

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daggett called the meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held February 17, 2026, 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 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: Mayor Becky Daggett
Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet
Councilmember Austin Aslan
Councilmember Anthony Garcia
Councilmember Khara House
Councilmember Lori Matthews
Councilmember David Spence

Staff Present: City Manager Joanne Keene; City Attorney Sterling Solomon

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MISSION STATEMENT, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Council and audience recited the pledge of allegiance, Councilmember Aslan read the Mission Statement of the City of Flagstaff, and Councilmember Garcia 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes:** City Council Retreat of January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026, Work Session of January 27, 2026, Special Meeting (Executive Session) of February 3, 2026.

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet to approve the minutes of the meetings of City Council Retreat of January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026, Work Session of January 27, 2026, Special Meeting (Executive Session) of February 3, 2026.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

5. 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.

Dennis Givens addressed Council regarding rising property taxes in Flagstaff, sharing community feedback from the Nextdoor app and suggesting alternatives such as taxing short-term rentals, cutting spending, and investing in sustainability and solar energy.

Colleen Maring, Chief People Officer at Northern Arizona Healthcare, addressed Council and explained the temporary pause in planning for a new hospital. She clarified misconceptions about capacity constraints and outlined financial challenges including Medicaid reimbursement cuts.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Matthews reported on the Indigenous Commission where they welcomed a new commissioner and discussed the upcoming powwow. The commission is coordinating with Flagstaff High School with their powwows which are occurring the same weekend. She also reported on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council where they discussed efforts underway to review recommendations, improve public data dashboards, simplify reports, and expand community outreach.

Councilmember Garcia announced a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation and Open Spaces Commissions.

Vice Mayor Sweet stated that the Mountain Line meeting was later that week and that the Water Commission meeting had been cancelled that month.

Councilmember House reported that she attended the Flagstaff Sister Cities annual meeting where they hosted the Mexican consul and discussed partnerships with Hispanic, Latino, immigrant, and migrant communities.

Councilmember Spence shared that the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee will be meeting every other month due to staffing shortages.

7. 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.

- A. Consideration and Action on Liquor License Application:** Rochan S. Goswami "Milton Mobil" 2020 S. Milton Rd, Series 009, Liquor Store, Owner Transfer

Mayor Daggett opened the public hearing.

Chief of Staff for the Mayor Jessica Matias introduced the application and indicated that the Police Department and Planning and Development Services had provided their respective findings.

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

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Anthony Garcia to forward the application to the State with a recommendation for approval.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

8. 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.

Councilmember Aslan requested the Item 8H be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Anthony Garcia, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item 8H.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A. Consideration and Approval of Contract: JWP Blvd. Extension Project - CMAR Design Phase Services Contract

1. Approve the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Design Phase Services Contract to J. Banicki Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$198,760.00, which includes an \$8,000.00 utility potholing contingency. The contract period is 365 calendar days.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

B. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Approve the First Amendment to the contract with immixTechnology, Inc. for the UKG Pro Timekeeping software and support.

1. Approve the First Amendment to the contract with immixTechnology, Inc. for UKG Pro Timekeeping software and support to increase the total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

C. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Cooperative Purchase Contract with Global Rental Co., Inc. for an Altec AT48M Aerial Work Platform in the amount of \$233,526, plus all applicable taxes.

1. Approve the Cooperative Purchase Contract with Global Rental Co., Inc. for an Altec AT48M Aerial Work Platform in the amount of \$233,526.00, plus all applicable taxes; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

D. Consideration and Approval of Contract: First Amendment to Consultant Services Contract with ATL, Inc. d/b/a CMT Technical Services.

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Consultant Services Contract with ATL, Inc. d/b/a CMT Technical Services in an amount of \$150,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

E. Consideration and Approval of Contract: City wide routine and emergency tree service on-call contracts with C's Tree Service, ArborWorks, and West Coast Arborists, Inc.

1. Approval of the City wide routine and emergency tree service on-call contracts with C's Tree Service, ArborWorks, and West Coast Arborists, Inc.;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

F. Consideration and Approval of Grant Agreement: Approve the Grant Agreement with New Venture Fund to increase community capacity and awareness regarding wildfire resilience across both natural and built environments.

Staff recommends City Council approve a one-year agreement with the New Venture Fund in the amount of \$249,578 and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

G. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Approve a Task Order to an On-Call Professional Services Contract with The WLB Group, Inc. for the Highland Mesa FUTS Project.

1. Approve a Task Order to an On-Call Professional Services Contract with The WLB Group, Inc. in the amount of \$129,040 for the Highland Mesa FUTS Project and a contract duration of 365 calendar days; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

H. Consideration and Ratification: Letter of opposition to proposed national park fee increase

Councilmember Aslan asked staff to provide additional information about the letter. Public Affairs Director Sarah Langley explained that the \$100 fee for non-resident visitors to major national parks took effect January 1, with significant signage at the Grand Canyon. The letter was drafted to inform federal representatives of the anticipated negative effects on Flagstaff and surrounding cities' tourism industries.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, **seconded by** Councilmember Anthony Garcia to retroactively approve the letter of opposition.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

9. ROUTINE ITEMS

A. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Approve the Downtown Flagstaff Enhanced Services Contract with Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance in the amount of \$666,959.05, annually.

Assistant City Manager Shannon Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

DOWNTOWN ENHANCED SERVICES CONTRACT
BACKGROUND
PURPOSE
ENHANCED SERVICES
CONTRACT

There were questions regarding performance standards in the contract and the recourse should those standards not meet expectations. Ms. Anderson explained that the city would first meet with the service provider to discuss deficiencies and work collaboratively toward resolving them. The process begins with back-and-forth discussions about expectations and corrective actions. While contract termination is possible, it is considered a last resort.

It was also asked how downtown businesses could provide feedback. Ms. Anderson stated that formal mechanisms are not specifically outlined in the contract, but several avenues will be available.

Businesses can provide input through stakeholder meetings, direct communication with staff, email, or by calling a dispatch number that will be posted on service vehicles to address issues quickly. The goal is to respond promptly and improve service levels in the high-traffic downtown area.

Council expressed appreciation for the collaborative effort behind the enhanced services plan. They emphasized the importance of the enhanced services to the local economy, visitor experience, business success, and community pride. It was also clarified that the existing special taxing district tax remains in place and that the new contract enhances the current funding and services.

Moved by Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet, **seconded by** Councilmember Lori Matthews to approve the Downtown Flagstaff Enhanced Services Contract with Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance in the amount of \$666,959.05 annually and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

B. Consideration and Approval of Contract: Cooperative Purchase Contract with Phil Long Ford of Denver to purchase a Ford F150 EV Lightning for Engineering in the amount of \$61,395.00, plus applicable fees and taxes.

Public Works Section Director Jen Brown provided a brief explanation of the purchases referred to in Items 9B and 9C. The request is to purchase three vehicles to support operational needs across multiple departments. First, is a Ford F-150 Lightning, an electric vehicle, to replace a truck that was damaged on New Year's Day. The electric truck meets Engineering's daily operational requirements and is capable of performing the same tasks as a gas-powered vehicle. This replacement has already been reviewed and approved by the Fleet Management Committee.

The second vehicle is a Ford F-150 hybrid for the Emergency Management section. This vehicle must remain mission-ready 24/7 and is used during disasters, prolonged storms, multi-agency incidents, and wildland fire responses. Because it frequently operates in remote areas without access to charging infrastructure, a hybrid model was selected to ensure reliability while still supporting sustainability goals.

The third vehicle is a Ford F-250 for the newly established Water Services Supervisor position. This truck will be used for frequent callouts, hauling tools, and towing equipment, and must also be available around the clock as needed. An electric option is not available in the size and capacity required to meet these operational demands.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, **seconded by** Councilmember Anthony Garcia to approve the Cooperative Purchase Contract with Phil Long Ford of Denver to purchase a Ford F150 EV Lightning for Engineering in the amount of \$61,395.00, plus applicable fees and taxes and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

C. Consideration and Approval of Cooperative Purchase Contract: With PFVT Motors, LLC d/b/a Peoria Ford, in the amount of \$111,956.61 for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 Super Duty 4x4 Crew Cab for Water Services and a 2026 Ford F150 XLT Hybrid 4x4 for Management Services; Emergency Management.

