



**CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING • MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**MEETING LOCATION: SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM • 808 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> 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; Alma Valles, Finance Officer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Sam Napier, IT Officer; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Lydia Newkirk, Human Resources Officer; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Accounting Administrator; and Justin Green, Senior IT Specialist.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Vance Bryce, Isidrio Isais, Paul R. David and others that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Andazola offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Bart Stauffer and Isidro Isais addressed the council
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 Mayor and Council to hold a public hearing for a proposed rezoning of Graham County Parcel #'s 101-14-003D and 101-14-003E. **No public comments were made.**
8. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**
9. **ORDINANCES:**
  1. **ORDINANCE O21-007:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to have a first reading of Ordinance Number O21-007, an Ordinance of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, rezoning Graham County Assessor's Parcel # 101-14-003D and 101-14-003E, located directly to the south of 1615 South First Avenue, from City of Safford A-R Agricultural Residential to City of Safford C-2 Highway Commercial. **Ordinance O21-007 was read into the minutes.**
10. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
  1. **MINUTES:** Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve March 15, 2021 Council Work Session Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**
11. **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/BIDS:**

1. **SAFFORD POLICE STATION FURNITURE:** Request for Mayor and City Council to authorize the purchase of furniture for the New Safford Police Station from Interior Solutions in the amount of \$135,616.27. **MOTION ADOPTED**
  2. **HIGHWAY 70 AND 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE DRAINAGE:** Request for Mayor and City Council to award the construction contract for the Highway 70 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Drainage Project (Project No. 398-031, CIP No. ST2102) to Accelerated Construction & Excavating, LLC. In the amount of \$86,100.00. **MOTION ADOPTED**
12. **RESOLUTIONS:**
1. **RESOLUTION R21-007:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution R21-007, a Resolution adopting the revisions to the Human Resources Section 6.5 On-Call Policy. **MOTION ADOPTED**
  2. **RESOLUTION R21-008:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R21-008, a Resolution adopting the revisions to the Human Resources Donated Leave Program. **MOTION ADOPTED**
  3. **RESOLUTION R21-009:** Request for Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Resolution Number R21-009, a Resolution modifying Landfill User Fees for disposal of Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers to be effective April 12, 2021. **MOTION ADOPTED**
13. **BUDGET:** Present to Mayor and City Council the FY 2022 preliminary budget. This budget includes the General Fund departments and the Internal Service Funds.
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.
15. **CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) the Mayor and City Council will enter Executive Session to receive an update from the City Manager and legal advice from the City Attorney regarding Airport Operations and Management.
  2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) the Mayor and City Council will enter Executive Session to receive an update from the City Manager and legal advice from the City Attorney regarding maintenance and operations of Electrical Infrastructure.
  3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(1)(3) the Mayor and City Council will enter Executive Session to receive an update from the City Manager and legal advice from the City Attorney regarding salary of the Safford Fire Department Chief.
16. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 9:45 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**