

## MINUTES

WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE  
6:00 P.M.

### 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nabours called the Flagstaff Work Session of February 12, 2013, to order at 6:06 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

#### Councilmembers present:

MAYOR NABOURS  
VICE MAYOR EVANS  
COUNCILMEMBER BAROTZ  
COUNCILMEMBER BREWSTER  
COUNCILMEMBER ORAVITS  
COUNCILMEMBER OVERTON  
COUNCILMEMBER WOODSON

#### Councilmembers absent:

None

Others present: City Manager Kevin Burke; City Attorney Rosemary Rosales

### 4. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items Only):

Public Participation enables the public to address the council about items that **are not** on the prepared agenda. Public Participation appears on the agenda twice, at the beginning and at the end of the work session. You may speak at one or the other, but not both. Anyone wishing to comment at the meeting is asked to fill out a speaker card and submit it to the recording clerk. When the item comes up on the agenda, your name will be called. You may address the Council up to three times throughout the meeting, including comments made during Public Participation. Please limit your remarks to three minutes per item to allow everyone to have an opportunity to speak. At the discretion of the Chair, ten or more persons present at the meeting and wishing to speak may appoint a representative who may have no more than fifteen minutes to speak.

Klee Benally, Flagstaff, addressed Council about the use of reclaimed water on the San Francisco Peaks. Mr. Benally also spoke about an incident that he witnessed at the Dew Downtown event.

Dawn Dyer, Flagstaff, addressed Council about an incident witnessed at the Dew Downtown event on Saturday.

Rudy Preston, Flagstaff, addressed Council about an incident witnessed at the Dew Downtown event on Saturday.

Foxglenn resident addressed Council about her concerns with the new Maverik store being constructed at Foxglenn and Butler.

Uncle Don Fanning, Flagstaff, addressed Council about the incident at Dew Downtown on Saturday.

**5. Preliminary Review of Draft Agenda for the February 19, 2013, City Council Meeting.\***

*\* Public comment on draft agenda items may be taken under "Review of Draft Agenda Items" later in the meeting, at the discretion of the Mayor. Citizens wishing to speak on agenda items not specifically called out by the City Council for discussion under the second Review section may submit a speaker card for their items of interest to the recording clerk.*

None.

**6. Presentation on Dark Skies.**

Councilmember Barotz introduced John Tannous, Jeff Hall, Rich Bowen, Dr. Paul Shankland, Chris Luginbuhl, Kim Morris, Lance Diskin, Debroah Luginbuhl, William Seven and Steve Nelson.

Dr. Rich Bowen of Northern Arizona University provided a PowerPoint presentation on Dark Skies.

Dr. Bowen explained that one of the recurring themes with his presentations is that the audience is always impressed with Flagstaff's STEM commitment and they really love our drive to create a positive economic cycle. Other communities are looking to start lowering the light levels in their cities.

There is a growing economic impact of Flagstaff's astronomy structure. Flagstaff is known around the world for its dark sky designation. The designation is an economic driver and has a tourism benefit.

John Tannous continued the presentation on the Dark Skies impact on the Flagstaff economy.

Jeff Hall concluded the presentation with a discussion of the various different astronomy resources in Flagstaff. Mr. Hall also discussed the Cherenkov Telescope Array and its potential impact in Northern Arizona if chosen. Flagstaff is the international dark sky standard.

There are about 80,000 visitors per year to Lowell Observatory. The ability to preserve Flagstaff's dark skies is a unique quality. Tourists come here because they are attracted to the natural beauty.

Council asked about how many astronomers are in Flagstaff on any given day. Mr. Hall explained that Lowell and the U.S. Naval Observatory have about 40 astronomers and technical staff employed.

Councilmember Barotz indicated that a small group has been formed that will collaborate on further explore some of the issues discussed tonight and will report back to Council in the next couple of months.

A Flagstaff resident addressed Council about some of the different astronomical groups available in Flagstaff for people outside of the profession to take part in.

**7. Update on Flagstaff Regional Plan: Vision 2030 - public outreach and public hearing schedule**

Kimberley Sharp, Comprehensive Planning Manager, provided Council with a brief update on the Regional Plan public outreach and public hearing schedule.

The initial goal is to get 1000 people to respond to survey.

Council asked if the Regional Plan addresses a relationship with neighborhood plans.

