



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION • MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 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 (7)

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers Gene Seale; Arnold Lopez; Steve McGaughey; Michael Andazola; and Brad Hemphill.

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; Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Sam Napier, IT Officer; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Accounting Administrator; and Mohamed Abdelmottelb, IT Support Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul R. David, Eric Buckley and others that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Andazola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor Kouts offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**
8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing will be opened for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on the following items:
 1. **BUDGET AND TAX LEVY FISCAL YEAR 2021/22: Proposed Budget and Tax Levy for the City of Safford for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.**
 2. **TRUTH IN TAXATION: In compliance with Section §42-17107, Arizona Revised Statutes, the City of Safford is notifying its property taxpayers of the City of Safford's intention to raise its primary property taxes collected over last year's level. City of Safford is proposing an increase in primary property taxes of \$9,919 or 3.74%.** Paul R. David addressed the council.
9. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING:** Pursuant to *Arizona Revised Statutes* §42-17105, Adoption of Budget. The Public Hearing will be closed and a special meeting will be opened to vote on Fiscal Year Budget 2021/2022.
10. **FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION:**
 1. **RESOLUTION R21-015:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-15, the Adoption of the Final Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 annual budget. The Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 sets a maximum expenditure for the year at \$81,027,139. Included in the

maximum expenditure is \$8,000,000 of contingencies spread across all funds. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Roll Call Vote:

Jason Kouts - Yes

Richard Ortega - Yes

Gene Seale – Yes

Arnold Lopez – Yes

Steve McGaughey – Yes

Mike Andazola - Yes

Brad Hemphill - Yes

11. CLOSED SPECIAL MEETING AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

12. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

1. CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND GRANT: Request for Mayor and Council to designate the City Manager as the authorized representative to sign and complete all necessary documents to apply for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for non-entitlement units under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). **MOTION ADOPTED**

13. RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION R21-017: Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-017, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as part of their Airports Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). **MOTION ADOPTED**

14. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:

1. AIRPORT ENGINEERING CONSULTANT: Request for Mayor and City Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc., out of Phoenix, to provide Airport Engineering Consultant Services for our Airport for a period of three (3) years with up to two (2) one-year renewals after the initial period. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. RENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT: Request for Mayor and Council to review and approve a rental service agreement with Cintas Uniform Services to provide the city with uniform services and other supplies such as mops, towels, and mats for all city buildings, and designate Alma Valles, Finance Officer as the authorized representative to sign and process the contract. **MOTION ADOPTED**

3. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MOU FOR EQUIPMENT USAGE: Request for Mayor and Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The University of Arizona (U of A) and the City of Safford. The purpose of the MOU is to allow the City of Safford to provide equipment and labor to perform two lifts at the Mount Graham International Observatory (MGIO) site. City employees will move the equipment to and from the site, with U of A staff performing the actual lifts. The agreement includes a budget to cover City expenses. **MOTION ADOPTED**

4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: Request for Mayor and Council to enter into a professional services contract with Lydia Newkirk for the temporary provision of human resources services. The contract will be implemented on an as needed basis with charges based on an hourly rate of \$65, with total hours not to exceed 480. **MOTION ADOPTED 6-1 Mayor Kouts opposed**

15. **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 announced the 4th of July Events
 - Councilman Seale requested information on a possible Recreational Committee
 - City Manager Cassella requested the July 12th meeting be canceled and announced the June 25th Work Session
16. **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)
- Sam Napier, IT Director, provided an update on the City of Safford Website
17. **CLOSED REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENED INTO A COUNCIL WORK SESSION:**
18. **WORK SESSION:** The Mayor and City Council will enter into a work session to discuss the following items:
1. **FOOD TRUCK REGULATIONS:** Discuss and update the Mayor and City Council regarding the food truck regulations and requirements within the City of Safford.
19. **CLOSED COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND RECONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) the Mayor and City Council will enter Executive Session to receive an update from the City Manager and legal advice from the City Attorney regarding Airport Operations and Management. (Staff, John Cassella) **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**
 2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) the Mayor and City Council will enter Executive Session to receive an update from the City Manager and legal advice from the City Attorney regarding maintenance and operations of Electrical Infrastructure. (Staff, John Cassella) **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**
 3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(7) the Mayor and City Council will enter Executive Session to discuss a possible property purchase. (Staff, John Cassella) **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**
21. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENED INTO REGULAR MEETING:**
15. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:07 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**