

COMBINED SPECIAL WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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(EXECUTIVE SESSION)
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

**FLAGSTAFF AQUAPLEX
1702 NORTH FOURTH STREET
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA
8:00 A.M.**

WORK SESSION

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**

NOTE: One or more Councilmembers may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

MAYOR NABOURS
VICE MAYOR BAROTZ
COUNCILMEMBER BREWSTER
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS

COUNCILMEMBER ORAVITS
COUNCILMEMBER OVERTON
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- 4. State Legislative Briefing**
- 5. Adjournment**

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- 3. Recess into Executive Session**

4. Executive Session:

- A.** Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body, and discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), respectively.

i. Hopi v. City of Flagstaff / City of Flagstaff v. Snowbowl

- B.** Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body; discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation; and discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3)(4) and (7), respectively.

i. Navajo & Other Tribal Water Rights

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the City Council with the City Clerk.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Elizabeth A. Burke, MMC, City Clerk

Memorandum

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CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Stephanie Smith, Assistant to City Manager
Date: 11/24/2015
Meeting Date: 12/10/2015



TITLE:

State Legislative Briefing

DESIRED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this meeting is to review the City of Flagstaff's 2016 legislative priorities with Flagstaff's state delegation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On November 17th the City Council adopted its 2016 intergovernmental priorities. As part of its advocacy strategy, the City meets annually with its federal and state delegation to review the City's legislative priorities. On December 10th the City will meet with Senator Allen, Representative Barton and Representative Thorpe to review the City's state legislative priorities.

INFORMATION:

COUNCIL GOALS:

- 1) Invest in our employees and implement retention and attraction strategies
- 2) Ensure Flagstaff has a long-term water supply for current and future needs
- 3) Provide sustainable and equitable public facilities, services, and infrastructure systems in an efficient and effective manner to serve all population areas and demographics
- 4) Explore and adopt policies to lower the costs associated with housing to the end user
- 5) Develop and implement guiding principles that address public safety service levels through appropriate staffing levels
- 6) Relieve traffic congestion throughout Flagstaff
- 7) Address key issues and processes related to the implementation of the Regional Plan
- 8) Improve effectiveness of notification, communication, and engagement with residents, neighborhoods and businesses and about City services, programs, policies, projects and developments
- 9) Foster relationships and maintain economic development commitment to partners
- 10) Decrease the number of working poor
- 11) Ensure that we are as prepared as possible for extreme weather events

Attachments: [Agenda outline](#)
[2016 Priorities](#)

City of Flagstaff

State Legislative Briefing

AGENDA

Thursday, December 10, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30am
Flagstaff Aquaplex – 1702 N. Fourth Street

8:00 – 8:30am	Breakfast Provided (self-serve)	
8:30 – 8:40am	Welcome and Flagstaff: <i>Who are we?</i>	Mayor Nabours, Video
8:40 – 8:50am	Introductions	Mayor Nabours
8:50 – 8:55am	Overview of Meeting Agenda	Stephanie Smith, Assistant to the City Manager
8:55 – 9:20am	State Delegation Priorities and Session Outlook	Senator Allen Representative Barton Representative Thorpe
9:20 – 9:25am	2015 Success Story: State Forestry Funding	Paul Summerfelt, FWPP Manager
9:25 – 9:30am	2015 Success Story: ACA Funding	Stacey Brechler-Knaggs, Grants Manager
9:30 – 9:35am	2015 Success Story: Solid Waste Bill	Erik Solberg, Public Works Richard Travis, Contracted Lobbyist
9:35 – 9:40am	City of Flagstaff Budget Outlook – <i>What is working for us and against us?</i>	Rick Tadder, Management Services Director
9:40 – 9:45am	City's Overarching Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Local Control? • Why Local Funding? 	Mayor and Council
9:45 – 10:00am	Flagstaff Projects and Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Skilled Nursing Facility • Forest Health • Red Gap Ranch Pipeline • Economic Development 	Mayor and Council
10:00 – 10:15am	Statewide Issues Important to Flagstaff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guns in Public Facilities • Pension Reform • Registrants: Design and Stamps • Sustainable Energy Districts • Local Sales Tax and Bid Price • Housing Trust Fund 	Mayor and Council
10:15 – 10:30am	Discussion	

City of Flagstaff Intergovernmental Relations 2016



Adopted by Flagstaff City Council on November 17, 2015

City Council Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the quality of life of its citizens.

City Council Vision Statement

The City of Flagstaff is a safe, diverse, vibrant and innovative community with a unique character and high quality of life. The City fosters and supports a balance of economic, environmental, educational and cultural opportunities.

Intergovernmental Relations

The City of Flagstaff Intergovernmental Relations Program addresses legislative initiatives at the county, state, and federal levels, which follow annual legislative calendars. The program mission is to develop and advocate for the Flagstaff community by fostering and maintaining relationships with individuals and entities that affect the City's interests. As a member of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the City of Flagstaff has assisted in the drafting and development of League Resolutions. Council adoption of the League resolutions, our identified priorities and guiding principles are incorporated as part of our legislative agenda.

The City Manager's Office coordinates an active legislative program focused on protecting the interests of our community and identifying resources available to enhance City services and programs. The City Council and City Manager's Office work closely with our legislative advocates in Washington, D.C., and Phoenix, as well as with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to influence policy decisions that affect cities local control and local funding.