Ms. Sharp confirmed that neighborhood plans are included within the Regional Plan as amendments and that she would expand upon that with examples in an email to Council.

Council requested that the list of community groups and public meetings be emailed to the Council for further review.

**8. Presentation on Principles of Sound Water Management - Water Policies – Water Reclamation (Reclaimed Water).**

Brad Hill, Utilities Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation of Section B-4 Water Reclamation of the Water Policy.

Council asked about ordinances that address where the City can sell potable and reclaimed water. Mr. Hill explained that he was not able to find any ordinances that address the sale of reclaimed water outside city limits, only drinking water.

Council expressed concern over the lateness at which the information was provided and indicated that further work sessions may be needed to address any questions or concerns after further review.

Council requested that the water policy make reference to codified ordinances to compliment the policy. These should be published within the document.

The following offered comments about the water policy:

Katie Nelson  
Rudy Preston  
Brad Garner

Council further discussed the issue of water users subsidizing the cost of reclaimed water. Some members of Council were concerned about the fairness to the overall water users to provide this subsidy. It is understood that there should be some incentive to use reclaimed water, but they were interested in exploring other options and rate structures to address.

Mr. Hill offered that consultants will be brought in to evaluate the City's water rates and offer recommendations on how they should be structured. Council will be the ultimate decider on what rates are adopted and how the subsidies, if any, will be addressed.

Council asked about the agreement terms for reclaimed water. Mr. Hill explained that reclaimed water agreements are in place for five years at which time they can be renewed.

Once water capacity is reached new customers may have to wait until capacity increases or another user drops off the program.

Currently the transfer of a reclaimed water agreement is not allowed. This may be a topic of future discussion as the demand for reclaimed water increases.

**9. Review of Draft Agenda Items for the February 19, 2013, City Council Meeting.\***

None.

**10. Public Participation**

None.

**11. Informational Items To/From Mayor, Council, and City Manager.**

Councilmember Oravits indicated that at the January 22, 2013, budget meeting he had posed the question of why the City was building spec homes when there were a number of homes available in the area under \$200,000. Bothands responded offering that only a select few of these home fit their criteria. Mr. Oravits conducted some research of his own and would like to share those findings with the Council and request that the Council have further discussions on the topic.

Vice Mayor Evans indicated that she had some questions about the City's infrastructure needs and the capital work plan, specifically about how much it was going to cost and how those numbers were calculated. Mr. Burke offered to resend the spreadsheet and provide a cover memo that will walk Council through how the projects were identified and how the numbers were calculated.

Vice Mayor Evans also requested a follow up from staff about the earlier referenced incident at Dew Downtown on Saturday.

Vice Mayor Evans also reported that she attended the Flagstaff Lodging and Restaurant Association's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, noting it was a phenomenal event.

Mayor Nabours asked about the \$1.2 million dollars that is being used for spec homes, specifically he wanted to know if that program was eliminated at what time the money would be in the bank. Mr. Burke responded that it would take one to two more years to complete the cycle and that it would not effect this years budget.

Councilmember Barotz reported on the meeting hosted by the State Land Department to reclassify Observatory Mesa as open space; there were a lot of passionate comments urging for bond monies to be used for this purpose.

Councilmember Barotz also asked about the preparation of talking points for the upcoming DC trip. Mr. Burke provided that the white papers are being created for each of the topics on the legislative agenda Council adopted. Approximately one week before the trip there will be a review session to go over the white papers, talking points, and assignments of each councilmember.

Councilmember Brewster attended the O'Connor House at HCCC with Elva Coor and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. This event was about educating the masses about civic engagement, what it means and the importance of voting. It was a group of community members and educators.

Mr. Burke thanked everyone for a very successful Dew Downtown event. He thanked the sponsors, staff, and volunteers. He extended specific thanks to Rand Jenkins, the vendor selected to do a festival in Heritage Square to go along with the event. Mr. Jenkins provided a lot of family activities, and he appreciated Mr. Jenkins' ability to manage a crowd. There were a number of protestors trying to interrupt the festival, and instead of conflicting with this group Mr. Jenkins offered up the stage for 30 minutes to allow the protestors to offer their view points to the attendees.

Councilmember Oravits also reported that he attended Snowbowl's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner Friday night, and it was a great presentation. Congratulations to them.

**12. Adjournment**

The Flagstaff City Council Work Session of February 12, 2013, adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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