

MINUTES

JOINT CITY/COUNTY WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE
4:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Archuleta called the Flagstaff Work Session of March 11, 2013, to order at 4:03 p.m.

Notice of Option to Recess Into Executive Session

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the City Council and to the general public that, at this regular meeting, the City Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice and discussion with the City's attorneys for legal advice on any item listed on the following agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present:

Flagstaff City Council
MAYOR NABOURS
COUNCILMEMBER BREWSTER
COUNCILMEMBER ORAVITS
COUNCILMEMBER OVERTON
COUNCILMEMBER WOODSON

Coconino County Board of Supervisors
CHAIRWOMAN ARCHULETA
SUPERVISOR BABBOTT
SUPERVISOR FOWLER
SUPERVISOR RYAN

Councilmembers absent:

VICE MAYOR EVANS
COUNCILMEMBER BAROTZ

SUPERVISOR METZGER

Others present: City Manager Kevin Burke, County Manager Mike Townsend, Interim City Attorney Michelle D'Andrea.

3. **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.

None.

4. Discussion of County and City Legislative Agendas.

Joanne Keene, Director of Government Relations for Coconino County, provided a brief review of the County's legislative agenda.

1. Support continuation of full funding of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program.
2. Support a short-term reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) and a long-term legislative solution for continued revenue sharing payments to forest counties. This Act expired in September 2012 and received a one year authorization.
3. Ensure impacts of federal sequestration do not impact local services.
4. Support H.R. 862, legislation to correct a boundary dispute in the Mountaineer Subdivision
5. Continue to support efforts in the Shultz Flood area including
 - a. Supporting performance extensions for the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection Program through June 30, 2015.
 - b. Funding for the US Forest Service to complete work in the Shultz Flood Area.
 - c. Emergency repair funding through the Federal Highway Administration.
6. Assist the Arizona Department of Transportation with their request for the release of energy relief funds for U.S. Highway 89 south of Page.
7. Require concessionaires to compensate local governments when operating on Federal land.
8. Continued support to the Four Forest Restoration Initiative

Flagstaff City Councilmembers asked about the general needs in the Shultz fire area. Chairwoman Archuleta explained that most of the material that is coming into the residential area is coming from the erosion of the channels created by the water. The Forest Service proposal is to speed up the natural occurring process of channel development by laying back the channels and reconfiguring the erosion to reduce the overall water flow by 75%. This is accomplished through constructing swales throughout the residential areas. Swales are wide natural channels that allow water to spread out and not create single thread channels. The Forest Service needs funding to go in and do the construction necessary to create predictable pathways.

The Emergency Watershed Protection program is the only funding that is available to do this kind of work on private property. The funding requires a 25% match from the County.

There were questions about the Mountaineer boundary dispute. Supervisor Ryan

provided some history on the issue that stemmed from an inaccurate survey from the 1960's. He said it is a pretty non-controversial issue.

Chairwoman Archuleta extended a request to the Flagstaff City Council to consider a resolution or letter of support addressing the impacts of the Secure Rural Schools on Flagstaff and Flagstaff Unified School District.

Ms. Keene continued her presentation with a brief overview of the County's State Legislative Agenda.

1. Protect County fiscal sustainability by opposing revenue shifts.
2. Support County local authority and manage local needs

Kevin Burke introduced David Sullivan, Management Intern, who provided a brief overview of the City of Flagstaff's legislative agenda.

1. Water Settlement – Secure easement rights for required water transmission lines located within Interstate 40 right-of-way, for the Red Gap pipeline.
2. Rio de Flag Flood Control – Complete the Limited Re-evaluation Report and obtain approval by the Assistant Secretary of the Army. Secure additional funding while increasing the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) authority to \$92 million. Pursue City of Flagstaff self-administration through the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE).
3. Forest Health – Leverage voter approved bond dollars for forest restoration with federal dollars to maximize acreage to be treated and minimize municipal costs.
4. Transportation - Secure authorization and fiscal resources for the LoneTree Interchange and the 4th Street Bridge.
5. I-11 Corridor Study – Study, track and participate in options being considered in the I-11 Corridor Study between Nevada and Arizona, investigating possible impacts to the Northern Arizona region.
6. Support efforts to improve efficiency and productivity of public housing programs. Strengthening and simplifying the section 8 rental assistance program including increase funding. Consolidate HUD activities and focus on core services.
7. Continued support of the Federal Aviation Administration. City goals are to increase number of leases at the airpark, work with FAA to replace fielding instrument landing system and adding new routes for the Flagstaff market.
8. Timberwall reimbursement. Reimbursement for the installation of 1500 timber walls necessary to complete the construction of the pipeline road.

