

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 09, 2023, AT 6:00 PM**



Minutes

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall Council Chamber, 425 10th Street. The Honorable Mayor Huish called the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** By Council.
3. **INVOCATION.** Pastor Mitch Nelson, Faith Ministries Church.
4. **ROLL CALL.**

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
MAYOR, DONALD C. HUISH	X	
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. **READING of PROCLAMATION.**
 - A. **PURPLE HEART DAY OBSERVANCE PROCLAMATION**
 - B. **GIB DAWSON DAY PROCLAMATION.**

Mayor Huish proceeded to read the proclamations.

6. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.**
 - A. **RECOGNITION of the 2023 ARIZONA INTERMEDIATE 50/70 CHAMPIONS.**

Mayor Huish provided background information on: “The boys were Arizona 50/70 Intermediate Baseball State Champions. They played against teams from Arizona beating Sunnyside Little League in the championship. Other teams in the tournament were from Payson, Deer Valley, Prescott, and Continental Ranch Little Leagues. With this championship they advanced to the West Region tournament held in Nogales, AZ. Teams representing the West were Hawaii, Alaska, Northern California, Southern California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Arizona. Douglas was 3-1 in pool play with their only loss to Hawaii. In bracket play they beat Nogales advancing to the semifinals in which they lost to Hawaii once again. They ended up in 3rd place overall. Hawaii ended up the West Region champions advancing to the 50/70 Intermediate Little League World Series.

Manager Robert Rodriguez, Assistant Coaches Aiden Rodriguez, and Jose Merino. Dylan Valenzuela, Emiliano Fimbres, Esequiel Gonzales, Francisco Blanco, Isidro Pedroza, Iván Martinez, Jonathan Medrano, Marcuz Peralta, Maximiliano Algara, Ryan Leisure, Sebastián Avechuco and Trase Rodriguez.

State champion from 2005 were also present: Pedro Cabrera, Fabian Ochoa, Jesus Lopez, Ismael Peña, Hector Hernandez, Victor Gomez, Ramon Acosta, Ryan Valenzuela, George Hurtado, Alexis Keke Aguirre, and Hector Grijalva.

Additionally, a group that won the same state championship fifty years ago (1973): Jon Mariscal, David Campas, Gilbert Rojas and Donald Huish were in attendance.”

B. RECOGNITION of the 2023 ARIZONA 8–10-YEAR-OLD BASEBALL DISTRICT 8 CHAMPIONS.

Alan Martinez, Derek Vasquez, Maximiliano Lagarda, Hector Arciniega, Francisco Erives, Gerardo Martinez, Román Gonzales, Fabian Valenzuela, Everardo Orozco, Jacob German, Flavio Peralta, and Harlan Valenzuela. Coaches: Erik Valenzuela and Erik Moreno.

C. RECOGNITION of the 2023 ARIZONA 8–10-YEAR-OLD SOFTBALL DISTRICT 8 CHAMPIONS.

Kaitlynn Cazarez, Cienna Baldenegro, Sophia Diaz, Katie Ortiz, Kathleen Miranda, Zoe Galindo, Alaynna Pelayo, Amaya Rodriguez, Scarlett Salayandilla, Mila Villalobos, Aubry Romo, and Shayla Ruiz. Manager Jesus Martinez, Coach Thalia Higuera and Nicole Baldenegro.

Mayor Huish provided certificates of recognition to the listed teams.

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

Ann Carl of Bisbee, Arizona commented on the following:

- Announcement she is running for Cochise County Recorder.
- Appreciates the Mayor & Council's service.
- Suggested for all to thank Ms. Ann English, County Representative since she is helping taxpayers by fighting some lawsuits of incompetence or politics.

Steve Helfrich of 1303 F Avenue, commented on the following:

- Licensed architect since 1995 and a visual artist.
- Interest in rebuilding and preserving the historical downtown area.
- Phelps Dodge Smelter needs to be remediated.

Jose David Quinones of 349 9th Street, commented on the following:

- He's an art promoter and is rebuilding La Casa de la Cultura Community in Douglas.
- Invited everyone to the second event at La Casa de la Cultura called Noche Mexicana with photo exhibits by three photographers.