Moved by Councilmember Austin Aslan, **seconded by** Councilmember Anthony Garcia to approve the Cooperative Purchase Contract with PFVT Motors, LLC d/b/a Peoria Ford ("Peoria Ford"), in the amount of \$111,956.61 for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 Super Duty 4x4 Crew Cab for Water Services and a 2026 Ford F150 XLT Hybrid 4x4 for Management Services; Emergency Management and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- D. Consideration and Approval of Contract:** Approval of the Cooperative Purchase Contract with Interim Public Management, LLC, for professional level consulting services in an annual amount not to exceed \$200,000 in any fiscal year.

City Manager Keene requested approval to renew a cooperative purchase contract with Interim Public Management (IPM), LLC, using an existing cooperative agreement through the City of Phoenix. The City has previously contracted with IPM, and this action would continue that relationship. She explained that IPM provides interim executive and management-level staffing services for local governments. These services are used on an as-needed basis, particularly when a division director or other key leader leaves unexpectedly. IPM can quickly place qualified professionals in temporary roles to ensure continuity of operations while the City conducts a formal recruitment process. The city utilized IPM in the past, including during transitions within the Human Resources division when unexpected vacancies occurred, and interim staff were brought in to maintain stability and operations.

Moved by Councilmember Anthony Garcia, **seconded by** Councilmember Lori Matthews to approve the Cooperative Purchase Contract with Interim Public Management, LLC for professional level consulting services in an annual amount not to exceed \$200,000 in any fiscal year and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

10. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Cancellation of Public Hearing:** A request to amend the Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030 to change the area type designation on Maps 21 and 22 from Suburban Neighborhood to Rural Neighborhood. The proposal is for approximately 4.3 acres generally located on the South side of E John Wesley Powell Boulevard (JWP) between S Links Road and S Lone Tree Road (APN: 105-10-208A). The applicant requests a Concept Zoning Map Amendment in conjunction with this request (**PZ-24-00236-02**)

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet to cancel the public hearing.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. Cancellation of Public Hearing:** A request to amend the Flagstaff Zoning Map to rezone approximately 4.3 acres located at 1381 E John W Powell Blvd (APN: 105-10-208A) from the Single-Family Residential (R1) zone within the Resource Protection Overlay Zone (RPO) to the Estate Residential (ER) zone within the RPO (**PZ-24-00236-01**)

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet to cancel the public hearing.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

11. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-02:** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Flagstaff, amending the Flagstaff City Code, Title 10, Flagstaff Zoning Code, Chapter 10-40 Specific to Zones, Division 10-40.30 Non Transect Zones.

Consideration and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-03: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Flagstaff, the Flagstaff City Code, Title 11, General Plans and Subdivisions, Chapter 11-20: Subdivision and Land Split Regulations, Division 11-20.40: Subdivision Procedures and Requirements.

Zoning Code Manager Tiffany Antol provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following:

ZONING & SUBDIVISION CODE AMENDMENTS 2025 CLEAN UP
PZ-25-00251
2025 CLEAN UP

CITY'S PROPOSED ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT
OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT
STAFF RECOMMENDATION
FLAGSTAFF REGIONAL PLAN 2030
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST,
HEALTH, SAFETY, CONVENIENCE OR WELFARE OF THE CITY
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS INTERNALLY CONSISTENT WITH OTHER APPLICABLE
PROVISIONS OF THIS ZONING CODE
RECOMMENDATION

Councilmember Spence asked how the amendments apply to the 2045 Regional Plan should voters approve it.

Ms. Antol explained that the proposed amendment is consistent with the community commercial zone standards outlined in the 2045 Plan. If voters approve the 2045 Plan this spring, additional updates, particularly related to density ranges in the zoning code, will still be needed. The current amendment is considered an interim measure to align with the plan's direction in the meantime, and she would return to Council with further updates if the plan is adopted.

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Anthony Garcia to read Ordinance No. 2026-02 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, TITLE 10, FLAGSTAFF ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 10-40 SPECIFIC TO ZONES, DIVISION 10-40.30 NON TRANSECT ZONES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Councilmember Anthony Garcia to read Ordinance No. 2026-03 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, TITLE 11, GENERAL PLANS AND SUBDIVISION, CHAPTER 11-20: SUBDIVISION AND LAND SPLIT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 11-20.40: SUBDIVISION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2026-10**, Amending the Section 8 Administrative Plan to create a local preference for existing City of Flagstaff Housing Authority (CFHA) assisted voucher holders facing termination due to insufficient or discontinued funding.

