

## MINUTES

WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE  
6:00 P.M.

### 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nabours called the Work Session of May 28, 2013, to order at 6:12 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

#### Councilmembers absent:

COUNCILMEMBER WOODSON

Others present: City Manager Kevin Burke; Interim City Attorney Michelle D'Andrea

### 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.*

#### A. PICTURE CANYON UPDATES

Councilmember Barotz announced that the Picture Canyon Preservation project was awarded the 2013 Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award. As an award recipient the project is now eligible to receive the grand award. The grand award winner will be announced at an event on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix honoring all award recipients.

Councilmember Barotz invited Dr. Robert Bruenig, who wrote and submitted the nomination, to address the Council. Dr. Bruenig offered his congratulations to the Council. He said that making the case for the award was very easy because of the remarkable collaboration between the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County and the Picture Canyon working group; a great example of a public/private partnership and the City should be very proud.

Councilmember Brewster presented the Mayor with a Certificate of Appreciation to the City for its valuable contributions to the United Way.

Charlie Odegaard, resident, provided flyers and invited Council to attend a Democrats Against Agenda 21 lecture on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Cline Library.

**5. Preliminary Review of Draft Agenda for the June 4, 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.*

Mayor Nabours had questions on item 10A, the sale of the fire station, and asked about the plan for accepting bids. He asked if the bids would be sealed or open auction, if there would be a minimum bid and if there was an appraisal.

Jill Trompeter, Real Estate Manager, offered that there was an appraisal and the minimum bid would start there. Ms. Trompeter also stated that the response to the marketing will determine how the bid will be conducted; if there is a lot of response to the marketing it may be beneficial to hold an open auction.

Councilmember Barotz requested information on item 14D; it is requested that commentary be provided about the different options and alternative specifically, the cost implications of each option.

Mr. Burke stated that he needed clarification from Council on item 8B, liquor license for Cheba Hut.

Mr. Burke also informed Council that the Manager for Evergreen was present at the meeting, and if there were any questions about item 14B for the Manager to please address them tonight because the Manager would be unable to attend the meeting next week.

Mayor Nabours moved item 7 up in the agenda.

## **7. Discussion of Arizona Accord Resolution.**

Vice Mayor Evans asked the City Council to support a resolution adopting elements of the Arizona Accord. Vice Mayor Evans and Councilmember Barotz worked together to draft two separate paragraphs that can be used for the resolution.

The following individuals addressed Council in favor of the resolution:

Roz Clark

Minesh Patel – representing the Flagstaff Lodging and Restaurant Association

Elizabeth Lavelly

Lizzette Castruita

Councilmember Overton raised some concern about the language in the first paragraph of the Accord. Vice Mayor Evans responded that the resolution would not adopt the Accord, just the concepts so the language would not be included.

Mayor Nabours reminded Council about the letter that was sent to Senator McCain and Senator Flake from a number of local agencies offering support for the four legislative pillars and he was concerned that the City may be sending conflicting messages. Additionally, Mayor Nabours said that he does not presume to speak for the population of Flagstaff on state and political issues and, therefore, does not support resolutions such as this. As an alternative option individuals and groups can contact senators and express opinions.

Some members of the City Council expressed concern about supporting the five principles if they do not personally support some of them.

Vice Mayor Evans pointed out that the four pillars discussed in the letter almost directly align with the Arizona Accord.

Council discussed the possibility of incorporating the legislative pillars, other legislative actions, other ideas, thoughts and processes into the resolution so that it is not tied to a specific legislative action, essentially expanding the concept of immigration reform to fit Flagstaff's position.

Councilmember Barotz requested to work again with Vice Mayor Evans to draft a revision to incorporate some of the other ideas outside of just the Arizona Accord. This draft would be brought back as a draft resolution at a later meeting.

Mayor Nabours expressed concern with language in the Accord that directs local law enforcement and asked that it be considered when drafting the resolution. Additionally Councilmember Brewster asked that staff have input on the resolution as well.

**6. Discussion of Recreation User Fees.**

Brian Grube, Recreation Services Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Recreation Services Users and Program Fees.

Council discussed the issue of comparing useable field hours with Jay Lively useable hours; they are two completely different situations. The ballfields are used less frequently than Jay Lively and this skews the overall calculation of an hourly cost. It is difficult to compare a field that is available and not used to a facility that is available and used consistently.