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

- A. **EXPENDITURES** for the month of **JULY 2023**, totaling \$1,820,192.42.
- B. **MEETING MINUTES** for **MAY 10, MAY 24, JUL 12, and JULY 26, 2023.**
- C. **PLANNING and ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR APPOINTMENT** of **LOUIE GARCIA.**

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

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

9. DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVALS

A. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-1169**, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **REZONING ASSESOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 41021002B LOCATED ALONG THE NORTHERN EXTENT OF ROGERS AVENUE FROM MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL (MHR) to GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC); and AMENDING the OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP;** establishing severability of components of Ordinance; and establishing an effective date thereof.

Mr. William Osborne provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, second by Council Member Baldenegro to approve the placement of Ordinance No. 23-1169.

Council Member Acosta inquired if the animal shelter is not in a commercial zone.

Mr. Osborne responded that the property is a mobile home residence on both sides of Rogers Avenue, but behind the animal shelter there is a portion of the adjacent parcel over ten acres that is zoned general commercial.

Council Member Acosta asked if the area could be visited as general commercial rezoning.

Mr. Osborne stated it could be a sensible proposal and looked at the possibility of rezones or perhaps overlay district proposals for the Innovative Community Overlays that were also made effective.

Further, Council Member Acosta inquired about the intended use of the lot.

In response, Mr. Osborne stated that the intended use for the 684 parcel is for a fitness center that they wanted to locate closer to Rogers Avenue and leaving a significant amount of the area available for future development.

Council Member Grijalva expressed that one of the city's buildings is not in compliance does not look good and if it was a regular citizen, it would probably be hurrying up with it but since it belongs to the city, stated that the need to direct staff to bring it up to the Planning and Zoning Commission only because it's the city's property.

Ms. Urquijo added that staff can proceed with the direction and as a point of clarification the city currently leases from the University of Arizona but agrees that the zoning should probably reflect what the rest of the area does.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, second by Council Member Baldenegro to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-1169.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-1170, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **REZONING ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 40825084A LOCATED ON NORTH J AVENUE ONE PARCEL NORTH OF HIGHWAY 80/EAST 16TH STREET FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 6000 (SFR6) to GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC); and AMENDING the OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP**; establishing severability of components of Ordinance; and establishing an effective date thereof.

Mr. Osborne provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, second by Council Member Shelton to approve the placement of Ordinance No. 23-1170.

Council Member Acosta inquired if this was for a car lot and inquired if there was anything in books to prevent it becoming a junkyard of old cars.

Mr. Osborne responded that junkyard or salvage yards are only allowed in heavy industry zoning districts. Mr. Osborne added that the proposed would not allow for that use, auto repair yes, but auto junking would not be allowed, they would have to locate a property in Cochise County, or a property zoned heavy industry.

Council Member Acosta asked at what point does an auto repair turn into junk.

In response Mr. Osborne stated that that is a great question for code enforcement and that staff often has questions even in residential properties in the city but mentioned that is something that the zoning code does not support.

Further and for clarification purposes, Council Member Acosta stated that the general commercial would support auto repair.

Mr. Osborne agreed.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, second by Council Member Baldenegro to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-1170.

Council Member Acosta further asked if there is a need to be more specific or have enforceable guidelines when it comes to auto repair and turning into a storage facility for vehicles that are not working and become junk vehicles.

Mr. Osborne responded that the city's code is clear enough about it and if there were any vehicles that are not being repaired then the city can enforce.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 23-1558, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the **ACCEPTANCE** of **\$8,170,000.00** funding from the State of Arizona and **AUTHORIZING** the entry into an **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** with **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the construction of a Connector Road from Highway 80 to the new Commercial Port of Entry, west of the City of Douglas.

Ms. Elise Moore provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, second by Council Member Baldenegro to approve Resolution No. 23-1558.

Council Member Shelton commented that after all the number of years of work, the road is being constructed, went to Washington, and talked to legislators that would bring victory to Douglas.

Mr. Pedroza also added more background information and stated that the design is in place and that the City of Douglas has support from ADOT and other partner agencies and it is a big victory.

Mayor Huish added for clarification purposes and expressed that this comes out of the general budget from the State of Arizona that was appropriated for road projects throughout the state and the city's which is part of this funding nearly \$8.2M dollars. Additionally, Mayor Huish commented that the State Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation will be visiting the site in September to go down and see the process.

Furthermore, Mayor Huish stated that there was a public presentation regarding some options for the road, then it would be allowed or permitted because the city would have a viable project to what is called the ADOT five-year plan and having the support of the ADOT director coming down visualizing the project is a major step of being able to see it.

Mayor Huish added that it is positive news for the community to see the progress that is happening with the port of entry and the reality. Mayor Huish continued to say that it started around \$700,000 and it went up to a million and ended up being \$1.5 million and they committed to perform the study to the environmental and the design portion. Mayor Huish commented that the state recognizes the need, the economic impact that this will have for the region and thus the funding comes forth to show the state's importance, everyone in the state, the importance of this project and the importance of Douglas, Arizona.

Ms. Urquijo added that Mr. Luis Ramirez is present and has been listening in and he has been a huge partner and consultant and huge towards every effort the city has made, the amount of funding that the city has been able to acquire at this point and that Mr. Ramirez is available for any questions.

Mr. Pedroza added that the DTR design concept before had to go through a product but the road selection and concepts that are being selected, one is the existing James Ranch Road and the other one is a combination. Mr. Pedroza continued to say that when the city applied for this grant was not aware of the design concept degree and potential roadways.

Council Member Acosta inquired on the possible cost for the connector road.

Ms. Moore responded that there is no ballpark amount since in every meeting the discussion about drainage comes up in being a big factor and is unaware if they have a solution yet or perhaps doing a regional basin or culverts, different options and that could add significantly to the cost.

Additionally, Ms. Moore mentioned that project partners are working together and trying to get Cochise County to look at regional planning for drainage or ADOT, since the road is one aspect, but the drainage has become more of an issue.

Mr. Pedroza added that the way the city came up with the grant amount was through a concept drawn by the district engineer that had advised to ask for a \$15 million dollars which the city did but through the grant process it was cut to what the city was awarded.

Mayor Huish added that ADOT is involved, and they have a reason for wanting to make sure this is done right at the least amount of cost because the way Mayor Huish envisioned is that it would be on the five-year plan and the need for the entire State of Arizona where the connector road happens.

Mayor Huish complimented staff and council for the commitment to try to make sure as much as possible that this project is the City of Douglas' responsibility it not placed on the backs of the local taxpayers, and this is another example that not being the case it's coming from elsewhere and its coming from the state budget.

Council Member Baldenegro asked if the city had land towards Brooks Road or the other connector road.

Mr. Pedroza responded that the city does have approximately 260 acres close to Brooks Road and therefore still an option to potentially utilize some of the city's owned land.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-1559**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AMENDING CITY of DOUGLAS POLICY NUMBER 2.01** dealing with **TRAVEL POLICY** for employee, appointed or elected officials of the City of Douglas.

Mr. Alex Martinez provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, second by Council Member Baldenegro to approve Resolution No. 23-1559.

Council Member Acosta inquired if there is a difference between GSA rates and the State of Arizona or if those are the same.

Mr. Martinez deferred the question to Ms. Pedroza since she was the person that conducted most of the research.

Ms. Pedroza stated that there is a slight difference in the state amounts, which are usually about five dollars less than the GSA amounts. Ms. Pedroza added that a survey was conducted within the State of Arizona and of the 11 that responded, 9 are using the GSA rates and educational institutions use the state rates.

Council Member Acosta commented on the need to ask since state budgets are less and not as big as federal budgets.

Ms. Urquijo added that GSA has a sliding scale therefore it is not just one amount, it is gauged and the lower range depending on where the individual travels in the state.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

E. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-1560**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the execution of a **SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL** between the **CITY of DOUGLAS** and the **SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION (SEAGO)** in the amount of \$20,000 to be used in the **TRANSIT PROGRAM** to maintain **SERVICES** for **ELDERLY** and **DISABLED** individuals in the City of Douglas and surrounding community.

Mr. Humberto Rivera provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, second by Council Member Baldenegro to approve Resolution No. 23-1560.

Council Member Grijalva thanked Mr. Rivera for his drivers since they get down and help the individuals and is something that is not appreciated enough by the employees in your department. Council Member Grijalva thanked Mr. Rivera for the great job they are doing.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

F. **EXECUTION of DONATION ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT** for the **DONATION of 80 ACRES** to the **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)** for the **CONSTRUCTION of a NEW COMMERCIAL PORT OF ENTRY.**

Mr. Pedroza provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, second by Council Member Morales to approve the execution of the donation acceptance agreement of 80 acres to General Services Administration for the construction of the new commercial port of entry.

Council Member Grijalva thanked the past administrations that have worked hard for this, employees, Mr. Luis Ramirez since he has been opening doors for the city and if it was not for him being part of the process, the city would not be where it is and thanked all the parties involved.

Mayor Huish added that the property on the south half of the border has also been formally donated at the federal level by the property owner, so the property belongs to the federal government. Mayor Huish stated that once this is done, the city's property will also belong to the federal government, and that would push forward the allowance of higher level meetings that would allow the federal and state governments to be able to speak to each other. Mayor Huish continued to say that once approval is done, then joint technical meetings at the federal and state levels would take place.

Additionally, Mayor Huish stated that the need to invite them to come to Douglas to discuss the Douglas projects, not only the new commercial port of entry but what will happen with the remodel of the existing port of entry it is also very important not to forget that it is a two-tier project.

Mayor Huish commented that GSA has a goal to try to stagger the beginning of these two projects to try to meet a quicker completion date as construction materials are going up, cost and therefore, they have a motivation to move along quicker.

As a last comment, Mayor Huish added that the new commercial port of entry is scheduled to be optimistically completed at the last quarter of 2027 or first quarter of 2028 and the remodeling of the Raul Castro port of entry would happen 18 to 24 months after that.

Steven Helfrich of 1303 F Avenue, commented on the following:

- Wastewater/Sewer System
- Two lift stations and utility bridge
- Industrial development master plan

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Donald Huish, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Danya Acosta, Ray Shelton, Michael Baldenegro, and Jose Grijalva. Voted Against: None.

PER ADDENDUM AGENDA SENT ON 8/8/2023 @ 5:15 P.M.:

1. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON CITY TREASURER POSITION.

- A. Three council members have requested the **removal** of the Deputy City Manager Luis Pedroza as City Treasurer and **appointing** the City's Finance Director Alex Martinez as **City Treasurer**.**

Mayor Huish commented that he does not want to sound disrespectful but according to the city charter Article 4, Section 3 regarding the city treasurer "the Mayor with the approval of the council shall appoint an officer who shall have the title of City Treasurer who shall be responsible to the city council and who shall receive and have custody of all the money of the city and shall keep and save said money and disperse the same only as provided by ordinance, he shall always be bound by the Constitution laws of the state and most of the state this charter and city ordinances legal garnishments may be served upon him".

Mayor Huish apologized for not being able to discuss with the three council members earlier on this specific situation and having the time prerogative as a mayor to be able to appoint a city treasurer and stated does not have the desire currently to change the appointment that is currently in place of having Mr. Pedroza as city treasurer.

Additionally, Mayor Huish suggested if council would like to discuss duties and/or histories of Finance Director/City Treasurer would be happy to add to an agenda for further discussion but at this point in time again following city charter that states "the mayor with the approval of council shall appoint an officer who shall have the title of city treasurer" and stated he was not ready to suggest or appoint a new officer.

Council Member Baldenegro asked Mr. Fitzgibbons about the possibility of entering the executive session.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded that it would not be possible since the city only has one city treasurer and if the need to go into executive session, he would have given him a 24 hour notice before the meeting, then he could decide if going to talk about his position, whether he wanted to be in executive session or in open meeting, since this is only agendized as an open meeting and did not give him notice, it is not appropriate and council cannot go into executive session to discuss the city treasurer.

Council Member Grijalva asked Mr. Fitzgibbons the reason he authorized the item to be on the agenda for action item if the council could not do it.

In response Mr. Fitzgibbons stated it was his fault because when he saw three council members wanted it on the agenda, he did not feel like he had any discretion and because it came up late, the choice was trying to get it on within 24 hours before the meeting, therefore stated that the language is essentially the language from the document that was received, and apologized as he felt that once the three council members asked for this item to be on the agenda it is the legal's obligation to put it on the agenda.

Council Member Grijalva added that since Mr. Fitzgibbons and the Mayor gave their opinion and if this will not be on the agenda, Council Member Grijalva directed the city attorney to see if any open meeting laws have been broken by not discussing to the attorney general.

Mr. Fitzgibbons asked for clarification on whether the council violated open meeting law because the council did not go into executive session or violated by putting it on the agenda.

In response, Council Member Grijalva stated on the fact that it was announced, it is not even on the floor for discussion, and as the charter says, three council members basically forced it on the agenda and there is opinion on not to talk about it, would like to be sure that there is no state law that have or being broken by not discussing.

Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that with all due respect the item is being discussed and the mayor says it is his appointment and he is not ready to remove or appoint a new person, therefore it is being discussed.

Council Member Grijalva further stated it is not up for discussion since it was not brought up with a motion.

Mr. Fitzgibbons further stated it is the mayor's appointment, therefore he is not willing to make a new appointment or make a removal, it is his and stated there was not much else that could be discussed.

Council Member Grijalva commented that it was fine as long as the public was aware of what is going on.

Council Member Acosta asked if the item could be brought up for discussion and understands that the council cannot decide based on the mayor's comment, but can council move to put the item on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded that it was agendized for discussion and believed council could move to do it, but also stated that the mayor has already.... Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that the council could do it and see if they get four votes and then at least you get to vote on it.

Council Member Acosta mentioned that she did not have the proper wording but wanted to put this item open for discussion for everybody to know what the thoughts are behind this, to discuss the removal of the deputy city manager Luis Pedroza/city treasurer and appointing the city's finance director Alex Martinez as city treasurer for discussion purposes.

Ms. Andrade asked Mr. Fitzgibbons and for clarification and in accordance with Council Member Acosta's question, council would need a motion and a second to discuss the item.

Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that a second needs to take place and four votes to discuss.

Ms. Andrade clarified for Mr. Fitzgibbons that to discuss an item on the agenda, council would need to make a motion and a second to be able to open the item for discussion, once discussions have been given by each council member if that is the case, then council can move into voting on the item.

Mr. Fitzgibbons mentioned that he thought that the council would vote on the item to put it on the floor to discuss and stated this is the way ordinances are done.

Ms. Andrade stated it was not and would be up to the chair if he would allow it and the city attorney if you would like to do a motion and a second to discuss the item.

Mr. Fitzgibbons asked if there was only a motion and a second to discuss the item.

Ms. Andrade agreed.

Ms. Urquijo added that a vote would be needed.

Ms. Andrade stated that the item is listed as discussion/decision on the city treasurer position and in order to allow for item A and discuss the item, council would need a motion and second similar to a resolution when a motion and second are needed to discuss the item and then take vote as presented.

Mr. Fitzgibbons continued to say that what he has experienced seems like a motion and second are taking with a vote to put on for discussion.

Council Member Shelton added that since he has been in education for a number of years, number 1, there is no vacancy.

Council Member Grijalva called a point of order because that is discussing the item before it is added for discussion.

Ms. Andrade as a clarification point asked Mr. Fitzgibbons if it was his recommendation in order to discuss the item to have a motion and a second similar to resolutions to at least provide council members with background information on such item.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded that the rules of conduct and that the mayor is the chair of the meeting therefore if there are four votes to discuss this item, they can go into discussion, if there are no votes to discuss it, then there is no opening and if the mayor says that he is not interesting in removing anyone, stated that what the mayor offered makes more sense to discuss at a future meeting as a discussion without any votes and without any removal.

Additionally, Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that if someone believes that the city treasurer and finance director should be the same person, thought that that was the mayor was offering and that would be appropriate if council would wanted at a later meeting for discussion but not on tonight's agenda since the person who has that power said that he is not going to do it.

Further, Mr. Fitzgibbons added that the discussion at a later meeting to explain why people believe this needs to be done but as the council is seated tonight and the mayor is not prepared to remove anyone or appoint anybody, the item cannot go further.

Mayor Huish added that he was not ready to approve or suggest for approval of a city treasurer but offer to have it at a future meeting for discussion only to discuss what they feel to discuss but expressed that council would be violating city charter if the discussion of city treasurer appointment without the mayor putting forth an appointment.

Mayor Huish expressed that he was not trying to cut off but would be happy to do it at another meeting but as far as appointing which was the request of three council members and it is not going to happen tonight because he would not violate the charter.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

Ms. Urquijo provided the following reports:

- Movies in the park were held on Friday at the Veterans Memorial Park featuring Mario Brothers with a special guest Mr. Grijalva.

- Second movie at the Aquatic Center featuring Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 3.
- City of Douglas Library, Recreation, Fire and Police Depts. Participated in the Douglas back to school care fair event.
- Casa de Cultura calles y sueños (Heard from Mr. Jose David).
- Mexican Baseball Fiesta is back for October 4, tickets will be available in September.
- Senior Center activities are held Thursdays and Fridays starting at 10am at the Douglas Arc with Bingo's, Arts and crafts, board games and some fun activities.
- Arizona Department of Water Resources that the application submitted to operate water service under the AMA regulations was granted.
- Public Works and Development Services staff met with high school staff and their contractors on their projects for the new site.
- The ADOT public meeting for the connector road took place last week and open comments are still being accepted.
- Successful trip to Washington with tall order to help support everything the city has at stake.

