

Minutes

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 425 10th Street. The Honorable Mayor Huish called the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** 5:30 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** By Council
3. **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	
INTERIM CITY MANAGER/CITY TREASURER, LUIS PEDROZA	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, DENIS FITZGIBBONS	X	
CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

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

There was no participation from the public.

5. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:**

- A. **By AMISTADES Inc.** pertaining to the Rise of Fentanyl in Arizona.

Monica Ybarra introduced herself and provided background information regarding the rise of fentanyl and fentanyl related overdoses. Ms. Ybarra presented the following:

- More youth started substance use.
- Common forms of illegal fentanyl (pills) and methods of use (ingested, snorted, smoked, and injected).
- Fentanyl use increased because it was cheaper and provided a stronger high.
- The amount of fentanyl in a pill is always unknown and posed a greater risk for overdosing.
- Fentanyl pills are largely coming from Mexico through Nogales and into Douglas.
- Curiosity, stress relief, and dependence drive substance use.
- Talk early, talk often to youth about drugs.
- There was a higher risk for substance abuse in individuals who faced trauma, impulse control difficulties, family history of substance abuse, and/or mental health issues.
- Naloxone and Narcan training availability.

Council Member Shelton thanked Ms. Ybarra for her efforts and pointed out that many youths failed to recognize the severity of substance use.

Council Member Acosta requested Ms. Ybarra to provide information on available resources.

Ms. Ybarra stated TalkNowAZ.com, NaloxoneAZ.com, and OpioidOD.com were available resources. Additionally, the Douglas Police Department offered transportation to Benson or Tucson rehabilitation/detox centers for individuals who struggled with substance abuse. Ms. Ybarra explained that individuals could also surrender substance to officers without fear of being charged.

Mayor Huish thanked Ms. Ybarra and stated it was disheartening to have substance use as an issue in the community. Mayor Huish asked Ms. Ybarra to provide the Administration Department with the information that was shared to assist in spreading awareness. Mayor Huish suggested for Ms. Ybarra to reach out to schools and religious organizations due to the unknown of who substance abuse affected.

6. DISCUSSION/DECISION on APPROVALS:

- A. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-1136**, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, MODIFYING TITLE 8 of the DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL CODE relating to HEALTH and SAFETY by amending Ordinance 826 under Chapter 8.32.260 REGULATING METHODS of ISSUING CITATIONS, establishing severability of components of Ordinance; and **declaring an emergency**, establishing an effective date thereof.

Peter Gardner provided brief background information.

Motion by Council Member Acosta, **second** by Council Member Baldenegro to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-1136 and place it on its third reading by number and title only and declaring an emergency.

Motion PASSED by a vote 7-0. 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 Morales, **second** by Council Member Acosta to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 21-1136 by number and title only and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Shelton inquired on consequences to the property owners who did not comply.

Mr. Gardner stated the judge can either order fines or the City to clean the property and place a lien on the building for the property owners to pay.

Council Member Shelton thanked Mr. Gardner for the clarification.

Additionally, Mr. Gardner stated each day was a separate offense which meant the fines could increase.

Motion PASSED by a vote 7-0. 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. **APPROVAL of CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT** and AUTHORIZING the EXECUTION of an EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT with MRS. ANA URQUIJO.

Mayor Huish stated he was elated Ana decided to continue her career in Douglas. Mayor Huish provided a brief employment history of Ms. Urquijo's work history to include she was a seasoned public manager with 33 years of state, county, and local government experience. Mayor Huish reported Mrs. Urquijo served the City of Tucson for five years as an Executive Management Advisor, Human Resources Director, and Assistant City Manager. Furthermore, Mrs. Urquijo earned a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of Arizona and a Masters in Organization Management from the University of Phoenix. Additionally, Mayor Huish noted Mrs. Urquijo was a Certified Public Manager, a designation issued by the Arizona State University. Mayor Huish noted Mrs. Urquijo served twenty-four years with the City of Douglas as Human Resources Director and Deputy City Manager. Lastly, Mayor Huish recognized Mrs. Urquijo's Douglas roots and recognized her family's attendance at the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, **second** by Council Member Lindemann to approve the appointment and employment agreement of City Manager with Mrs. Ana Urquijo effective October 18, 2021.

Council Member Grijalva thanked Mayor Huish and Mayor Pro Tempore Morales for their hard work and commented he felt that Mrs. Urquijo was the perfect person for the role.

Council Member Shelton congratulated Mrs. Urquijo.

Motion PASSED by a vote 7-0. 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.

Mayor Huish invited Ana Urquijo to speak.

Mrs. Urquijo thanked Mayor and Council and ensured them she would work hard to enhance Douglas. Mrs. Urquijo noted the AMISTADES presentation reminded her the issues in Douglas and how it motivated her to serve and improve the community of Douglas. Mrs. Urquijo shared she felt there was no profession more rewarding than being a public servant. Additionally, Mrs. Urquijo elaborated the importance of family in the community and how it motivated individuals to rise every morning and work for them. Mrs. Urquijo concluded she was anxious to return to Douglas and thanked the Council for their confidence in her ability to serve as City Manager.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Council Member Morales, **second** by Council Member Shelton to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Prepared by:



Jesalen Luna, Deputy City Clerk