



AGENDA

**PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
9:00 AM**

**Council Chambers
201 South Cortez Street
Prescott, Arizona 86303
(928) 777-1100**

The following Agenda will be considered by the Prescott City Council at its **Special Workshop Meeting** pursuant to the Prescott City Charter, Article II, Section 13. Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02. One or more members of the Council may be attending this meeting through the use of a technological device.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

◆ **ROLL CALL**

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Kuykendall

Mayor Pro Tem Kuknyo

Councilman Arnold

Councilman Blair

Councilman Lamerson

Councilman Lazzell

Councilwoman Wilcox

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Workshop for review of the 2015 Draft General Plan in preparation for adopting a final version for voter ratification

II. ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the City Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (i) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1));
- (ii) Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));
- (iii) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3));
- (iv) Discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or

- contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4));
- (v) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5));
 - (vi) Discussion, consultation or consideration for negotiations by the city or its designated representatives with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6));
 - (vii) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)).

Confidentiality

Arizona statute precludes any person receiving executive session information from disclosing that information except as allowed by law. A.R.S. §38-431.03(F). Each violation of this statute is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500, plus court costs and attorneys' fees. This penalty is assessed against the person who violates this statute or who knowingly aids, agrees to aid or attempts to aid another person in violating this article. The city is precluded from expending any public monies to employ or retain legal counsel to provide legal services or representation to the public body or any of its officers in any legal action commenced for violation of the statute unless City Council takes a legal action at a properly noticed open meeting to approve of such expenditures prior to incurring any such obligation or indebtedness. A.R.S. §38-431.07(A)(B).

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall on _____ at _____ m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.

Dana R. DeLong, CMC, City Clerk

MEETING DATE/TYPES: Workshop Meeting 2-24-15

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

AGENDA ITEM: Workshop for review of the 2015 Draft General Plan in preparation for adopting a final version for voter ratification

Approved By:		Date:
Director:	Guice, Tom	02/18/2015
City Manager:	McConnell, Craig	02/18/2015

Item Summary

To comply with the Arizona Growing Smarter legislation, Prescott's General Plan must be updated and ratified by the voters by the end of 2015. Four Council workshops have been scheduled to review and make edits to the plan, and to accept public comments.

Background

The City Council appointed a citizens committee in April 2011 to review the current General Plan. The Committee completed its efforts in July 2014, and passed a draft to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission is tasked by the Growing Smarter legislation to review the plan and hold two public hearings to receive comments and suggestions. At the end of October 2014, after two public hearings and three workshops, the Commission voted to approve their changes and forward the plan to the Council.

Workshop Schedule

This first workshop (Workshop #1) will focus on the first four Elements (chapters) of the Plan. The Vision, History and Existing Conditions Elements set the stage for Elements Five through Eleven. Element Four summarizes the topics and issues addressed in more detail in Elements Five through Eleven.

At Workshop #1, it is suggested that the Council determine the approach for going through the draft plan (page by page, Section by Section, or an Element at a time), and procedure for public comment.

Workshop #2, scheduled for March 3rd, will focus on Elements Five through Eight: Land

Use, Growth Management, Circulation and Open Space. This workshop will begin the discussion of the main Elements of the Plan.

Workshop #3, scheduled for March 24th, will focus on Elements Nine through Twelve: Environmental Planning, Water Resources, Economic Development and Community Quality. This workshop will complete the Elements required to be in the plan by state statute, and conclude with the Community Quality Element that is not a requirement of statute, but voluntarily included in the 2003 Plan and carried over into this edition.

Workshop #4, and a Public Hearing, are scheduled for April 7th. This meeting will give the public another formal opportunity to comment on the Plan or to offer specific changes for Council consideration prior to adoption of a final version. Any unresolved matters from the previous workshops can also be addressed at this time. The hearing may be continued through the April 14th Voting Session when Council should adopt the final version of the General Plan in order to refer it to the voters for ratification at the August 25, 2015 primary election. Adoption of the specific ballot language and inclusion of written arguments for and against the ratification are due not later than May 27, 2015.

Workshop #1 Topics

- How to proceed with the review of the document – The Planning Commission found a section-by-section review to be most efficient. As each section was addressed, the Commissioners were given an opportunity to offer changes or ask questions.
- How and when public comments will be taken – During the Planning Commission review, following the Commissioners discussion of each section, the public was offered the opportunity to speak to that section.
- The Introduction and Vision Element – Only very minor text changes were made to this Element by the Planning Commission.
- The History and Physical Environment Element – Only very minor punctuation changes were made to this Element by the Planning Commission.
- The Existing Conditions and Trends Element – Population and demographic information were updated to reflect the 2010 Census. The Commission added emphasis that Prescott is, and will continue to be, a retirement destination. The Commission added language to note that Prescott's aging population and the recent reduction in impact fees may provide market pressure to produce senior-focused multifamily housing. Further language was added to emphasize the potential for infill development to occur on the many vacant parcels existing within the city. The Commission removed language in this Element (and throughout the

document) relating to the option of adopting Form-based Codes in addition to our

traditional zoning.

- The Summary and Future Challenges Element – In the 2003 General Plan, this Element was devoted to identifying major challenges facing the community and providing a summary of the Elements that touched upon those challenges. The General Plan Committee modified the Element to remove much of the future challenges aspects while retaining the summary aspect. This Element also saw a major rewrite proposal by an interested citizen to combine the Existing Conditions and Summary Elements; however, both the Committee and the Commission declined to pursue that proposal.

Recommended Action: Workshop meeting for discussion and direction; no formal action to be taken.