



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 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 (5)

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers Steve McGaughey; and Michael Andazola. Arnold Lopez attended by phone.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmembers Gene Seale and Brad Hemphill.

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Capitan; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Nathan Estes, Water Division; Jonathan Driver, Water Division; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Finance Officer; and Mohamed Abdelmottelb, IT Support Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Vance Bryce, Ed Gonzales, Paul R. David, and others that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Andazola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor Ed Gonzales offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Ed Gonzales regarding noise disturbance
7. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **ENTERPRISE FLEET OPTION:** Present and update the Mayor and City Council with information on Enterprise Fleet Options.
 2. **MINUTES:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve minutes for the July 26, 2021 and Council Meetings. **MOTION ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCES:**
 1. **ORDINANCE 021-010 PAYNE REZONE:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Ordinance Number O21-010, an Ordinance of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, rezoning Graham County Assessor’s Parcel #'s 101-21-087 and 101-21-051J, located directly to the north of El Paso Park and fronting on S. 14th Avenue, from A-R Agricultural Residential to R1-10 Single-Family Residential. **MOTION ADOPTED**
9. **RESOLUTIONS:**
 1. **RESOLUTION R21-022 CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS:** Request for Mayor and City Council to adopt Resolution No. R21-022, a resolution amending the Construction Standards for Subdivisions and Rights of Ways. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. **RESOLUTION R21-023 DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION AFFIDAVIT:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. R21-023, a resolution designating the Graham County Chamber of Commerce as the official destination marketing organization for the purpose of coordinating tourism promotion with the Arizona office of tourism. **MOTION ADOPTED**
3. **RESOLUTION R21-024 SPAA SOLAR RFP:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-024, a resolution approving the City's participation in the Solar/Battery RFP solicitation. **MOTION ADOPTED**
10. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:**
 1. **COPPER REPLACEMENT:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve a construction contract to Gila Cut-Out Construction for the Copper Replacement Project (Project No. 69-735, CIP No. EL2101) in the amount of \$1,952,474,.03. **MOTION ADOPTED**
11. **REPORTS:**
 1. **P-CARD REPORT**
 2. **OVER \$5000 REVENUES**
 3. **OVER \$5000 EXPENSES**
12. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS:** The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a 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.
 - Richard Ortega – SEAGO Meeting
 - Arnold Lopez – Game & Fish Training for Youth
13. **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)
 - Update on FY 21/22 Capital Improvement Projects (Staff, Lance Henrie)
14. **CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3)(7) the Mayor and City Council will enter Executive Session to discuss with the City Manager possible real estate transaction.
15. **CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING.**
16. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola, and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:26 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**