Mr. Burke pointed out that the dilemma is to what degree these parks are available for the drop-by user. Fields are built with drop-by, non-organized play in mind as opposed to a facility that provides oversight entrance. The City spends \$681,000 for the fields whether they are used or not, the City pays \$500,000 to have Jay Lively open every day for 10 hours, the difference is that any variation to Jay Lively's cost or hours would have a significant effect on the hourly rate.

Council asked for Recreation to provide information about income; how much of the cost the City was recouping for Jay Lively and the fields.

Council discussed taking a different approach and look at what would be a reasonable fee for the participant and for the city, look at what other cities charge and come up with something that is reasonable to the user. Mr. Burke offered that this approach has been tried but the results were not satisfactory either.

Kevin Tye, resident, addressed Council about his concerns with equity. Mr. Tye is ok with the 17% increase now but asked Council to look at it from an equitable standpoint, 17% to a field user is completely different than 17% to a rink user, \$2.75 increase vs. \$40 increase.

Council consensus was to move forward with the 17% increase but they would like to have future discussion about cost recovery. The goal was to make sure that people from all income levels have the ability to participate.

Council requested more information on the dasher board advertising. Mr. Grube explained that recreation has been working on this and is close to having an RFP ready to put out.

A break was held from 7:56 pm to 8:07 pm.

**8. Secondhand Pawn Ordinance Review.**

Police Chief Kevin Treadway introduced Lieutenant Scott Mansfield and Detective Adrian Barreras. Detective Barreras provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the Pawn/Secondhand Program.

He said that when someone wants to pawn or sell an item he or she is required to provide identification and a fingerprint. The item is entered into the leads online database that the police department has the ability to search when looking for stolen property. The stores in town have been on board with the process and have open communication with the police department if they suspect things might be stolen.

Lieutenant Mansfield offered that this program has been a good tool in combating the property crimes in town. Chief Treadway added that in order to combat crime the police department has to partner with the community; this is a fine example of how they have partnered with the community to build positive relationships.

**9. Review of Draft Agenda Items for the June 4, 2013 City Council Meeting.\***

*\* Public comment on draft agenda items will be taken at this time, at the discretion of the Mayor.*

Mr. Burke informed Council that on item 8B, liquor license application for Cheba Hut, there is no manager listed on the application. Chief Treadway reported that the current manager is on his way out and the new manager has not been appointed. Sergeant Matt Wright contacted the state liquor board to check on how to best handle this; the state indicated that the business must provide a manager within 30 days. At this time the state performs the necessary background checks on the individual. The state will not grant the liquor license until the background check is completed.

Mayor Nabours stated that the Council could make the recommendation of approval conditional on the state approving the manager.

**12. Public Participation**

None.

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

Councilmember Oravits reported that he went to the new Twin Arrows Casino and said it was quite an impressive facility.

Councilmember Oravits also complimented the Parks staff on their excellent service at Fox Glenn Park during the elementary school barbeque.

Councilmember Brewster distributed a newspaper publication and indicated that it contains science related articles about Flagstaff and promotes the City as being a STEM city.

Councilmember Barotz stated that four Flagstaff firefighters had been selected as firefighters of the year; she asked that they be invited to a future meeting so they can be publically recognized.

Mayor Nabours reported that he was present and spoke at a Memorial Day function at the Citizen Cemetery, and it was a nice presentation.

Mayor Nabours also greeted a number of motorcycle riders from Paraguay riding across the United States.

Councilmember Overton reported that he would not be present for the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and that he would be calling in on June 18<sup>th</sup> for the budget meeting.

Vice Mayor Evans reported that she had the opportunity last week to go to Sedona to attend the O'Connor House Speak Out Civic Engagement Workshop for Northern Arizona hosted by Mrs. Coor, wife of Dr. Coor. Also, Dr. Coor will be in Flagstaff tomorrow as a guest of Flag 40 at the High Country Conference Center to discuss the Arizona We Want 2.0.

Vice Mayor Evans also had the opportunity to speak with a business owner on Phoenix Avenue about the different street lights on that street. She would like more information about the lights, the cost to maintain the lights, and why they were installed. The business owner is willing to offer his roof top to house solar panels to run the lights, potentially saving the City money.

**14. Adjournment**

The Work Session of the Flagstaff City Council held May 28, 2013, adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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