

CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
MEETING LOCATION: SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7TH AVE SAFFORD, ARIZONA
“The mission of the City of Safford is to make Safford a great place to live, work, and visit”

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kouts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (6)
COUNCIL PRESENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor; Vice Mayor, Richard Ortega; Councilmembers Gene Seale; Arnold Lopez, Steve McGaughey; and Michael Andazola.

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Chief of Police; Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director; Kabrina Romero, Finance Administrator; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Leslie Talley, Library; Sam Napier, IT Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Lydia Newkirk, Human Resources Officer; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor, Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor and Matt Platt, IT Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith McKinney, Randa Owens McKinney, Dusti Branter, Shawna Thatcher, Patrick Anderson, David Sowders, Kathy Alvarado, Gabriel Alvarado, Alan Barwick, Paul David and others who did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Andazola offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **PROCLAMATION:** Proclamation of the Graham County Board Of Supervisors, the Safford City Council, the Thatcher Town Council and the Pima Town Council strongly urging the residents of Graham County to wear masks in public and follow CDC guidelines.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Vice Mayor Ortega opened a Public Hearing in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments regarding:

1. A proposed single-family detached residential subdivision with sixteen (16) lots having a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet on approximately 12.3 acres located within the R1-10 single-family residential district. The property consists of Graham County Parcel #'s 101-24-069 and 101-24-107 and is located between South 12th Avenue and South 14th Avenue near West 16th Street. La Tierra Development is requesting a petition of exception from the following subdivision regulations:

- Zoning Ordinance Section 16.12.030 (Q) Maximum Length of a Cul-De-Sac (500 Feet)
- Zoning Ordinance Section 16.12.060 (F) Maximum Lot Depth to Width Ratio of 3:1

9. **VICE MAYOR ORTEGA CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING**
10. **RESOLUTIONS:**
1. **RESOLUTION R20-021:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R20-021, a resolution of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, approving a Petition of Exception to Title 16-Subdivisions, Section 16.12.030 (Q) Maximum Length of a Cul-De-Sac and Section 16.12.060 (F) Maximum Lot Depth to Width Ratio for the Owens Manor Subdivision. **MOTION ADOPTED**

 2. **RESOLUTION R20-018:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to adopt resolution R20-018, a resolution setting the levy for taxes at \$0.5135 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Assessed Valuation of Property subject to Taxation within the City of Safford for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021. **MOTION ADOPTED**
11. **PRESENTATION:**
1. **PUBLIC AWARENESS LIAISON WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS:** Inform the Mayor and City Council of pipeline purpose & reliability, awareness of hazards & prevention measures undertaken, emergency preparedness, and how to get additional information.
12. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
1. **MINUTES:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to review and approve the January 24, 2020, January 27, 2020 and June 22, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**

 2. **LIBRARY CIRCULATION POLICY:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve a new Circulation Policy. **MOTION ADOPTED**

 3. **LIBRARY CUSTOMER CONDUCT POLICY:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve a new Customer Conduct Policy. **MOTION ADOPTED**

 4. **POTHoles IN ALLEYS:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to have a discussion regarding potholes in the alley ways.
13. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:**
1. **BONITA WATERLINE PHASE IV & V PROJECT AWARD:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to award a construction contract to Action Direct LLC. dba Redpoint Contracting for the Bonita Waterline Phase IV & V Project (Project No. 66-683, CIP No. WA1604). **MOTION ADOPTED**

14. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS:** The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a brief summary of current events and provide future agenda items. However, no discussion shall take place on such items except for clarifying comments related to substance, time and location.
- Councilman Andazola requested a future discussion on graffiti
 - Mayor Kouts requested an update on the contract with SVG Services, LLC
15. **REPORT ON OPERATIONAL ITEMS:** The city manager, members of city staff or those individuals designated by the manager may present information pertinent to items under consideration or information related to the operation of the City. There shall however be no discussion at this time except for clarification inquiries. (If not listed below)
- Susan Anderson gave an update on the Pink Donation Boxes around the City of Safford.
16. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn council work session at 7:11 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**