



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 at 8:00 a.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; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers Arnold Lopez (by zoom); Steve McGaughey; Michael Andazola; and Brad Hemphill.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Gene Seale.

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Captain; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director (by phone); Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Sam Napier, IT Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Lydia Newkirk, Human Resources Officer; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor (by phone); and Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Alexander, Kris McBride, Chaz Ornelas, Pam Frost, Vance Bryce and others that did not sign in.

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the pledge of allegiance.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor Kouts offered the opening prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- 6. HB 2523 – FOUR YEAR DEGREES; COUMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Todd Gainey, President of Eastern Arizona College, presented to Mayor and Council information regarding HB2523.
- 7. SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION PROCESS:** Pam Frost presented Mayor and Council with information regarding new requirements for special events.
- 8. TOURISM:** Alma Valles, Finance Officer, led a discussion with Mayor and Council regarding sales tax, bed tax, tourism, and the contract with the Graham County Chamber of Commerce.
- 9. DEVELOPMENT POLICIES:** Councilman Lopez started a discussion regarding plans of new builds within City of Safford requiring an engineer stamp and other development concerns.
- 10. COUNCIL RETREAT WORKSHEET:** John Cassella, City Manager, led a conversation regarding information gathered at council retreat.
- 11. PARKLETS:** John Cassella, City Manager, began a discussion regarding parklets on Main Street.

12. **ADULT USE MARIJUNA ORDINANCE** : Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director, discussed the upcoming Marijuna Ordinance.
13. **PROPERTY SETBACKS**: Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director, started a conversation regarding property setbacks.
14. **POT BELLY PIGS**: Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director, discussed with the Mayor and Council allowing pot belly pigs as a pet within Safford City Limits.
15. **BIKE PATHS**: Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer, discussed the current bike lanes with Mayor and City Council that are within Safford.
16. **ADJOURN**: It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 11:31 am. **MOTION ADOPTED**