

AGENDA



3:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

NOTES:

- Meeting room is wheelchair accessible. American Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations are available upon request. Please phone 928-282-3113 at least two (2) business days in advance.
- City Council Meeting Agenda Packets are available on the City's website at:

www.SedonaAZ.gov

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PURPOSE:

- To allow the public to provide input to the City Council on a particular subject scheduled on the agenda.
- This is not a question/answer session.
- The decision to receive Public Comment during Work Sessions/Special City Council meetings is at the discretion of the Mayor.

PROCEDURES:

- Fill out a "Comment Card" and deliver it to the City Clerk.
- When recognized, use the podium/microphone.
- State your:
 1. Name and
 2. City of Residence
- Limit comments to **3 MINUTES.**
- Submit written comments to the City Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

LINK TO DOCUMENT =

- a. AB 2598 **Discussion/possible direction** regarding development of Sedona's Climate Action Plan.
- b. **Discussion/possible action** regarding future meetings/agenda items.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

If an Executive Session is necessary, it will be held in the Vultee Conference Room at 106 Roadrunner Drive. Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the Council may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:

- a. To consult with legal counsel for advice regarding matters listed on this agenda per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).
- b. Return to open session. Discussion/possible action regarding executive session items.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Posted: 09/03/2020

By: DJ

Susan L. Irvine, CMC
City Clerk

Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(B) notice is hereby given to the members of the City Council and to the general public that the Council will hold the above open meeting. Members of the City Council will attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet communications. The Council may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. Because various other commissions, committees and/or boards may speak at Council meetings, notice is also given that four or more members of these other City commissions, boards, or committees may be in attendance.

A copy of the packet with material relating to the agenda items is typically available for review by the public in the Clerk's office after 1:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and on the City's website at www.SedonaAZ.gov. The Council Chambers is accessible to people with disabilities, in compliance with the Federal 504 and ADA laws. Those with needs for special typeface print, may request these at the Clerk's Office. All requests should be made **forty-eight hours** prior to the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
102 ROADRUNNER DRIVE, SEDONA, AZ

The mission of the City of Sedona government is to provide exemplary municipal services that are consistent with our values, history, culture and unique beauty.



**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA BILL**

**AB 2598
September 9, 2020
Special Business**

Agenda Item: 3a
Proposed Action & Subject: Discussion/possible direction regarding development of Sedona’s Climate Action Plan.

Department	City Manager’s Office
Time to Present	45 minutes
Total Time for Item	2 hours
Other Council Meetings	N/A
Exhibits	None

City Attorney Approval	Reviewed 9/1/20 KWC	Expenditure Required
		\$ 0
City Manager’s Recommendation	Discussion and direction only	Amount Budgeted
		\$ 0
		Account No. N/A (Description)
		Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Background: To better prepare for predicted climate changes in Sedona and support the City Council’s priority of environmental sustainability, City staff has created a planning process for the development of Sedona’s first community Climate Action Plan (CAP). Climate Action Plans are comprehensive road maps that outline the specific activities that a community will take to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and adapt to climate change. The CAP will consider the projected climate changes in the Verde Valley, Sedona’s greenhouse gas emissions, community vulnerabilities, and the priorities, ideas, and concerns of Sedona residents. The CAP will recommend the actions that achieve the greatest emission reductions or improve community resiliency. The purpose of this item is to update Council on the process for developing a Climate Action Plan.

The CAP will cover five main topic areas including resilience; buildings and energy; transportation and land use; water and natural systems; and waste and consumption. An example of a potential resiliency action is developing a volunteer program to assist community members in implementing FireWise recommendations at their homes. The CAP will build on the work already being done by the City and identify additional opportunities.

During the meeting, staff will provide an overview of broad components of a Climate Action Plan including the Climate Profile for the Verde Valley, community greenhouse gas inventory,

potential reduction targets, and the multiple criteria analysis for action prioritization. Staff will review community input from the surveys and open houses and identify critical questions to be answered before the CAP is complete.

A PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to Council prior to the meeting.

Our climate is changing. Temperatures are increasing globally and locally in the Verde Valley. Addressing the climate crisis is an urgent issue for cities. An analysis by the Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS) indicates warming temperatures, poorer air quality, changing precipitation patterns, and increased flood and wildfire risk are local examples of the impacts Sedona is facing as a result of climate change. Unexpected expenditures from drought, wildfire, flooding, and extreme heat can cause major disruptions in city budgets and operations. Climate change is a threat to community wellbeing and fiscal health.

The CAP will be centered on mitigation strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation strategies to address community vulnerabilities, and a prioritized list of actions.

Specifically, the CAP will:

- Establish a target to reduce Sedona's community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Identify the specific steps that our community will need to take to reduce GHG emissions.
- Identify actions to prepare for and adapt to climate changes.
- Focus on implementation, return on investment, and synergy with other City efforts.
- Build partnerships with community organizations and institutions.

Timeline: City Council approved a decision package for \$40,000 for the development of a community-wide CAP in the FY2020 budget.

August - December 2019: Data collection for community-wide greenhouse gas inventory, which creates a baseline and identifies high impact sectors.

December 2019: Contracted with Cascadia Consulting to assist with CAP development.

January - March 2020: Climate Assessment for the Southwest developed a regional climate profile for the Verde Valley.

March 2020: Convened workshop of City staff to identify vulnerabilities and potential actions.

April 2020: Convened a Community Advisory Committee to assist in the development of the CAP.

May 2020: Launched a community-wide survey to assess community support for climate action.

June 2020: Hosted three virtual Open Houses.

August 2020: Launched a second CAP survey focused on strategies and actions.

September 2020: Plan to conduct additional virtual open houses for community members to discuss specific actions and strategies in the CAP.

Fall 2020: Finalize first draft of CAP for Council and community consideration.

Key Considerations: There is a strong consensus that residents are concerned about climate change and that they want the City to take action to reduce emissions and improve community resiliency. In the Climate Action Plan survey conducted in June 2020, 68.9% of respondents said that they are quite or very worried about climate change; 68.4% of residents said that it is quite or very important that the City take action on climate change and 72.4% of respondents

felt that the City should be very invested or moderately invested in taking climate action. The full survey results can be found at sedonaaz.gov/climate.

Community Plan Consistent: Yes - No - Not Applicable

According to the Community Plan, "Protection of the environment is the community's top priority, and sustainability is a fundamental goal of the Plan." The Environment Chapter of the Community Plan Section 5 cites goals including preserving and protecting the natural environment and developing an action plan that focuses on reducing harmful emissions and improving energy conservation. The Environment Chapter also focuses on expanding renewable energy and reducing the use of single-occupancy vehicles.

Board/Commission Recommendation: Applicable - Not Applicable

Alternative(s):

MOTION

I move to: for discussion and possible direction only.