Housing Director Sarah Darr presented a request to amend the Section 8 Administrative Plan to create a new local preference for City of Flagstaff voucher holders who are at risk of losing assistance due to insufficient or discontinued program funding. The amendment is in response to HUD ending funding for the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program five years earlier than anticipated, with funding expected to run out by September or sooner. The city currently has 18 households housed through the program. The EHV program served highly vulnerable individuals, including those exiting homelessness or fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, or human trafficking, and participants were referred through the Continuum of Care rather than the standard waiting list.

The proposed local preference, recommended by HUD, would allow these households to move to the top of the waiting list and transition into regular Section 8 vouchers, preventing them from returning to homelessness. Flagstaff is in a favorable position to do this because it has available vouchers from the former Williams voucher program. She also noted that the preference was written broadly so that if

future funding cuts affect other voucher programs, the city would not need to repeatedly amend the plan.

There were questions about the program and how people transition from EHV to a regular voucher program. Ms. Darr clarified that the EHV program was created in 2021 with an expected 10-year funding horizon, though Congress recently ended funding early. Unlike traditional vouchers, EHV vouchers could not be reissued once surrendered. The current Section 8 waiting list remains approximately two to three years long, and due to an existing local preference for residents who live or work within the service area, vouchers have not been issued to individuals moving into the community from elsewhere.

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet to read Resolution No. 2026-10 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, AMENDING THE SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO CREATE A LOCAL PREFERENCE FOR EXISTING CITY OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSING AUTHORITY ASSISTED VOUCHER HOLDERS FACING TERMINATION DUE TO INSUFFICIENT OR DISCONTINUED FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Moved by Councilmember Lori Matthews, **seconded by** Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet to adopt Resolution No. 2026-10.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- C. Consideration and Adoption Ordinance No. 2026-04:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Flagstaff, amending the Flagstaff City Code, Title 3 Business Regulations, Chapter 3-10 User Fees, Section 3-10-001-0010, Subsection A. Parking Rates - ParkFlag District to amend the effective date of the parking fee increase; providing for penalties, repeal of conflicting ordinances, severability, authority for clerical corrections, and establishing an effective date

Management Services Director Rick Tadder requested approval to delay the planned downtown parking rate increase. He explained that the increase was originally scheduled to take effect March 1, following the rate study and adoption approved by Council in October. At that time, staff anticipated sufficient time to complete contractual work and allow the new downtown service provider to demonstrate enhanced services before the rate increase went into effect. However, since the enhanced services contract was only recently approved, staff are now requesting that the rate increase be postponed until August 1. The purpose of the delay is to allow the community to see the enhanced services in action before implementing the planned \$1 parking rate increase.

Moved by Councilmember Anthony Garcia, **seconded by** Councilmember Lori Matthews to read Ordinance No. 2026-04 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, TITLE 3 BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 3-10 USER FEES, SECTION 3-10-001-0010 PARKING FEES-PARKFLAG DISTRICT, SUBSECTION A PARKING FEES TO AMEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARKING FEES INCREASES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AUTHORITY FOR CLERICAL CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- D. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-09:** A resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County for election services for the May 19, 2026 Special Election

Communication and Civic Engagement Director Stacy Saltzburg stated that the resolution was to

approve an IGA with Coconino County for election services related to the May 19, 2026 Regional Plan election. She explained that while the city is responsible for many of the election activities such as preparation of the resolution, ballot language, public notices, and information pamphlet, the County prepares the ballots, mails out and receives the ballots, and counts the ballots on election day. The approximate cost associated with the IGA was \$125,000.

Moved by Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet, **seconded by** Councilmember Lori Matthews to read Resolution No. 2026-09 by title only.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AND COCONINO COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE MAY 19, 2026 SPECIAL ELECTION

Moved by Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet, **seconded by** Councilmember Anthony Garcia to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

E. Consideration and Approval: Use of the Council Initiative Fund

The Council discussed several community funding opportunities.

Councilmember House proposed a donation to support the families of the recently lost DPS officers through the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 and AZ Troopers Association.

