



CITY COUNCIL VOTING MEETING MEETING

VOTING MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, 3:00 PM

201 S. Cortez Street
Prescott, AZ 86303
City Council Chambers

Greg Mengarelli, Mayor

Alexa Scholl, Mayor Pro Tem

Steve Blair, Councilman

Phil Goode, Councilman

Cathey Rusing, Councilmember

Steve Sischka, Councilman

Clark Tenney, Councilman

MINUTES OF THE VOTING MEETING OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL VOTING MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, IN THE 201 S. CORTEZ STREET PRESCOTT, AZ 86303 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mengarelli called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. INVOCATION - Pastor Scott Savage with Cornerstone Church

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Goode

5. ROLL CALL

Greg Mengarelli	Mayor
Alexa Scholl	Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Blair	Councilman
Phil Goode	Councilman
Cathey Rusing	Councilmember
Steve Sischka	Councilman
Clark Tenney	Councilman

6. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Constitution Week - September 17-23

Mayor Mengarelli presented the Proclamation.

B. Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month - September 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl presented the Proclamation.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 7.A. THROUGH 7.O., EXCLUDING ITEM 7.M.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7 – 0]

- A. Approval of Minutes from the August 24, 2021 Executive Session and the August 24, 2021 Voting Meeting.
- B. Approval of the 2022 Council Calendar.
- C. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-046 for the Purchase of Fire Department Battery Operated Positive Pressure Ventilation Fans from United Fire Equipment Company in an Amount not to Exceed \$38,483.60. Funding is Available in the Fire Department's General Fund.
- D. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-023 with Public Safety Behavioral Health with Public Safety Crisis Solutions in an Estimated Combined Annual Amount of \$43,200 for the Prescott Fire and Police Departments. Funding is Available in the General Fund.
- E. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-063 for the Purchase of Ballistic Vests for Prescott Police Department SWAT in the Amount of \$165,098.97 using Arizona Department of Public Safety Contract No. ADPS17-147066. Funding is Available in the General Fund.
- F. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1793 Designating Mark Woodfill as the Chief Fiscal Officer for Submitting the Fiscal Year 2021 Expenditures Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.
- G. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1794 Designating Mark Woodfill as the Chief Fiscal Officer for Submitting the Fiscal Year 2022 Expenditures Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.

- H. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-052 for the Purchase of Five (5) Vehicles as Follows:
1) Two (2) 2022 F-350 Crew Cab 4x4 Long Bed Pickup Trucks, 2) One (1) 2021 Ford Transit RWD Van, 3) One (1) 2022 F-250 Regular Cab 4x2 Utility Bed Pickup Truck and 4) One (1) 2022 Ford Ranger Super Cab Pickup Truck, From Peoria Ford using State of Arizona Contract No. ADSP017-166117 Pricing in the Total Amount of \$198,526.71. Funding is Available in the Facilities Management, Golf Course Maintenance, and Parks Maintenance Funds.
- I. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-051 with Harris Auction for Sale of Items at Surplus Auction.
- J. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-057 for the Purchase of One (1) Reelmaster 3100-D Sidewinder Mower using Mohave Contract 20E-SNC-0825 from Simpson Norton Corporation. Funding is Available in the Golf Maintenance Fund.
- K. Approval of City Contract No. 2021-039A2, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2021-039 with Rehrig Pacific Company to Purchase Residential Curbside Refuse and Recycle Containers in the Amount of \$215,000.00. Funding is Available in the Solid Waste Fund.
- L. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-060 for the Purchase of One (1) 2022 Ford F-450 Truck from Peoria Ford in the Total Amount of \$59,053.57 using Pricing from Arizona State Contract No. ADSP17-166117. Funding is Available in the Street Fund.
- M. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1796 Authorizing City Staff to Apply for Grant Funding from Yavapai County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Water & Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program.

This Item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Councilmember Rusing commented that this item is of interest because of the discussion around getting off of septic systems and connecting to sewer, she is curious why these projects were selected for the application.

Deputy Public Works Director Gwen Rowitsch responded this is a grant application for ARPA funds for water & sewer infrastructure projects. Staff looked at projects that would meet the criteria of being in the unincorporated county and particularly on older infrastructure. The projects in Juniper Vista off of Senator Highway which include redesigning the water system as part of five year plan to address the area is already in process which makes it simpler to apply for funds. Staff is also looking at the Upper Rancho Vista Pump Station upgrades off of Copper Basin Rd, this is an aged station that needs updating and upsizing.

Councilman Goode commented that the County Supervisors discussed the funding and commented that

design had to be completed by end of 2022 and construction by end of 2024, and would require staff capacity for these projects; completion during this time period could be difficult and what would be the penalties for that.

Ms. Rowitsch confirmed the timelines and added that design would be outsourced as well as construction. She reiterated that these projects are already being worked on by staff so it would make meeting the timelines much simpler which is why they were selected.

Interim City Attorney Matt Podracky said that staff would have to look into any possible penalties and those are typically spelled out in the grant.

Ms. Rowitsch said that this simply approving application and staff will return for Council approval if funds are awarded.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL TO ADOPT ITEM 7.M.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7 – 0]

- N. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1797 Authorizing City Staff to Apply for Grant Funding for a Redesign of the City's Water Conservation Webpage.
- O. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-061 for the Purchase of One (1) 2022 Peterbilt Roll-Off Refuse Vehicle from Custom Truck One Source in the Total Amount of \$220,236.62 using Pricing from Sourcewell Contract No. 040621-WQI. Funding is Available in the Solid Waste Fund.

8. LIQUOR LICENSES

- A. Public Hearing and Consideration for a New Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License Application from Corina Dawn Becker, Applicant, for Lucy Dee's BBQ. Location: 669 E Sheldon Street.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BLAIR TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7 – 0]

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO APPROVE ITEM 8.A.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAIR: PASSED [7 – 0]

9. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Contract 2021-161A1, an Amendment to City Contract 2021-161, with Traffic Safety Inc in an Amount not to Exceed \$33,085.79 for Markings at Prescott Regional Airport. Funding is Available in the Airport Fund.

*****Mayor Mengarelli recused himself from discussion on this item due to a conflict of interest*****

Airport Director Robin Sobotta provided a presentation to Council regarding FAA requirements for markings at the Airport which have degraded due to storm activity. Staff has until October 31st to complete the markings, this is an important project that needs to be done expeditiously.

Councilmember Rusing asked if it would be advantageous to have a routine maintenance striping process.

Dr. Sobotta responded that would be beneficial and staff has been in contact with companies that do this type of work. And will have that in place by next year.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY TO APPROVE ITEM 9.A.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GOODE: PASSED [6 – 0] MAYOR MENGARELLI RECUSED.

- B. Approval of Sponsorship Contribution for Arizona's Christmas City Campaign for FY22 in the Amount of \$160,000. Funding is Available through Transient Occupancy (Bed) Tax Funds.

Tourism & Economic Initiatives Manager Ann Steward provided a presentation to Council regarding the proposed contribution which was previously discussed at the August 10 Study Session. This is a one-time contribution for the campaign which will come from Bed Tax Funds.

Councilman Goode commented that looking back on the Study Session the primary reason for bringing this item forward was a one-time contribution to allow them to fundraise for future years rather than in the rears so this is a front load funding process allowing the group to do their fundraising activities.

Ms. Steward confirmed and added that all of the groups have come together to put things on as one organization and will continue looking at opportunities for next year.

Councilmember Rusing echoed Councilman Goode's comment-and stressed that we are partnering and will not be taking over the fundraising. It's important that the community continues to participate and continue to support these activities.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY TO APPROVE ITEM 9.B.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7 – 0]

- C. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-028 with the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center for the Prescott Tourism Partnership in the Amount of \$25,000 Annually. Funding is Available through Transient Occupancy (Bed) Tax Funds.

Tourism & Economic Initiatives Manager Ann Steward provided a presentation to Council regarding the contract for \$25,000 annually to keep the visitor center open and enhance the visitor experience.

Originally approved by Council in 2018 and is up for renewal. Sheri Heiney and Robert Coombs partner to run the visitor center. May only have one entity in each municipality that has to meet requirements set by state tourism. They are responsible for welcoming visitors, sending relocation packets, two emails each week from Coombs regarding events to partners/stakeholders, assist the city with media visits, support surrounding destinations, historical walking tours, open seven days a week. Over the last three years they renovated the center, increased services, and added facilities throughout the community.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO APPROVE ITEM 9.C.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GOODE: PASSED [7 – 0]

- D. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-014 with Water Works Engineers for Design and Engineering Services for the Yavapai Hills #1 Lift Station Rehabilitation Project in the Amount of \$274,074. Funding is Available in the Wastewater Fund.

Utilities Manager Eric Bay provided a presentation regarding the project at the site at bottom of Yavapai Hills development. The site is critical in the city's inventory because it has a number of issues, will include new well, pumps, electrical equipment, rehabilitation of building on-site and removal of old wastewater basins that are a safety concern.

Councilmember Rusing asked if it would be possible to include solar panels at the site.

Mr. Bay responded that they can be asked to look at that, this site requires a great deal of energy consumption so it may not be possible.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL TO APPROVE ITEM 9.D.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY: PASSED [7 – 0]

- E. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-015 with American Fence Company to Furnish and Install Fence in the Amount of \$118,706.03 utilizing the State of Arizona Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. CTR045278. Funding is Available in the Wastewater Fund.

Public Works Director Craig Dotseth provided a presentation regarding fencing at the airport water reclamation facility which will provide security and allow for pedestrian access for birding in the area. This is coming forward as an opportunity for consideration related to the concept staff has looked into. Currently there are a number of birders that do visit the site because there are birds there on a regular basis, have worked with Audubon Society for this project which would allow access even outside of regular business hours. Have had issues with people wandering the grounds which creates a liability issue, this fencing will create separation between the basins and the facility itself, increase accessibility and safety. This is our recharge facility to get all water back to the aquifer, so there is also an opportunity to allow for educational components on how the city recharges water through the facility. Other facilities within the state that do this same thing including Kachina Village (Flagstaff area), Sedona Wetlands and Gilbert Water Ranch.

Councilman Blair asked if this is a fun and fuzzy project or for safety.

Mr. Dotseth said it is a combination, today's motion will approve security fencing for the area.

City Manager Michael Lamar added that the idea is to allow for access to the birding areas but create security for the facility. This is an opportunity for eco-tourism and education about recharge and what the city does on that end.

Recreation Services Director Joe Baynes echoed Mr. Lamar's comments. The educational component of how we recharge our water is important and in doing this the city is protecting an essential asset and providing multi-use for the area.

Councilmember Rusing commented that the quality of water in the area is A+ water and she sees this as a comparable project to the Granite Creek Corridor project that is multi-purpose.

Mr. Dotseth concurred and added that there are a variety of water types coming into the facility, but once treated all of the water is A+ quality which will be part of educational part. With the safety improvements it could be open access.

Councilman Tenney asked about the recreational opportunities in doing something like this. This is a potential resource that we haven't tapped into yet and he is pleased to see the project being proposed.

Mr. Baynes responded that in the future there could be a small Ramada as it connects to the Peavine Trail area, additional picnicking and bird watching opportunities in the area would be fantastic.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl commented that this makes sense time-wise because there will be more people in the area as that continues to grow and avoid future problems.

Councilman Blair stated that he thinks this is a horrible idea. Willow and Watson Lakes are available in the area for these types of purposes and the city hasn't even touched the tip of the iceberg with what opportunities exist there so why would another project begin. He feels this is a security issue for the water and facility and he is opposed to this being wide open to the public where someone could go put chemicals into the water.

Councilman Sischka asked if the nexus to this was security or birdwatching. And added that if there is a security issue than that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Baynes responded that the security was a first issue and birding was a secondary opportunity.

Mr. Dotseth responded that only a portion of the fence quote will solve the security issue with a power

gate at the entrance that will close off the facility at all times. Confident that this will address security and create recreational opportunities.

Councilman Tenney added that most other municipalities with wastewater treatment facilities do this exact sort of thing. This creates an entirely different area for people to recreate at.

Councilman Goode commented that he can't understand the justification for this sort of a request, as it is a waste of a great amount of tax payer dollars. He feels staff should go back for further study and address the actual security issue, but making sure the birders can look at the mud-ducks is a different issue. If they want to recreate there, they should put out a donation cup and raise the funds. He added that he will not support this expenditure without a legitimate justification.