5. Presentation re Brownfield Grant on Route 66.

Kevin Burke introduced Karl Eberhard, Community Design and Redevelopment Manager, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Brownfield Grant on Route 66.

There were inquiries about a map that shows the locations of possible contamination. Mr. Eberhard said that the City of Flagstaff had created a map of the downtown area and other communities had also already identified many areas that needed attention. Further development of a more detailed map may be included in the scope of the project but that is unknown at this time.

City Council and the Board of Supervisors asked about possible tax benefits to Brownfield redevelopment. Mr. Eberhard explained that there are tax benefits for Brownfield clean up.

There were questions about the disbursement of funds among the participating communities. Mr. Eberhard explained that while the details have not been decided, the projects will most likely move forward by first come first serve with no community getting more than one-fourth of the overall funding.

6. Update on Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030: Place Matters.

Kim Sharp, Neighborhood Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation for an Update on the Flagstaff Regional Plan.

The City Council and BOS inquired about the comments being integrated into the plan, how and when it was anticipated to be done. Ms. Sharp indicated that in between each step of the timeline of public comment there will be edits and changes made to the document, all changed will be tracked and strikethroughs will be used so that it will be clear where changes are being proposed.

Mr. Burke clarified that once the CAC is done they are done and once PZ is done, they are done. They will not send back for reconsideration as much as possible.

It will be really important for the public bodies to understand that this is their one time to propose changes and provide input.

It was asked why the City is holding the election in the spring instead of at the fall election in November when there is typically higher voter turnout.

Ms. Sharp explained that while they do not anticipate a failure to pass the Regional Plan in the spring, they wanted to have a back up in place in case it did fail. By law the plan must be adopted by December 2014.

Nat White, member of the CAC, offered some insight to the process the CAC went through to come to consensus. Not all agreed at times, it took a long time and a lot of compromise to come to an end point.

There is concern about the broadness of the representation of the community in the makeup of the CAC. There are many interests within the community and the challenge of how to get a fair share in the discussion. There have been numerous opportunities for public comment; there have been a lot of open meetings where public comment is allowed. Now that the draft has been released there is another opportunity for people to offer their comments and suggestions. This public input time is the exact approach and mechanism for those who felt they did not have adequate representation on the CAC.

Chairwoman Archuleta indicated that there may be some overlap with the proposed schedule and the County's budget process and summer break. The County will review the dates and report back to the City with any conflicts.

7. Informational Items To/From Chairman, Supervisors and County Manager/Mayor, Council and City Manager.

Supervisor Babbott reported on an issue related to a uranium mining permit on state trust land near Cataract Creek; this is an area that the BOS identified as a protected watershed. He is looking at trying to get some extended public comment.

Supervisor Ryan thanked the City Council for having them and commented on the importance of cooperative relationships.

Supervisor Fowler thanked the City and also commented on the importance of the relationship that they have.

Supervisor Fowler provided an update on Highway 89. Highway 89 is currently closed but 89A to Vermillion Cliffs, Lee's Ferry and Jacobs Lake is open. There is a turn off at Tuba City for Junction 160 to Highway 89 to Page. Page is open for business. Emergency funding came through to improve the 27 miles of dirt road in the area to help alleviate further transportation issues.

Mayor Nabours commented on the many overlapping and common issues between the City and the County. Because of this overlap the City Manager, County Manager, Chairwoman Archuleta and he meet monthly to help coordinate on issues.

Chairwoman Archuleta reported that Coconino County was selected to host the Western Interstate Regional Conference this year. Ms. Archuleta thanked the City of Flagstaff Convention and Visitors Bureau and Gail Jackson for their help in promoting the event and getting the word out.

8. Adjournment

The Flagstaff Joint City Council / County Board of Supervisors Meeting of March 11, 2013, adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK