CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: January 14, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM   Elizabeth A. Burke, MMC, City Clerk

CC: Jeff Meilbeck, Interim City Manager; Jerene Watson; Deputy City Manager; Josh Copley, Deputy City Manager; Michelle D'Andrea, City Attorney; Stacy Saltzburg, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Status of Council Voting Records Available On-line

At the request of Vice Mayor Barotz, staff has again communicated with the vendor that is working on this program to find out its status. As I reported previously, when I first checked into such a software program, I found that they are usually associated with an automated agenda process and to switch our program, which was just initiated in July 2012, would be a substantial cost.

At that time I contacted the vendor to see if they had such a program available, which they did not; however, they discussed it internally and agreed that it would be good to provide and proposed working with us in developing such a program, at no cost to the City if we assisted in its development and served as their test city. They had anticipated having this program put together by the beginning of the fall, but found that it is taking much more time to develop than first anticipated.

The vendor is a small company located in Seattle, Washington and has a very small staff, but with their size they are also very flexible in working with us to develop this program. The owner, Dean Dickenson, is forwarding to me information on a temporary fix which will allow us to prepare reports internally that provide how councilmembers have voted. They anticipate this system would be available by the first of March. They are able to provide this because it consists of creating a report, using what data they already have in place.

The larger program, which requires actual programming, is anticipated to be available a little later in the Spring (possibly late April/early May), and a brief recap of it is attached. Dean's wife, Desta, is the actual programmer and between sickness and the holidays, they have not been able to move as quickly as they would have liked.

One other aspect of this, which would really apply to any such program, is that it will only be able to use the voting information that we started inputting with the September 2014 meetings and forward.

While it is taking longer than any of us would have liked, I think in the end we will have a product that more closely resembles what we are looking for, at no cost to the City.

AgendaQuick Meeting Official Module
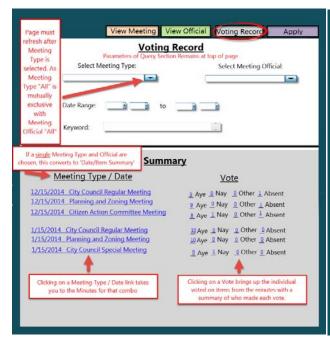
Program Summary

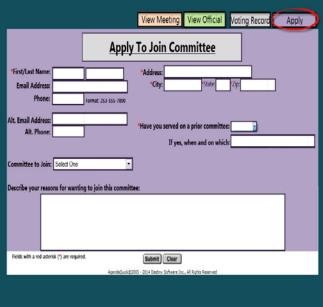Our new Meeting Official Module will offer several new functions;

- Meeting Official Information – you can put a short bio, positions held and a photo
- Meeting Official Voting Information – a detailed list of their voting record by meeting and agenda item
- Application tool - for the public to apply for the various boards and committees

We plan on putting most of the program on the 'Public Facing Page' currently used to display agendas, minutes and video. And then adding separate tabs for the new functions.

View Meeting | View Official | Voting Record | Apply

View Meetings

Starting — Ending — Meeting
Month Year — Month Year
Dec / 2014 — Dec / 2014 — ALL

December, 2014

View Subscription List for this meeting type.

December 9, 2014 Scarsdale Board of Trustees Meeting   Minutes   Video

Search Agenda Items and Minutes

Starting — Ending — Meeting
Month: Year: — Month: Year: — ALL
Keyword: _____   Search: ○ Agenda ○ Minutes ○ Both

Search Supporting Documents / Attachments

Starting — Ending — Meeting
Month: Year: — Month: Year: — ALL
Keyword: _____   Search: ○ Agenda ○ Minutes ○ Both

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View Meeting | View Official | Voting Record | Apply

View Official

Opens this Page

Select Meeting type: Justice Committee Meeting ▼

Generates this list.

Diana Prince   Clark Kent   Hal Jordan   Roy Harper   Cassie Sandmark

Bruce Wayne   John Jones   Ollie Queen   Tim Drake   Donna Troy

Generates this Biography

Diana Prince

District 1
Term: 2010 to 2014

Diana's Biography

The fictional career of Diana Prince evolved over the years, from the original Army nurse to becoming a military intelligence officer (promoted to higher ranks), then later a civilian employee, businesswoman, astronaut, or staff member at the United Nations, etc.

