



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
MEETING LOCATION: SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7TH AVE SAFFORD, ARIZONA
“The mission of the City of Safford is to make Safford a great place to live, work, and visit”

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kouts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (7)

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jason Kouts, Mayor; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers Gene Seale, Arnold Lopez, Steve McGaughey; Michael Andazola; and Brad Hemphill.

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Captain; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Susan Anderson, Planning and Community Development Director(by phone); Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Sam Napier, IT Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; and Matt Platt, It Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Torry Cranford, Robert Hernandez, Deb Hernandez, Tammy Mayhew, Rebecca Coleman, Alissa Stockton, Marissa P., Bri Morris, Paul R. David, and others that did not sign in.

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Andazola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Michael Wilhelm offered the opening prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Leishae and William Bruckner addressed council regarding item 10.1.
- 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- 7. PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing was opened in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments regarding:

- 1. Request for the Mayor and Council to hold a public hearing regarding amending Title 17 Zoning, Chapter 17.08 Definitions, Section 17.08.040 Definitions, Chapter 17.12 Supplementary requirements and procedures, Section 17.12.240 Medical marijuana uses, and Chapter 17.52 C-2 Highway Commercial District, Section 17.52.020 Use requirements – permitted uses relating to adult use / recreational marijuana.**

- No public comments were made.

- 2. Request for the Mayor and City Council to hold a public hearing regarding a New Application for a Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License for the Matador 415, LLC at 415 E. US Highway 70, Safford, Arizona.**

- No public comments were made.

8. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING:**

9. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **LIQUOR LICENSE:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to make a recommendation to the State Liquor Board regarding a New Application for a Series 12 Restaurant liquor license for the Matador 415, LLC at 415 E. US Highway 70 Safford, Arizona. **MOTION ADOPTED**
2. **MINUTES:** Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve February 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**
3. **PARKLETS POLICY:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve a Sidewalk Café and Outdoor Seating Policy that will allow for the installation of “parklets” within the City of Safford City limits. **MOTION ADOPTED 5-2 (Mayor Kouts and Councilman Andazola were opposed)**
4. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to review and approve the annual special events for 2021. **MOTION ADOPTED**
5. **SPECIAL EVENT MITIGATION PLAN:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the mitigation plans for an annual special event, the Gila Valley Bridal & Event Fair. **MOTION ADOPTED**
6. **SPECIAL EVENT MITIGATION PLAN:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the mitigation plans for an annual special event, United Way Golf Tournament. **MOTION ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCES:**

1. **ORDINANCE O21-003:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Ordinance Number O21-003, an Ordinance of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, amending Title 17, Zoning, Chapter R1-10 Single-Family Residential District and Chapter 17.40 A-R Agricultural Residential District relating to Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs. **MOTION ADOPTED 5-2 (Vice Mayor Ortega and Councilman Andazola opposed)**
2. **ORDINANCE O21-005:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Ordinance Number O21-005, an Ordinance rezoning Graham County Assessor’s Parcel # 101-17-012, located at 815 10th Street, from R-2 Multiple Family Residential to C-MH Conventional Manufactured Home. **MOTION ADOPTED**
3. **ORDINANCE O21-006:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Ordinance Number O21-006, an Ordinance amending the city code title 17 zoning ordinance chapter 17.08 definitions, section 17.08.040 definitions, chapter 17.12 supplementary requirements and procedures, section 17.12.240 medical marijuana uses, and chapter 17.52 C-2 highway commercial district, section 17.52.020 use requirements – permitted uses relating to adult use / recreational marijuana. **MOTION ADOPTED 6-1 By Roll Call Vote (Vice Mayor Ortega opposed)**

11. RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION R21-002:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R21-002, a resolution of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, declaring Ordinance Number O21-006, amending title 17, zoning, of the City of Safford municipal code, for adoption by reference, as amended, effective February 22, 2021 to be a public record. **MOTION ADOPTED 6-1 (Vice Mayor Ortega Opposed)**
2. **RESOLUTION R21-001:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-001, a resolution setting the fee at fifty cents per square foot for a Sidewalk Café and Outdoor Seating Policy that will allow for the installation of “parklets” within the City of Safford City limits. **MOTION ADOPTED 5-2 (Mayor Kouts and Councilman Andazola opposed)**
3. **RESOLUTION R21-004:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R21-004, a resolution in favor of the changes being proposed by HB-2523 allowing community colleges the option to offer four year degrees as determined by the governing board. **MOTION ADOPTED**

12. BUDGET:

1. **FY2022 BUDGET REVENUE PROJECTIONS: Present the Mayor and City Council with an overview of the revenue projections for Fiscal Year 2022.**

13. REPORTS:

1. **P-CARD REPORT**
2. **EXPENSES OVER \$5,000 REPORT**
3. **REVENUES OVER \$5,000 REPORT**

- 14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS:** The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a brief summary of current events and provide future agenda items; however, no discussion shall take place on such items except for clarifying comments related to substance, time and location.

- Vice Mayor Ortega announced a SEAGO Meeting February 22nd
- City Manager Cassella announced a Senate Appropriations Meeting February 23rd
- Lance Henrie, Public Works Director, announced the City of Safford Landfill Free Dump Days February 25th -27th

- 15. REPORT ON OPERATIONAL ITEMS:** The city manager, members of city staff or those individuals designated by the manager may present information pertinent to items under consideration or information related to the operation of the City. There shall however be no discussion at this time except for clarification inquiries. (If not listed below)

- Raymond Osornio updated the Mayor and Council on the Gas System Upgrade Completion

- 16. ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 7:39 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**

