



SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 23, 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 (6)

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Brad Hemphill

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Capitan; Kabrina Romero, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; 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; 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; Justin Green, IT Support Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul R. David, and other citizens that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Kouts gave the invocation.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **BUDGET:**
 1. **GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVENUES:** Present to the Mayor and City Council revenue projections for the city's general fund for FY2023.
8. **NEW OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to review and approve the City Council meeting minutes for February 28, 2022 and March 14, 2022. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. **EMPLOYEE ID CARDS:** Request for Mayor and Council to provide direction on employee ID cards and to decide if they should be purchased for current staff and all new hires moving forward.
9. **RESOLUTIONS:**
 1. **RESOLUTION R22-017 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE POLICY:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-017, a resolution amending the Human Resources Education Assistance policy. **MOTION ADOPTED Councilman Lopez opposed**

10. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS

1. AIRPORT RUNWAY 8/26 REHABILITATION PROJECT : Request for the Mayor and Council to award a construction contract to Sunland Asphalt & Construction for the Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation project at the Safford Airport (Project No. 400-158, CIP No. AP1801). **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR RUNWAY 8-26 REHABILITATION PROJECT: Request for Mayor and City Council to authorize the City Manager to accept C&S Companies' proposal to complete Construction Management and Observation Services, in the amount of \$199,934.00, for the Runway 8-26 Rehabilitation Project at Safford Regional Airport. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. REPORTS:

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

12. 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 Andazola appraised Public Works Dept on doing a great job.
- Councilman Lopez stated he liked the revisions of the Education Assistance Policy

13. 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. If necessary, 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.

- Vice Mayor Ortega would like a status update on the city trails and the cemetery entrance.

14. 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)

- Jennifer Bryce presented the Mayor and Council regarding Public Education on Water Conservation.

15. CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

16. WORK SESSION:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Discussion with Mayor and City Council regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Jaime Embick, Planning and Community Development Director discussed with the Mayor and Council the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Draft Rules of Procedure and Tasking.

17. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola, and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 6:59 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**