Page must refresh after Meeting Type is selected. As Meeting Type "All" is mutually exclusive with Meeting Official "All"

View Meeting | View Official | Voting Record | Apply

Voting Record

Parameters of Query Section Remains at top of page

Select Meeting Type: ▼   Select Meeting Official: ▼

Date Range: ___ to ___
Keyword: ___

If a single Meeting Type and Official are chosen, this converts to 'Date/Item Summary'

Summary

Meeting Type / Date	Vote
12/15/2014 City Council Regular Meeting	9 Aye 0 Nay 0 Other 1 Absent
12/15/2014 Planning and Zoning Meeting	9 Aye 0 Nay 0 Other 1 Absent
12/15/2014 Citizen Action Committee Meeting	8 Aye 1 Nay 0 Other 1 Absent
1/15/2014 City Council Regular Meeting	10 Aye 0 Nay 0 Other 0 Absent
1/15/2014 Planning and Zoning Meeting	10 Aye 0 Nay 0 Other 0 Absent
1/15/2014 City Council Special Meeting	9 Aye 1 Nay 0 Other 0 Absent

Clicking on a Meeting Type / Date link takes you to the Minutes for that combo

Clicking on a Vote brings up the individual voted on items from the minutes with a summary of who made each vote.

View Meeting | View Official | Voting Record | Apply

Apply To Join Committee

*First/Last Name: ___   *Address: ___
*Email Address: ___   *City: ___ State: __ Zip: ___
Phone: ___ Format: 253-555-7890

Alt. Email Address: ___
Alt. Phone: ___   *Have you served on a prior committee: ▼

If yes, when and on which: ___

Committee to Join: Select One ▼

Describe your reasons for wanting to join this committee:
_____

Fields with a red asterisk (*) are required.   Submit Clear

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The View Official page will allow you to click on a link from a list of meeting officials for a particular meeting type and then read a short bio, see term & district information and view a photo.

The Voting Record Summary will allow you to choose from a dropdown list of meeting types, select a meeting official, and pick a date range for the selected meeting type. You can also enter a keyword to narrow the search. The results will list all of the meetings for that meeting and date range along with the total number of YES, NO & OTHER votes and their attendance.

You'll be able to click on the YES, NO & OTHER links to display the actual votes by agenda item.

The Application Tool will allow the public to submit an application to join the various boards and committees. The information will then be routed to the appropriate people within the organization who appoint and approve citizen members.

Our goal is to have the working prototype completed by early May so that the City of Flagstaff can begin testing and providing input and suggestions. We then hope to have the finished product available by early summer.

In the meantime, we are working on a new reporting tool (similar to the Agenda Item Report) that will provide voting records by meeting official. This is primarily a data-driven report and is something we hope to have working by the end of February or early March. This will be a left-hand menu item under 'Generate Reports' available from within AgendaQuick.

Meeting Official Voting Report

Filters

Meeting Type | Regular City Council Meeting
Starting Meeting Month | Jan | Year | 2015
Ending Meeting Month | APR | Year | 2015

Go

This will generate a list of meeting officials who served during this time period

Meeting Official 1   Meeting Official 2   Meeting Official 3   Meeting Official 4
Meeting Official 5   Meeting Official 6   Meeting Official 7

If you click on a meeting official, it will bring up their voting history for that meeting type during that period

Clicking on these Hyperlinks will bring up the individual agenda items

Voting Summary

Meeting	Aye	Nay	Other	Absent
1-6-15 Regular City Council Meeting	9 Aye	2 Nay	0 Other	0 Absent
1-26-15 Regular City Council Meeting	11 Aye	0 Nay	0 Other	0 Absent
2-7-15 Regular City Council Meeting	12 Aye	0 Nay	1 Other	0 Absent
2-21-15 Regular City Council Meeting	10 Aye	2 Nay	0 Other	0 Absent
3-6-15 Regular City Council Meeting	13 Aye	2 Nay	0 Other	0 Absent

In other words, for the 1-6-15 Regular City Council Meeting - Meeting Official 5 voted Yes (Aye) 9 times, voted No (Nay) 2 times