

Minutes

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th Street. The Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Margaret Morales called the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** by Council
3. **INVOCATION:** by Father Marco Antonio Basulto from Immaculate Conception Church.
4. **ROLL CALL.**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
MAYOR, DONALD C. HUISH		X (Excused)
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE, MARGARET MORALES	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MITCH LINDEMANN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, DANYA ACOSTA	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MICHAEL BALDENEGRO	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE GRIJALVA	X	
CITY MANAGER, ANA URQUIJO	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, DENIS FITZGIBBONS	X	
CITY TREASURER, LUIS PEDROZA	X	
CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

5. PRESENTATION of AWARDS.

A. Gingerbread House Contest Winners:

3rd Place: Carlos Benavente.

2nd Place: Mia and Noah Villalobos.

1st Place: Manuel Cruz and Alex Chavez.

B. Douglas Business Network Best Christmas Decorated House 2021 Winners:

3rd Place: Alexis Rosario (Rosario Family).

2nd Place: Julie Johnson Flores & Carmen Johnson Flores.

1st Place: Donna Henderson (Henderson Family).

Community Members Choice:

Jeremy & Denise Godoy (Godoy Family).

Council provided the winners in attendance with a certificate of appreciation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Morales thanked all recognized for doing a great job with decorating their homes.

Council Member Acosta thanked and expressed her gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Robles, Douglas Business Network since they were the ones that coordinated for the Best Christmas Decorated House for 2021; and added the Robles do a lot of community events and was appreciative for their dedication.

Mayor Pro Tempore Morales also thanked Mr. & Mrs. Robles for the work they do in the community.

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

- Ida M. Pedrego of 1815 E. 5th Street, Douglas, AZ., commented on the following:
 - Not in support of the Douglas Municipal Airport sale due to being a Historical Site not only for the City of Douglas, but to the United States.

Council Member Grijalva directed staff to give Ms. Pedrego the aircraft numbers requested.

Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney mentioned that council cannot discuss matters but can only direct staff to provide the requested information by Ms. Pedrego.

7. DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVAL of CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. **Expenditures** for the month of DECEMBER 2021, totaling \$3,809,203.43.
- B. **Meeting Minutes** for DECEMBER 1, and DECEMBER 8, 2021.
- C. **Legacy Foundation Innovation Grant** Acceptance for the Airport Park Walking Path Lighting.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, **second** by Council Member Baldenegro to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Pro Tempore Margaret Morales, Council Members: Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

8. DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVALS.

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 22-1483**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, AUTHORIZING the Execution of the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between the CITY of DOUGLAS and COCHISE COUNTY to provide certain ELECTION SUPPLIES and SERVICES for the CITY of DOUGLAS PRIMARY and GENERAL ELECTIONS scheduled for MARCH 8, 2022, AND MAY 17, 2022, respectively.

Alma Andrade provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Lindemann, **second** by Council Member Grijalva to approve Resolution No. 22-1483.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Pro Tempore Margaret Morales, Council Members: Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 22-1484**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, AUTHORIZING the Execution of a LEASE between the CITY of DOUGLAS and A&P SOUTHWEST LLC for 42,000 SQ. Feet of VACANT LAND at JOE CAUSEY PARK within Parcel #410-14-001K2 for purposes of providing employee parking for construction contractor operations; establishing severability of components of Resolution; and establishing an effective date thereof.

Council Member Lindeman recused himself at 6:20 p.m. due to being a Douglas Unified School District board member, and returned after roll call at 6:29 p.m.

Luis Pedroza provided background information and stated A&P Southwest LLC contractors were working on the expansion of the Douglas High School and approached the city on utilizing the vacant land across the street from the High School Gym and adjacent to the Little League Field for employee parking.

Mr. Pedroza added the Contractors would like to lease for a yearlong project and could expect up to seventy-five cars at a time. Moreover, Mr. Pedroza stated the contractors were alerted that baseballs could potentially land in the area due to the Little League practices and contractors accepted liability.