Councilmember Garcia proposed a contribution to support the centennial celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe church. He also requested a contribution to Ballet Folklorico to support their fundraising efforts following a financial loss due to their credit card and donation processor declaring bankruptcy.

Mayor Daggett requested support for the Coconino Humane Association's upcoming spay and neuter event.

Following discussion, Council agreed to support a donation to the DPS officers' families, the Centennial celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe church, Ballet Folklorico, and the Coconino Humane Association's spay and neuter clinic.

Moved by Mayor Becky Daggett, **seconded by** Councilmember David Spence to approve the use of the Council Initiative Fund for the following:

- \$2,000 for the DPS officers' families (\$1000 each).
- \$500 for the Centennial celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe church.
- \$700 for Ballet Folklorico.
- \$2,000 for the Coconino Humane Association's spay and neuter clinic (\$1,000 in FY26 and \$1,000 in FY27).

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

12. 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.

- A. Future Agenda Item Request (F.A.I.R.):** A Citizen Petition titled "Changing the name of Columbus Ave to an Indigenous representative name."

Michelle John, a teacher at Kinsey Elementary, spoke on behalf of students from Kinsey Elementary

and Flagstaff High School's Native American Club to request that Columbus Avenue be renamed to something more appropriate and reflective of the local Native community. The students had prepared a presentation for Council but were unable to attend due to weather-related cancellations. They asked to return at a future date to formally present their proposal.

Ms. Keene stated that staff would coordinate a future Council meeting to include both a student presentation and a staff report. She noted that any renaming effort would consider the broader corridor, which currently includes Highway 180, Columbus Avenue, and Switzer Canyon Drive, and that staff would seek flexibility to bring back a comprehensive recommendation that better fits the community.

There was requisite Council support to advance the matter to a future agenda for discussion.

13. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

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

Councilmember Khara House shared that she, Vice Mayor Sweet, and Councilmember Garcia attended a recent memorial service. While there, she spoke with firefighters about concerns regarding cancer risks associated with the profession. Firefighters expressed interest in expanding cancer testing and screening resources. She noted that local firefighters would also like cancer screening to be incorporated into the City's budget and ongoing support resources. She requested that this topic be included in future budget discussions and broader conversations about supporting the City's fire personnel.

Vice Mayor Sweet reported attending several community events over the past week. She participated in a Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meeting, along with Councilmember Garcia, where discussions focused on the neighborhood plan, the 4th Street business group, and the future redevelopment plan. She praised the group's hard work in generating solutions and expressed her intention to become more involved in supporting their efforts. Additionally, she attended the annual I Heart Pluto festival, gave the opening remarks, and noted that it was a successful and enjoyable event she looks forward to each year.

Councilmember Garcia shared upcoming engagements, including attending the Northern Arizona Hunger Action Partnership Q1 gathering on Friday and participating in the Diablo Trust 2026 annual meeting later in the day.

Councilmember Matthews noted she will be attending the Mountain Line meeting and highlighted the organization Acts of Kindness for their ongoing community support. She recognized their efforts providing meals to first responders following recent tragic events and their work covering funeral and burial costs for suicide victims, services that often go unnoticed but have meaningful impact in the community.

Mayor Daggett shared information about the Explore program through Arizona at Work, a paid career exploration initiative for youth facing barriers. The program targets individuals aged 16--24 who are not enrolled in school or are pursuing only a high school equivalency, and who may face challenges such as involvement with the justice system, homelessness, foster care experience, pregnancy or parenting, disability, basic skills gaps, English language learning, or low income. The program offers paid internships to help these youth develop work skills and explore career paths. She would be sharing details with Division Directors and offered to provide more information to anyone interested. She also recognized City Manager Joanne Keene as the recipient of this year's Athena Award.

Ms. Keene shared that the city has received numerous emails about train horns. Staff have been in contact with BNSF and plan to communicate with the public. The issue involves the flashing light systems at the Fanning and Steve's crossings, not the crossings themselves, which are not triggering properly, causing trains to sound their horns more frequently. She also shared that staff is preparing for an upcoming significant snowfall. Teams are ready, and staff are coordinating both internally and

with partner agencies to plan operations for the storm and the following day.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Flagstaff City Council held February 17, 2026, adjourned at 4:31 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 February 17, 2026. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 3rd day of March, 2026

CITY CLERK