



CITY OF SAFFORD • CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION • MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Steve McGaughey; Brad Hemphill; Arnold Lopez and Michael Andazola. Councilmember Gene Seale attended by phone.

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager; Glen Orr, Police Chief; Brian Avila, Police Capitan; Lance Henrie, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Victoria Silva, Library Director; Tamara Webster, City Clerk; Matthew Hoshal, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Raymond Osornio, Gas Division Supervisor; Kabrina Romero, Finance Officer; Dan Braatz, Electric Division Supervisor; Morgan Seale, Water Division Supervisor; Jenny Taylor, Human Resources Officer; Jamie Embick, Planning and Community Development Director; Jason Brimhall, Utilities Director; and Mohamed Abdelmottelb, IT Support Specialist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul R. David, and others that did not sign in.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Mayor Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Andazola offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing will be opened in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments regarding:
 1. **BEST WESTERN PLUS LIQUOR LICENSE: Request for the Mayor and City Council to hold a public hearing relating to a Liquor License recommendation to the state liquor board regarding Location/Owner Transfer Series 6 Bar License application submitted by Amarjeet Kaur Nagra on behalf of Best Western Plus, located at 450 Entertainment Avenue, Safford, Arizona.** No public comments were made.
8. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING:**
9. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **BEST WESTERN PLUS LIQUOR LICENSE:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to make a recommendation to the state liquor board regarding Location/Owner Transfer Series 6 Bar License application submitted by Amarjeet Kaur Nagra on behalf of Best Western Plus, located at 450 Entertainment Avenue, Safford, Arizona. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. **MINUTES:** Request for Mayor and City Council to review and approve August 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. **MOTION ADOPTED**

3. **UNITED WAY FUNDRAISER SPECIAL EVENT:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve the special event. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 4. **UNITED WAY FUNDRAISER SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to make a recommendation for the United Way fundraising Special Event Liquor License. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 5. **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:** request for the Mayor to recommend a Planning and Zoning Commission appointment to City Council and for City Council to approve the recommendation. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 6. **SPECIAL EVENT BUSINESS LICENSES: Discussion with the Mayor and City Council regarding special event business licenses.** Council gave direction to move forward and bring back for discussion at a work session.
10. **ORDINANCES:**
1. **ORDINANCE 021-011 CURTIS REZONE:** Request for the Mayor and City Council to approve and adopt Ordinance Number O21-011, an Ordinance rezoning Graham County Assessor's Parcel # 101-29-010F, which is vacant land located to the east and north of 1272 East Hollywood Road, from MHD Manufactured Home Development District to R-2 Multiple Family Residential District. **MOTION ADOPTED**
11. **REPORTS:**
1. **P-CARD REPORT**
 2. **OVER \$5,000 EXPENSES**
 3. **OVER \$5,000 REVENUES**
12. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS:** The Mayor or any member of Council may at this time present a 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.
- Mayor Kouts asked the City Manager to move forward with a P&Z Commission discussion.
 - City Manager Cassella introduced Jason Brimhall, Utilities Director.
13. **CLOSED REGULAR MEETING AND OPENED COUNCIL WORK SESSION AT 6:27 PM:**
14. **COUNCIL WORK SESSION:**
1. Mayor and City Council discussion regarding the evaluation process and evaluation form for the City Manager.
15. **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING:**
16. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Ortega, seconded by Councilman Andazola, and carried unanimously to adjourn City Council Meeting at 7:05 pm. **MOTION ADOPTED**