



SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION

MONDAY, 3, JUNE 13, 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; 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: Pastor Robert The Way, 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:** Pastor Robert with The Way World Outreach gave the invocation.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Pastor Robert introduced his new church.
7. **NEW OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **LACT CONFERENCE YOUTH GROUP ATTENDANCE:** Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding the attendance of the STARS to attend the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2022 Annual Conference. **COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO INVITE THE STARS TO ATTEND**
 2. **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to review and approve the City Council meeting minutes for March 28, 2022. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 3. **LIBRARY CIRCULATION POLICY:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve an updated Circulation Policy to reflect changing library services. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 4. **LIBRARY POSITION MODIFICATIONS:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the modification of the job title and job description for two part-time positions, both within the Library Grants Department. Both positions are grant funded and would only be filled if grant funds are secured. The two part-time positions that would be modified are the Lead ScienceCity

Coordinator to Makerspace Coordinator and ScienceCity Coordinator to Elementary Program Coordinator. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION R22-018 DISPATCHING AND ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS : Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-018, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute two IGA's between the City of Safford and Graham County for Dispatching and Animal Control Shelter. **MOTION ADOPTED**

2. RESOLUTION R22-019 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-019, a resolution adopting Fiscal Year 2023 Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 sets a maximum expenditure for the year at \$73,855,675. **MOTION ADOPTED 6-1 Mayor Kouts Opposed**

3. RESOLUTION R22-020 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R22-020, a resolution reinstating the Parks and Recreation Committee so that they may continue to serve in an advisory capacity regarding the continued development of recreational amenities and services for the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED 6-1 Councilman Lopez Opposed**

9. 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 announced the 4th of July Parade and if council would like to participate.**

10. 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. **No items were requested. A short discussion occurred to clarify purpose of this agenda item.**

11. 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) **NONE**

12. CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

13. WORK SESSION:

1. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES: Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding Animal Control Services for the City of Safford.

2. BIKE ROUTES/LANES AND TRAILS: Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding bike routes, bike lanes and trails within the City of Safford.

3. SAFFORD CITY CEMETERY ENTRANCE: Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding proposed upgrades to the Safford City Cemetery entrance.

14. 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**