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

Council Member Grijalva reminded everyone about commodities day on the 21st, third Monday of the month. Additionally, Council Member Grijalva thanked the Parks and Rec Dept. for allowing him to be part of the Mario Bros. movie.

Council Member Grijalva said that he has received some complaints regarding 5th Street due to the businesses' low sales. Council Member Grijalva also mentioned that there were complaints regarding the owl and people cannot hear council members.

Council Member Grijalva clarified a comment made about him during the last meeting during the budget in which someone said that he did something inappropriate by wanting to amend the budget and wanted to make clear that when meetings are held are open for discussion, they can be accepted or rejected or council can change them *"saying that wanted to amend something in an open meeting as inappropriate, I don't think it's honest and it's not democratic especially when they say it's the day of the budget is going to pass, it's too late and then not even 30 minutes before that we had a public hearing for the public to come out and give their opinion on the budget on what we should do, we should change or take out so just wanted to make it clear that the accusation against me, I don't think it was right and I just wanted to clarify those statements, thank you"*.

Council Member Acosta talked about Energize Douglas and was happy to see Mr. Quinones present and that he calls it injecting vitality into Douglas, which is all the same. Council Member Acosta mentioned that anybody can use the phrase since there is a need to energize the community, a need to be involved and be out there in the Energize Douglas events.

Council Member Acosta added that as a pilot program saw the potential but would like to get together with businesses and other stakeholders with common suggestions which this is for the businesses as this is an opportunity to come together on what works for everybody.

Council Member Acosta also invited anyone who is available to come out on Saturday to the Casa de la Cultura event and believed the start time is 6pm at 349 9th Street.

Further, Council Member Acosta stated that the community has a unique culture and expressed where else in the world, two countries are so close together not just geographically but, in the way, things are done, speak and live. Council Member Acosta stated that the community is unique and there needs to be realized and learn on why the community is unique to show everybody that comes to visit from other places in the world.

Lastly, Council Member Acosta thanked Council Member Grijalva for being Mario.

Council Member Lindemann mentioned that he had an opportunity to attend the round table discussion with Governor Hobbs, county law enforcement and assorted officials were there, like Ms. English and other county officials. Council Member Lindemann stated that he believed that Governor Hobbs awarded \$43M to the county law enforcement and thanked Governor Hobbs.

Additionally, Council Member Lindemann attended the Camp Naco celebration of the Buffalo Soldiers history and stated it was an eye opener, a wonderful experience and encourage everybody to go over to Camp Naco as they have been refurbishing buildings.

Council Member Morales mentioned that it was the mayor's birthday and congratulated him.

Mayor Huish thanked everyone and mentioned it was truly a blessing to be present.

Happy Birthday song was sung by all those in attendance.

Council Member Shelton mentioned that they went to Washington and talked to congressmen, the head of Border Patrol and Customs among others. Council Member Shelton stated that Mayor Huish did an exceptional job in explaining to each entity the needs of the community.

Further, Council Member Shelton thanked Mayor Huish for being the city's representative.

Mayor Huish added that the city had an opportunity to make a presentation at the Binational Borders and Bridges Crossings between Mexico and the United States that was held at the State Department which is always an interesting experience to get. Mayor Huish commented that he felt comfortable making the presentation with the help of Mr. Luis Ramirez and knowing that he has the community's support.

Mayor Huish continued to say that council has been very instrumental in setting a vision 2022 when he was not feeling well, they got together and created a vision 2032 and therefore this packet was left in Washington which states the city's vision for the community.

Mayor Huish added that the council worked very hard and when he saw the report, it was outstanding and amazing. Mayor Huish expressed that wholeheartedly endorse it and it includes downtown, economic development, the port of entry, and it is a great vision.

As a final comment, Mayor Huish stated that it makes it easier to present knowing that the council stands united for the betterment of Douglas because it makes a difference knowing and seeing all the smiles and heads nodding. Mayor Huish added that it was great to see that Douglas is on the radar and appreciated the council and all community members.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Council Member Morales, second by Council Member Lindemann to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Prepared by:



Alma Andrade, City Clerk