



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022, 1:00 PM

201 S. Cortez Street

Prescott, AZ 86303

Council Chambers

Phil Goode, Mayor

Cathey Rusing, Mayor Pro Tem

Brandon Montoya, Councilman

Eric Moore, Councilman

Jessica Hall, Councilwoman

Steve Sischka, Councilman

Clark Tenney, Councilman

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION HELD ON
APRIL 12, 2022, IN THE 201 S. CORTEZ STREET PRESCOTT, AZ 86303 COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Phil Goode	Mayor
Cathey Rusing	Mayor Pro Tem
Jessica Hall	Councilwoman
Brandon Montoya	Councilman
Eric Moore	Councilman
Steve Sischka	Councilman - Excused
Clark Tenney	Councilman

3. DISCUSSION

- A. Presentation by the Prescott Farmer's Market Regarding the Community Composting Program.

Prescott Farmer's Market Assistant Manager Gabriel Kerbs provided a presentation regarding the Composting Program. They have been facilitating this program for approximately a year and a half in collaboration with the city of Prescott and the Prescott Farmer's Market for the facility at Fair and Schemer Drive. At the Saturday Farmer's Market members of the community may bring their food scraps from home and those are transported to the site. Also, local restaurants turn in their food scraps to the program regularly.

Mayor Goode asked if they are continuing to recruit restaurants to participate.

Mr. Kerbs responded that they have an appropriate amount at this time, could probably take on a little more but would like to provide the opportunity for the Farmer's Market vendors to provide their scraps rather than new businesses. Compost anything but meat or dairy. Volunteers come every Sunday to work on the compost, then returned to the farmer's market so it can be sold back to those who are interested.

Councilman Montoya asked if they are using solar power for the facility.

Mr. Kerbs responded that it is solar, but a primitive system.

In the First Year:

- * 250 unique volunteers have contributed over 2350 hours to the program
- * 50 tons of food scraps have been diverted from the local landfill
- * 400 bags of compost have been distributed to local gardeners
- * 300 middle school students from various school learned about the compost process during field trips to the site

The city has been a tremendous partner and they hope to continue using the site as they have been, focus is on the community and not the end product.

Mayor Goode thanked the Farmer's Market for their work and the presentation, he thinks this is a wonderful program.

Councilman Montoya encouraged all members of Council, staff and the general public to go out and see the facility on Sunday mornings.

Councilman Moore asked if there is anything the city can do to assist them.

Mr. Kerbs responded that future funding may be an issue that they would need assistance with, future support and partnership and help with the solar power system. He thanked the city for their support and allowing this project to occur.

Councilman Tenney thanked the Farmer's Market staff and volunteers, he added that partnering with the School District is wonderful.

This item was for presentation only, no formal action was taken.

B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Downtown Post Hanging Banners.

Community Outreach Manager John Heiney introduced the presentation and Tourism & Economic Initiatives Coordinator Cristina Binkley to Council regarding the downtown banners. There are a few varieties that have been up for several years which are designed and funded by the tourism office and placed by the Streets Department. Staff has been working on updated designs for the future to replace these outdated ones.

Ms. Binkley continued with an overview of the variety of banners that are up, the last order was done in 2013 and there isn't much consistency on the design/color/materials. 160 light poles in the Entertainment District and will go through to ensure that the correct banners are placed in the correct locations. They will go to print and should be up by the Fall. It is important that signage in this area represent Prescott and are consistent/timeless. Copper and black color scheme matches the signage that already exists in the downtown area. In 3-5 years will re-evaluate and possibly update the banners.

Mayor Pro Tem Rusing thanked staff and said that it is important to keep downtown beautiful.

Mayor Goode concurred and stated that he likes the images which speak to the various themes that have been presented.

Councilman Tenney commented that he appreciates the thoughtfulness that has gone into this and added that he appreciates the relationship with the Chamber of Commerce and PDP partnership. They have made the downtown area cool and it is a big draw to the Prescott area which is important for our tourism.

This item was for presentation only, no formal action was taken.

C. Discussion and Presentation Regarding Revision of the Airport Layout Plan for Prescott Regional Airport.

Airport Director Robin Sobotta introduced the presentation and Charlie McDermott with Dibble Engineering to discuss the proposed Airport Layout Plan (APL) update.

Mr. McDermott continued with an overview of the plan which is a graphic representation of the long-term plan for the airport and consists of 42 sheets that make up the entire plan. The existing plan was approved by the City and FAA in 2019, since then nearly \$40 million in improvements have been made at the airport which is very significant.

