A Work Session Meeting of the Page City Council was held at 5:30 p.m. on October 12, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall in Page, Arizona. Mayor Bill Diak presided. Vice Mayor John Kocjan, Councilors Mike Bryan, Scott Sadler, Levi Tappan, and Dennis Warner were present. Councilor Korey Seyler was excused.

Mayor Diak called the meeting to order.

Planning and Zoning Chair Rob Peterson presided. Members Lyle Dimbatt, Shelley Johnstone, Bubba Ketchersid, LeRoy Wicklund, and Bill Justice were present. Member John Mayes was excused.

Staff members present: City Manager, J. Crystal Dyches; City Attorney, Joshua Smith; Community Development Director, Kim Johnson; IT Director, Kane Scott; Planning and Zoning Director, Robin Crowther; Police Chief, Frank Balkcom; Page Utility Enterprises General Manager, Bryan Hill; and City Clerk, Kim Larson.

Discussion by the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission pertaining to an amendment to City of Page Zoning Code Section 7.5 Lighting
Community Development Director Kim Johnson stated that staff was seeking direction on where City Council wanted to go with lighting. Discussion began with LED Lighting, and that the Zoning Code would need to be amended to include LED lighting.

There was discussion pertaining to Dark Sky, and that public input would be needed.

Community Development Director Kim Johnson stated that she needed clarification on the process.

Mayor Diak referred to the July 27, 2016 Work Session Meeting where Dr. Barentine offered to assist the City with the Dark Sky concept. Mayor Diak liked Dr. Barentine’s suggestion of a phased in approach.

Mayor Diak asked Ms. Johnson if a decision was needed right away for the Zoning Code update, and she responded that she did not anticipate that the code would be done until the first of the year, therefore there was some time.

There was discussion pertaining to the different types of lighting.

Community Development Director Kim Johnson asked City Council if it would be alright for the Planning and Zoning Commission to work on the Dark Sky concept, have the Zoning Code Task Force review it, and then bring it back before City Council.
Planning and Zoning Chair Rob Peterson said that he would like to determine if there is community interest.

There was further discussion regarding the different colored lights, how to educate the public, exceptions needed for stadium lighting, Christmas lights, and how to make the change palatable to the citizens.

There was discussion pertaining to new development and that the majority of new residential plans are dark sky compliant, and the main changes would be for the business environment.

Mayor Diak brought up the cost just for the City to become compliant with some of the Dark Sky requirements written in other City Codes.

Councilor Tappan brought up the fact that the City currently had lighting that was not in compliance with the City’s current code, and that more emphasis needed to be put on Code enforcement.

PUE General Manager Bryan Hill stated that Dr. Barentine had sent PUE a beta unit, LED street light. The street light was placed on the north side of the City Hall parking lot so that the quality of the light can be viewed at night.

Councilor Warner stated that Kim Johnson had a good overall plan of action.

Community Development Director Kim Johnson recommended that the Planning and Zoning Board take the language that the Board has been working on and bring in the Dark Sky experts to have them tweak the language, and ask the Dark Sky experts to help facilitate a couple of public meetings. The information could then be included in the Zoning Code process. The adoption of the Zoning Code includes having a Public Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Kim Larson
City Clerk

William R. Diak
Mayor
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council Work Session Meeting, held on the 12th day of October, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2016

Kim Larson, City Clerk