



SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022, at 6:00 pm
LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7TH AVE. SAFFORD, ARIZONA

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1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Mayor Ortega 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; Steve McGaughey; Michael Andazola; Arnold Lopez; and Brad Hemphill.

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Capitan; Kabrina Romero, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Jaime Embick, Planning and Zoning Director; Sam Napier, IT Officer; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Gabe Bowman, Assistant City Engineer; Danielle Palma, Human Resource Officer; Jason Brimhall, Utilities Director; Dan Braatz, Electric Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Supervisor; Morgan Seale, Water Supervisor; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Mohamed Abdelmottelb, IT Support Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Rivera, Rachel Pollock, Brenda Chacon, Tim Linden, Nora Rogers, Toni Palomino, Dennis Delaney, and other citizens that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **INVOCATION:** Matt McCabe gave the invocation.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - Brenda Chacon addressed council regarding sewer issues at her property within City of Safford.
 - Rachel Ruiz Pollack addressed the council regarding health and safety issues with her neighbor.
7. **PRESENTATION:**
 1. **EASTERN ARIZONA HISPANIC HERITAGE CORP:** Present the Mayor and City Council with information regarding the Eastern Arizona Hispanic Heritage Corp. support donation money received from the City of Safford.
8. **BUDGET:**
 1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL BENEFITS:** Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding the Mayor and Councilmember wages and benefits.
 2. **FY2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:** Present to the Mayor and City Council the FY2023 preliminary budget. This includes General Fund and Internal Service Funds, and Enterprise Funds departments.

9. **NEW OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding the council appointed Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

10. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **RESOLUTION R22-014 SPAA PROJECT CONTRACT NO. 2021-2 POWER PURCHASING AGREEMENT:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-014, a resolution approving participation in SPPA project contract no. 2021-2 to acquire additional solar-based electric resources needed to ensure electric resource availability for the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. **RESOLUTION R22-015 SPAA BOX CANYON RESALE AGREEMENT:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-014, a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Box Canyon resale agreement between Southwest Public Power Agency, Inc. (SPPA) and participants. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. **REPORTS:**

1. **EXPENSES OVER \$5,000 REPORT**
2. **REVENUES OVER \$5,000 REPORT**
3. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT**

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.

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)

- Danielle Palma, Human Resources Officer updated the Mayor and Council regarding the FY22-23 Human Resources Training Plan.
- Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer updated the Mayor and Council on the 20th Avenue Project.

14. **CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENE COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

15. **WORK SESSION:**

1. Document provided by City Manager regarding topics addressing real estate, school intergovernmental agreement, administrative policies, parks & recreation items et. al.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 8:12 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**