Furthermore, Mr. Pedroza stated the lease agreement would be five hundred dollars a month for a term of eight months and an additional eight-month extension if needed.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, **second** by Council Member Baldenegro to approve Resolution No. 22-1484.

Council Member Acosta inquired if the Little League was given a courtesy call to let them know of the plan with the parking space.

In response, Mr. Pedroza stated it was mentioned to the Little League President and if the resolution would be approved, the President would be contacted to confirmed.

Council Member Acosta asked on the number of vehicles that could fit in the vacant land.

Luis Pedroza responded that A&P Southwest Contractors approximate seventy-five vehicles and not to exceed.

Council Member Baldenegro inquired on the \$500-dollar monthly fee and if it was a fair market value.

Luis Pedroza responded it was comparable to other lease agreements that the city has with other entities; therefore, the same square footage amount used was applied to the current lease.

Council Member Shelton asked if contractors had the liability insurance to cover any type of incidents.

Luis Pedroza agreed.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Pro Tempore Margaret Morales, Council Members: Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

9. **DISCUSSION/DECISION to call for and CONDUCT an EXECUTIVE SESSION** under the authority of A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A3), (A4), and (A7) to consider its position, instruct its representative and obtain legal advice regarding the negotiations of City owned properties such as: North of 11th Street, West of Pan American Avenue with parcel number 409-06-020T; 15th Street and Van Buren with parcel number 410-32-121; 1st Street and F Avenue with parcel number 409-13-190; and Golf Course, RV Park and La Perilla Apartments with parcel numbers 410-08-001, 410-08-002, 410-08-003 and 410-09-004.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, **second** by Council Member Baldenegro to enter into executive session at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Pro Tempore Margaret Morales, Council Members: Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, **second** by Council Member Acosta to adjourn the executive session at 8:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Pro Tempore Margaret Morales, Council Members: Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted Against:** None.

A. **UPDATE with possible DIRECTION on the following city properties:** North of 11th Street, West of Pan American Avenue with parcel number 409-06-020T; 15th Street and Van Buren with parcel number 410-32-121; 1st Street and F Avenue with parcel number 409-13-190; and Golf Course, RV Park and La Perilla Apartments with parcel numbers 410-08-001, 410-08-002, 410-08-003 and 410-09-004.

Mayor Pro Tempore Morales by council consensus directed staff to move forward with the sale and or lease of properties and purchase agreement; and staff would come back to council for approval at a future meeting.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

Ana Urquijo provided the following updates:

- 99 Cent Store opening delayed until late February due to late supplies and remodeled completion.
- Council Retreat planning for visioning of our beautiful city.
- 80 acres land donation to General Services Administration (GSA), process underway, possible gift acceptance agreement for March council meeting.
- Reminder to citizens of council meeting taken place at the Visitor Center due to Council Chamber remodeling
- Staff working on February dates for citizen engagement meetings regarding the Airport.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

Mayor Pro Tempore Morales reported:

- council would host the Mayor/Manager's luncheon scheduled at the Visitor Center, January 19, 2022, and various city representatives would be in attendance.
- Thanked the Legacy Foundation for the LED Walking Pathway Grant for the Airport Park.
- Public Awareness of recent incidents where ICE offices and HIS Offices have been used by telephone scammers and stated that no law enforcement agency would call asking for money. If you receive fraudulent calls, please call 1-866-347-2423.

Ms. Urquijo stated it was a successful grant in the amount of \$96,471 for LED lighting around the Airport Park walking path.

Council Member Shelton expressed for all to keep Mayor Huish in prayers and thoughts along with other community members.

Council Member Grijalva reminded everyone about commodity's day, and thanked Ms. Urquijo and Ms. Smith from Parks and Recreation due to the City's Men's Basketball League, something new for the community to do.

Luis Pedroza reminded the community regarding garbage schedule due to Martin Luther King Holiday, and stated garbage pickups would move up a day, for example, Mondays would be on Tuesdays and Tuesdays on Wednesdays. Offices will be closed on Monday.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, **second** by Council Member Acosta to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Prepared by:


Alma Andrade, City Clerk