



SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm
LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7TH AVE. SAFFORD, ARIZONA

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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; 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; Lesley Talley, Library Assistant; 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: Brenda Chacon, Pete Gauna, Nora Rogers, Paul R. David, and other citizens that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **INVOCATION:** Councilman Andazola gave the invocation.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - Brenda Chacon addressed council regarding item #13.
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **BUDGET:**
 1. **FY2023 SUMMARY OF ALL BUDGETS:** Present to the Mayor and City Council the FY2023 summary of all budgets together with highlights to any changes done since the department was brought to the Council over the last three council meetings.
8. **NEW OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **MINUTES:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to review and approve the City Council meeting minutes for February 17, 2022. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. **SUBSTATION UPGRADE BREAKER PURCHASE:** Request for Mayor and City Council to authorize the purchase of three GE 69 KV breakers from GE Grid Solutions, LLC for the 2023 Substation Project. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **RESOLUTION R22-009 FATIGUE RECOVERY POLICY** : Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-009, a resolution amending the City of Safford On Call Policy as it pertains to Fatigue Recovery. **MOTION ADOPTED**
2. **RESOLUTION R22-016 ABOLISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**: Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-016, a resolution abolishing the Parks and Recreation Committee for the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED (as amended to remove the last sentence in the fourth paragraph)**

10. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS**

1. **AIRPORT AGREEMENT PARCEL C-7 FOR M. INDUSTRIES INC.**: Request for the Mayor and Council to authorize and execute a Property lease at the Airport to M. Industries Inc. (Erin Motes). **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS**: The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a summary of current events. However, no discussion shall take place on such items except for clarifying comments related to substance, time, and location.

- Councilman Hemphill acknowledged and complimented the council meeting summary on the COS Website.
- Mayor Kouts complimented IT on the updated live feed during council meetings.
- City Manager Cassella updated council regarding item #12.
- Lance Henrie updated council regarding the 20th Ave project and the delays due to the concrete shortage.

12. **REQUEST FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**: Any member of City Council may request that an item be placed on the agenda for a regular meeting of the City Council per City of Safford Code. Council may have a discussion and take action to determine if an item may be placed on an agenda for an upcoming City Council meeting.

- Councilman McGaughey requested a discussion regarding the COS Animal Control position.

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)

- Morgan Seale updated Council on the Service Line Warranty program.
- Morgan Seale gave an update regarding City of Safford Water Update.
- Jaime Embick, Planning & Community Development Director, updated Council regarding citizens that addressed council during the April 25, 2022 City Council Meeting.

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

15. **WORK SESSION:**

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Discussion with Mayor and City Council to receive direction on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**: It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 7:59 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**