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I. PROCEDURES

A. Call to Order 7:00PM

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Barbara Brutvan provided the invocation.

C. Roll Call

Present: Mayor John W Moore, Vice-Mayor Don Dent, Council member Bernie Hiemenz, Council member Frank McNelly, Council member Lee Payne, Council member Dawn Trapp, Council member James Wurgler

Present from City Staff, Public Works Direction/Building Inspector Tim Pettit, Police Chief Herman Nixon, and City Clerk/HR Director Pamela Galvan.

D. Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2019.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Action: Approved

Moved by Vice-Mayor Don Dent, Seconded by Council member Bernie Hiemenz.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Adopt with the amending of IV, Consent Agenda Items, Item A: Removal of Keith Buonocores name as he is no longer with the city.

Action: Amended and adopted

Moved by Council member Lee Payne, Seconded by Council member Frank McNelly.

Motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESENTATIONS - None

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kerry-Lynne Moede expressed concern that our visitor center is set to be closed on both July 1 and July 4th. She feels that is counter intuitive to it being a busy tourist days all year long. Feels it should be open on the 4th.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of Purchase Orders:

Motion: To approve

Action: Approved

Moved by Council member James Wurgler, Seconded by Council member Bernie Hiemenz.

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Motion passed unanimously.

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING - 7:06PM

The Preliminary Platt plans for Fairway in The Pines subdivision open for public comment.

Council member McNelly recused himself from the meeting at this time.

Mayor Moore mentioned there were many comments heard and addressed at the P&Z meetings. He asked Mr. Pettit to update them as to where this stands with P&Z.

He explained that this is a preliminary platt that has been amended and reduced to 35 lots and meets compliance with all city code requirements for R-2 zoning.

Joann Plumber of Highland Meadows addressed the variance setbacks. She noted the Brookline Loop homes, asking if it is known why the setbacks were set as they are some 14 years ago. Mr. Pettit could not answer the question as he was not involved with them.

Robert O'Neal expressed concern of esthics. He didn't feel this would benefit the community. Feels improvements (water, sewer and trash pick ups) should be made out to his home. Feels neglected where he lives.

Laura Boyak Feels 35 home on 7 acreas of property is too great. She also expressed concerns of parking.

Mark Hansen, attorney for Mr. Iverson addressed Laura's concern of the number of homes planned, noting the number of lots was reduced to reduce the density.

Loyd Johnson, a newer resident shared his conerns of the wildlife and then, concerns of children and teenagers ages 3 to 18 years, what will they do, there will not be a lot for them to do in the location.

Joann Plumber inquired if tonight was to vote on the preliminary platt only and that there would be additional meetings regarding the subdivision. The reply was "yes".

Robert O'Neal spoke of the county properties and the services that are lacking. Vice-Mayor Dent inquired as to Mr. O'Neals residential location and established that Mr. O'Neal lives in Whispering Pines which is in the county. He noted years ago when the city was annexing properties they attempted to annex that property but the residents opposed it and that is why his property is not within the city limits. The city would like to

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have taken it in providing water, sewer, fire protection and everything else but the residents did not want it. That is why the line is drawn where it is.

Lisa noted that the property was rezoned approximately 8 years ago to accommodate townhomes and some how it expanded to single family homes. Feels that townhomes would be more acceptable out there by having a small group of townhomes and small grouping of trees, etc.

Richard Cole wanted to understand the flow of information from P&Z the Council. Mayor Moore explained that they indeed receive the information from the P&Z Commission, through Tim Pettit, in the way of a staff report with recommendations from the P&Z Commission. Mr. Pettit explained that he included, on the staff report, the items related to the variance request discussed at the P&Z meeting. Mr. Cole is of the opinion that Council did not receive all of the information or topics discussed to make a good decision on the matter.

Vice-Mayor Dent noted his attendance at one of the meetings and not to belittle anyone's questions, but there are a lot of things brought up that have nothing to do with the decision they made. It is the P&Z Commission job to delve through and ask questions which will allow them to then make a recommendation to Council. He noted that Mr. Iverson has every right to develop his property as long as he fits within the guidelines and rules. He mentioned roads, traffic, sidewalk, water, all these things have been calculated. There are lots of comments on things that have nothing to do with their decision today. Their decision here today is, does this fit into the guidelines, and tonight's decision is in regards to the 5 foot setbacks, that is all.