Plans become outdated when they:

- * Don't adequately provide for future needs
- * Conform with current FAA design standards
- * Adequately reflect existing features
- * Reflect airport and critical land use changes which may affect the navigable airspace or the ability of the airport to expand

Assurance 29 of the plan states that the Airport Sponsor (City of Prescott) will keep an up-to-date APL that includes:

- * The boundaries of the airport and all proposed additions and boundaries of all offsite areas owned/controlled by the sponsor for airport purposes and proposed additions
- * The location and nature of all existing and proposed airport facilities and structures (runways, taxiways, aprons, buildings, roads), including proposed extensions and reductions of existing facilities
- * All proposed and existing access points used to taxi aircraft across the airport's property boundary

What has changed since 2019:

- * Completed focused runway planning study
- * Completed airport capital projects
- * Experienced Community Growth and Development
- * Experienced Global/National aviation industry changes including pilot shortage, airline changes (COVID/Acquisitions) and PRC impact of 311,000 enplanements

Runway Extension Study Focus Areas:

- * Airline Operational Challenges – hot/high airport = longer runway needs, terrain challenges to the west, one-engine (OEI) FAA requirements, weight restrictions = seat limits
- * Critical aircraft
- * Required runway length
- * Alternatives evaluation
- * Other benefits – USFS tanker/ops support, aircraft height over sensitive areas
- * Conclusion – extension needed
- * Next steps – land acquisition, environmental studies, Benefit Cost Analysis, design, construction, ILS relocation

Airport Capital Projects:

- * New Passenger Terminal Building
- * Taxiway C Relocation – Phase I (2021), Phase II (underway), Phase III (designed/building soon)
- * Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) West Ramp Operations
- * Monarch Hanger Construction

ERAU Flight Department Chair Parker Northrup continued the discussion regarding the ERAU west ramp expansion project as well as the addition of the Strategic Academic Flight Education (SAFE) Complex in the airport's northern section to address student growth. They will likely run out of space by Summer 2024. Preliminary design of the complex has been completed.

Additional Future Planned Projects:

- * Cutter Aviation Development
- * Land Acquisitions - runway approach protection, runway extension project borrow/fill source, future airport-compatible development

* Apron for large aircraft, isolation and events

Dr. Sobotta continued with discussion regarding demands on the runways and the Cutter Aviation Fixed Base Operator facility which will be approximately 60,000 square feet and will be going to Environmental Review shortly.

Mr. McDermott continued with an overview of the ALP Map and all items discussed today being part of that.

Dr. Sobotta commented that Council will vote on approval of the plan and submission to the FAA at this afternoon's Voting Meeting.

Councilman Moore asked about the timeline for the ERAU Expansion.

Mr. Northrup commented that they plan to have occupancy in Spring 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Rusing thanked staff for their work. Council supports the Airport and Dr. Sobotta.

Councilman Montoya commented on the increase in flight training and complaints in the community regarding increased noise and asked if any of these changes will affect that.

Dr. Sobotta responded that if you can expand the distance it helps with the sound issues, so the runway extension would have an impact on that, additionally the move of ERAU to the north side of the runway will equalize use of patterns.

Mayor Goode stated that much of the community misunderstands the impacts of extending the runway, particularly on noise impact and air service offered. Pilot training program at Embry Riddle is an essential component to aviation training in the United States.

Dr. Sobotta concurred.

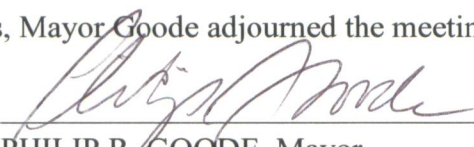
Councilman Tenney echoed Council comments, he added that he has heard complaints regarding flight noise but he is grateful to have Embry Riddle here.

Councilman Moore added that he appreciates the contributions of Embry Riddle and Dibble Engineering.

This item was for presentation only, no formal action was taken.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.


PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor

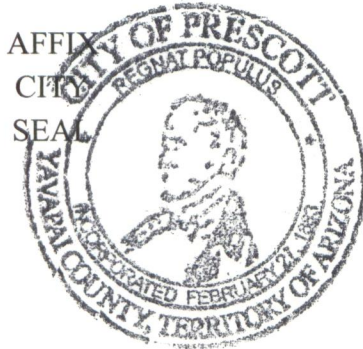
ATTEST:

Sarah M. Siep
SARAH M. SIEP, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council Study Session of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on April 12, 2022. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28 day of April, 2022.



Sarah M. Siep
Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk