

Flagstaff Public Safety Citizen Committee
Core Services – 3200 W Route 66 or Microsoft Teams: [Join the meeting now](#)
March 18, 2026 at 3:30-5:30 pm

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- Chair opens the meeting (recording starts)
- Public Safety Tiers Discussion on each of the following documents
 - Tiers with Capital breakout
 - Tiers without Wildland Fire Management
 - Tiers with Potential Funding Sources
- Potential Funding Sources Discussion on each of the following documents
 - WRIP Fee vs Tax Consideration
 - GO Bond Consideration
 - Sales Tax Impact Estimates
- Sales tax discussion
 - 0.50% \$15M per year, calculation done was to exclude 37% paid by visitors \$9.45M and end up with \$121/person per year when divided by population of 78,000
 - Has this been discussed with auto retailers?
 - Reminder about the number of AZ cities that have already implemented a public safety sales tax because experiencing similar challenges within their General Fund
 - Reminder that Sales Tax does not apply in Flagstaff to food or residential rental
 - The Committee likes using dollar amounts instead of percentages because taxpayer understand what it means to them personally
- Suggestion for what to measure in the community survey
 - WRIP – this will not be included because not a ballot item, rather it is a Council consideration scheduled for 2028
 - 0.25% and 0.50% sales tax
 - Bond at \$40M (or \$35-40M)
- Committee decided to cancel meetings until the survey results are received
- Meeting adjourned (recording ends)
- Next Meeting: April 8th 3:30 pm, **City Hall** or Microsoft Teams

