

MINUTES

JOINT CITY/COUNTY WORK SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE
4:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nabours called the Joint City/Council Work Session of October 22, 2012, to order at 4:02 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
VICE MAYOR EVANS
COUNCILMEMBER BAROTZ
COUNCILMEMBER BREWSTER
COUNCILMEMBER ORAVITS
COUNCILMEMBER OVERTON
COUNCILMEMBER WOODSON

Councilmembers absent:

None

Coconino County Board of Supervisors present:

CHAIRMAN TAYLOR
SUPERVISOR ARCHULETA
SUPERVISOR METZGER
SUPERVISOR RYAN

SUPERVISOR FOWLER

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

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.

Christine Maher presented Flagstaff City Council with a thank you card from the FACTS program.

Carolyn McCabe presented the Board of Supervisors with a thank you card from the FACTS program.

A. Recognition – 100 Best Communities Award – CCC&Y

Ruth Ellen Lewinsky with CCC&Y presented the 2012 award to the City of Flagstaff for being selected as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People. This is Flagstaff's second year being selected. Of the 91 cities in Arizona, only 3 received the award.

5. Picture Canyon Update

McKenzie Jones, Sustainability Specialist, gave an update on the Picture Canyon Acquisition.

The City of Flagstaff and the Coconino County Board of Supervisors have approved ordinances that will allow for the acquisition of Picture Canyon. The City of Flagstaff accepted the grant last week that will aid in the funding of the acquisition. The auction for the property will be held on October 30, 2012. If the City is the successful bidder the property will transfer to the City of Flagstaff 30 days later. The Picture Canyon Working Group has been central to the success of the project; the City is appreciative of the hard work and support.

6. Fort Valley Corridor Discussion

Supervisor Taylor explained that there are a number of cultural institutions along Fort Valley Road that are doing well on their own right but he believes that if combined could do even better. The Fort Valley corridor team has been working to update the Fort Valley plan, during this process the idea of a cultural corridor was suggested and ultimately approved by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors.

Sue Brown with Coconino County Facilities gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The project is costly and financial resources are a concern. There is an EDA grant that is available that would offer assistance with the technical assistance required to move the overhead lines underground. The hope is that the utility companies would be more enthusiastic about helping if we provide them with the technical assistance. Additionally there is a state grant that available for trenching along a state highway, the trenches can support electrical and communication lines. If successful with these opportunities it provides leverage to bring in other resources. It is believed that this would be a big boost for economic development and the branding of Flagstaff as a cultural community.

Some of the items that the stakeholder group is discussing are a self taxing district, maintenance of the area, etc. Overall there was consensus to continue looking and planning.

7. **Forest Health**

Paul Summerfelt, Flagstaff Fire Department, gave an overview of the Forest Bond Initiative, question 405.

There is concern about the public safety in the areas affected by helicopter logging.

This project is not in isolation to other efforts going on in other areas. It is a partnership effort with agencies that are doing work in conjunction with this in the area.

The reason the City of Flagstaff is focusing their attention to these areas are drainage; there are three major drainage areas for Flagstaff that area affected by these watersheds. Because these areas are high threat to hand thinning they are so upside down on economic return they would never get priority with the forest service budget. This initiative will lend financial leverage to the effort.

There are 10,000 acres of treatment in this proposal; 3,000 acres are state land within city limits, 4,000 acres are Lake Mary watershed in addition to the 30,000 acres the Forest Service is funding, and 3,000 acres in Dry Lakes in addition to the 2,500 acres that the Forest Service is funding. There are a total of 7,000 acres of national land and 3,000 acres of state land.

Ed Smith Chairman of the Stakeholder Committee of 4FRI provided a PowerPoint status update on 4FRI.

Dick Fleishman; Assistant Lead for the Forest Service Four Forest Restoration Initiative, provided continued the PowerPoint.

The current NEPA covers about three years worth of work lined up and ready to go while continuing to work on the others through the process to get the approval to go.

8. **Winter Traffic Congestion Management Update**

Larry Dannenfeldt, Deputy County Manager presented a PowerPoint presentation.

There was a question about who pays for the personnel that is assisting with traffic. Each responding agency pays for their personnel whether it is DPS, Sheriff's Office or City of Flagstaff.

There was a suggestion of having Wing Mountain and Snowbowl assist in paying for the additional personnel required to control traffic. The Task Force had not previously looked at this option but will look into it in the future.

The Task Force is also looking at alternative routes for those that live in the neighborhoods that are affected by winter recreation traffic.

The biggest problem is having only one way into the recreation areas and only one way out.

City of Flagstaff FMPO Manager, Dave Wessel, provided an additional PowerPoint.

The Flagstaff City Council and Coconino County Board of Supervisors agreed that it will be important to coordinate the winter traffic solutions with the proposed ideas of the Fort Valley Cultural Corridor as they affect the same areas.

The Task Force admits that a lack of information for alternative routes is a big factor in the congestion; they are looking for an intern to assist with putting together a number of plans to address this. The intern will be using data that has been collected over the many years this task force has been in effect. They will continue to look for better ways of doing things to improve the situation for all.

9. Regional Plan Update

Kimberly Sharp, Neighborhood Planner for the City of Flagstaff, gave an update on the timeline for the Regional Plan in a PowerPoint presentation.

There is still plenty of time for the public to review and comment. All meetings are open to the public and January through March 2013 is specifically set aside for public review and comment. Additionally, all subsequent meetings, hearings, etc. are open to the public and comments are welcome.

If new members are added to the CAC in January they would be part of the final review and tweaking before the plan comes back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

10. City and County Communication

Mayor Nabours and Chairman Taylor requested that Item 10 be postponed to a later time; they will work together and report back.

11. Informational Items to/from Chairman, Supervisors and County Manager/Mayor, Council and City Manager.

The Flagstaff City Council thanked the Coconino County Board of Supervisors for attending this Joint Work Session.

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors thanked the Flagstaff City Council for hosting this meeting.

Member of the Flagstaff City Council and Coconino Board of Supervisors reported on current events.

12. **Public Participation**

None

13. **Adjournment**

The Flagstaff Joint City Council / County Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 22, 2012, adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of Coconino)

I, ELIZABETH A. BURKE, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Flagstaff, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above Minutes are a true and correct summary of the Joint City/County Work Session held on October 22, 2012. I further certify that the Work Session was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2012.

CITY CLERK