Action on Permanent Cease-Fire Resolution: Citizens' Petition titled "A permanent cease-fire resolution"

Moved by Councilmember Jim McCarthy, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Austin Aslan to advance the Resolution proposed by Councilmember McCarthy to a future meeting for action.

Vote: 2 - 5

AYE: Councilmember Jim McCarthy
Vice Mayor Austin Aslan

B. Future Agenda Item Request (F.A.I.R.): A Citizens' Petition titled "Support for Israel's Right to Defend Itself"

There was not requisite support to advance the petition to a future agenda for discussion.

14. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dennis Givens addressed Council and expressed appreciation for the work of the Council.

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO/FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Councilmember Harris expressed gratitude to Flagstaff's Fire Department and EMTs. She shared that she recently needed their services and praised their professionalism, kindness, and the comfort they provided during her time of need. She also highlighted the success of Miss Cleo's Tea Party event.

Councilmember Sweet thanked everyone for the thoughtful dialogue and conversation during the meeting, expressed appreciation for the learning experience, and mentioned looking forward to sharing more about the Miami conference upon her return.

Mayor Daggett highlighted recent advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., where city leaders lobbied to keep local projects on track. She also participated in the U.S. Conference of Mayors focused on homelessness and housing. She highlighted a couple of upcoming community events including Train Day at the Visitor Center and a Community Water Rates Drop-in at the Aquaplex. She also encouraged citizens to look at www.cleanwaterflagstaff.com to review future water rates.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held May 7, 2024, adjourned at 6:45 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 May 7, 2024. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2026

 CITY CLERK