The 2016 Legislative Priorities provide a framework for the City of Flagstaff's Intergovernmental Program. Adopted annually, the City's Intergovernmental Guiding Principles and Legislative Priorities are the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy and serves as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for the City Council and staff throughout the year.

Federal and state legislative proposals and policies consistent with the City's Intergovernmental Guiding Principles and Legislative Priorities may be supported by the City. Those policies or proposals inconsistent with this agenda may be opposed by the City.

Guiding Principles

The City's Intergovernmental Relations Program is guided by the following principles:

1. The City of Flagstaff is governed by its **Charter**, which outlines the City's governmental structure, identifies jurisdiction and provides enabling authority for self-rule. Flagstaff's City Charter and all its amendments have been voted on and approved by a majority of voters.
2. The City of Flagstaff strongly promotes the protection, expansion and restoration of **local control** for cities and may support or oppose legislation based on whether it advances maximum local control by local governments.
3. The Flagstaff City Council adopts **City-wide goals and legislative priorities**. Advancing or defending goals of the City Council and adopted legislative priorities in effect during the current legislative session does not require additional Council action.
4. The City of Flagstaff understands it is in the public's interest to have government at all levels that is **transparent, deliberative** and **accountable** to its citizens. The City of Flagstaff also evaluates legislative action based on the City's ability to deliver public services, the impact to Flagstaff citizens and the financial costs to the City.
5. The City's membership in the **League of Arizona Cities and Towns** is a critical component of the Flagstaff's advocacy strategy. The City Council will participate in the League's annual priority-setting process.
6. The City of Flagstaff understands that **partnerships** that develop and maintain positive intergovernmental relations are essential for success and the vitality of our community. The City supports proposed legislation brought forth by our partners that advance common goals. Regional, state and federal partners may include*:
Regional Partners: Chamber of Commerce, Coconino County, Flagstaff Unified School District, Grand Canyon Trust, Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority and Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association;
Statewide Partners: Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Game and Fish, Arizona State Land Department, Coconino Community College, Department of Veteran Services, Greater Arizona Mayors' Association, League of Arizona Cities and Towns and Northern Arizona University;
National Partners: Conference of Mayors, Federal Aviation Administration, National League of Cities and Towns, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies; and
Tribal Partners: Including the Hopi Nation and Navajo Nation

** This is not an exhaustive list of City of Flagstaff partners*

State Priorities

Advocate to Expand and Protect Local Control

Flagstaff supports legislation that upholds and restores the principle of local government and reinforces the authority of the elected leaders of Flagstaff to respect and protect the priorities of its citizenry and respond to local challenges.

Advocate to Preserve Local Funding

Protect existing funding and authorities that bring revenue to the City of Flagstaff, which support the quality of life for its residents. Areas may include the protection of state-shared revenues and opposition to the imposition of new fees and unfunded mandates by any level of government that would increase costs to the City.

Flagstaff projects and legislative priorities

- Advocate for funding and building a **skilled nursing facility for veterans** in Flagstaff.
- Advocate for investing in **forest health** treatments on state-owned land in the Flagstaff region.
- Advocate for securing authority to place portions of the **Red Gap Ranch Pipeline** within Interstate 40 right-of-way.
- Advocate for investing in **economic development** efforts in the Flagstaff region.

Statewide issues important to Flagstaff

- Advocate against firearm legislation that will allow guns in public facilities.
- Advocate for reforming state pension systems to obtain greater flexibility in managing pension plans affecting municipal employees.
- Advocate for changing requirements in non-structural commercial tenant improvement projects to no longer require an Arizona Registrant to design and stamp the project.
- Advocate for flexible financing authority for commercial entities for upfront investment capital in energy efficiency improvements to properties.
- Advocate for allowing the local sales tax to be included as part of the total bid price when considering the “lowest, responsible bidder.”
- Advocate for removing the \$2.5 million cap that allows the State’s Housing Trust Fund to be fully funded through unclaimed property proceeds received by the State annually.

Federal Priorities

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- Advocate for increased authorization and funding the **Rio de Flag Flood Control Project**. Fully authorize this important community project and qualify for work plan construction funding in future years. Funding priorities for fiscal year 2016 include completing 100 percent design, completing final elements at the Clay Avenue Detention basin and environmental clean up and installation of rip rap at the Butler site.
- Advocate for leveraging the voter approved **Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project** funding with federal dollars to maximize investments into forest health, including resources for timber sale administration; Ensure that resources and funding continue to flow to important regional projects such as the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), NAU Ecological Restoration Institute and other important forest restoration efforts outside of the 4FRI boundaries.
- Advocate for funding projects in the **Flagstaff Airport** five-year Capital Improvement Program.
- Advocate for releasing the Federal Government's **reversionary interests** on property sold to the City by the BNSF Railroad.
- Advocate for authorizing and funding **transportation improvements** in Flagstaff, including priorities identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Advocate for funding and building a **skilled nursing facility for veterans** in Flagstaff after the initial state funding has been approved and encourage the Department of Veterans' Affairs to prioritize the project.

Tribal Priorities

The City's Intergovernmental Relations Program is responsible for strengthening partnerships and advancing mutual goals between the City of Flagstaff and Native Nations. In addition to fostering relationships with tribal nations, key priorities this year include:

- Support implementation priorities of the Memorandum of Understanding between Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and City of Flagstaff.
- Facilitation of annual meetings with tribal nations and collaborate on agenda development.
- Host the 2016 Mayors Summit in partnership with the Navajo Nation.