John Moede of the Williams Volunteer Fire was asked if the 5 foot setbacks for a single family home are ok, that department is able to get onto the roofs. It is noted that the Fire Dept is ok with the 5 foot setback for a single story home.

Dave Kepka of Highland Meadows is not opposed to the development, just the density.

Mike Benjiman of Highland Meadows shared a concern with water, the economy, environmental impact; all seems short sighted.

Chris Woyack for Golden Meadow spoke of concern for access in emergencies. Mr. Pettit explained that there are two ways in and out the area via Country Club Road and County road 124 to Ash Fork.

Ann Warnick asked if an environment assessment had been performed. Mr. Pettit explained that one is not required at all on private property.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION – 7:45 PM

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Council member McNelly returned to Council

- B.** Council may discuss and take action with approval the Preliminary Platt for Fairway in The Pines subdivision.

Mayor asked Council if there was any other discussion they would like to add, any other questions on this matter.

Vice-Mayor Dent inquired on the outcome if they did not do the 5 foot setbacks, what would be the adjustments in the subdivision with no variance at all, what would that do.

Mr. Iverson, Developer of the Fairway in the Pines responded that he add more lots to the subdivision. The density would go down but would add more homes. Might go back to the original platt approved. (The original platt had townhomes surrounded by single family homes.)

Motion: To approve the Preliminary Platt for Fairway in the Pines subdivision.

Action: Approved

Moved by Council member James Wurgler, Seconded by Council member Bernie Hiemenz.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Council member Bernie Hiemenz, Council member Dawn Trapp, Council member Frank McNelly, Council member James Wurgler, Council member Lee Payne, Vice-Mayor Don Dent.

Mayor John W Moore would have voted "yes".

- C.** Council will discuss and make selections for semi-finalists for the City Manager position. *J.Moore*

7:49PM 5 Minute Recess to allow the chamber to clear.

7:54 PM Meeting Reconvened

Council was provided a list of semi-finalists, one interview has been performed with an additional 7 to take place on Friday, July 12 and Saturday July 13.

Motion: To approve the selection of the eight semi-finalists for the City Manager position.

Action: Approved

Moved by Council member Lee Payne, Seconded by Council member Dawn Trapp.

Motion passed unanimously.

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This list will likely be reduced to 3 to 4.

- D. Council to discuss and approve the addition of Julie Walker, Controller for the City of Williams, as an authorized signer on the City of Williams National Bank account. *J.Moore*

Mayor Moore explained this is a formality the bank is requiring.

Motion: To approve Julie Walker, Control for the City of Williams to sign checks.

Action: Approved

Moved by Council member Frank McNelly, Seconded by Council member Bernie Hiemenz.

Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Council may discuss and take action with an IGA between the Arizona Department of Administration Grant Program, City of Flagstaff and the City of Williams for administration and payment of the 911 operating system.

Mayor Moore noted that this is a housekeeping item.

Motion: To enter into the IGA Agreement with the Arizona Department of Administration Grant Program, City of Flagstaff and the City of Williams for the administration and payment of the 911 operating system.

Action: Approved

Moved by Council member James Wurgler, Seconded by Council member Frank McNelly.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **REPORTS, CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mayor and Council

-) Mayor reported the City is doing well, Keith Buonocore, Finance Director, has been gone for a week now and we continue to move along well. We will be interviewing for a potential City Manager on July 12 and 13th.
-) John Haro was asked to brief Council and public on APS's halting of all disconnects of service now through October 15, 2019. They are in the process of reviewing their policy as it relates to late payment and disconnect notices. The City of Williams owns its own infrastructure, we are not bound to the ACC (Arizona Corporation Commission), so it's requested that APS continue, to provide late notices, subsequent disconnect notices and disconnects as usual. APS is reviewing the policy for both summer and winter seasons.

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) Chief Nixon noted the 4th of July meeting that took place and that the Cowpunchers rodeo weekend was great without incident.

VII. ADJOURN - 8:00 PM

Mayor John W. Moore

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona,)
) ss.
Coconino County,)

I, PAMELA GALVAN, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Williams, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above Minutes are a true and correct summary of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Williams held on June 13, 2019. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of June 2019.

CITY CLERK

DRAFT