Councilmember Rusing said this is an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone, this type of recreating is a billion dollar industry in our state and the fence will address security issues and she supports it 100%.

Councilman Blair commented that he appreciates staff thinking outside the box, but he feels these are two different issues. The birding hasn't been properly vetted and while he will support the fencing he thinks this should be re-evaluated.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl asked who had this idea.

Mr. Lamar responded that there was an Audubon President who has come several times to discuss this issue with city staff.

Representative from the Audubon Society addressed Council stating that there was previously open access, but when some updates were done the access is more limited and have to access with permission which has kept the number of birders down. The group has never reported their findings in the area because they've been told not to so people outside of the area don't use it, however, if that changes with this type of opportunity that could change. Sees it as a park for the northern expansion and not just for birders.

Mayor Mengarelli commented that we are increasing facility safety, increasing recreation opportunities and informing people about how we recharge water all of which are beneficial. This is a new idea but a good one.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO APPROVE ITEM 9.E.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAIR: PASSED [6 – 1] COUNCILMAN GOODE DISSENTING.

- F. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-055 with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Design of Haisley Road Reconstruction Project, in the Amount of \$257,267.00. Funding is Available in the Street Fund.

Public Works Director Craig Dotseth provided a presentation to Council regarding the project to construct Haisley Road that will pick up where previous project left off and continue to 89A. The roadway was originally constructed in 1980s with minimal maintenance and is in poor condition. This project will also address drainage issues, add sidewalks and a bike lane increasing safety in the area for pedestrians. 3900 feet to design and will return for award of construction contract, design completed within six months of notice to proceed.

Councilman Blair commented that he feels separating curb and sidewalk from gutter would be beneficial in this area.

Mr. Dotseth responded that they can discuss that option and work through with the design team the option to have roadway then sidewalk then bike lanes.

Councilmember Rusing stated that a previous project in that area was plagued with delays and safety issue because there were not two ways out of the area.

Mr. Dotseth responded that it was not delayed, the project Councilmember Rusing is referring to has taken a great deal of time because of the other aspects of the project including roadway and pipeline, electrical pump station improvements, and tank reconstruction so it was a much more complicated project than this one.

**MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL TO APPROVE ITEM 9.F.; SECONDED BY
COUNCILMAN TENNEY: PASSED [7 – 0]**

- G. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-059 for the Purchase of a Self Contained Roll-off Compactor in the Amount of \$46,847.54 from Nedland Industries Inc. Funding is Available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Public Works Director Craig Dotseth provided a presentation to Council regarding the purchase of a compactor for Whiskey Row Alley. In 2005 the alley changed from regular dumpsters to compactors to address a number of issues and since that time they are not keeping up with demand in the area. This purchase will replace one of the compactors to increase capacity to help address trash issues in the alley. Roll-off units will have a cart tipper as well which will allow businesses easier access to dump their trash to keep the alley cleaner.

Councilmember Rusing asked if there are color options to choose from, as she feels staff should explore those options if they exist.

Mr. Dotseth said there are options and the compactors can be painted on as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl commented that Prescott Downtown Partnership is looking at art options in the alley and this could be part of that for them to look at.

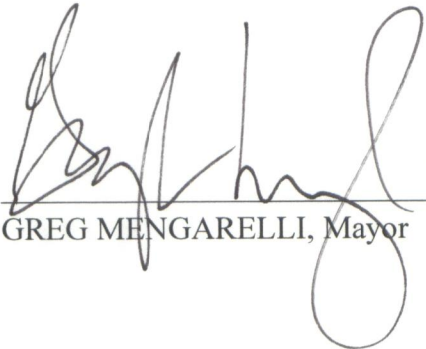
Councilman Goode stated that he drives through the alley a few times a week and he has noticed the debris and trash is an issue in the area. This is worthy of an upgrade.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL TO APPROVE ITEM 9.G.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY: PASSED [7 - 0]

10. ADJOURNMENT

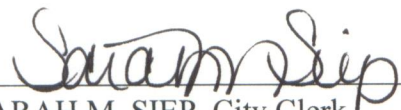
Quote: "You'll never be criticized by someone who is doing more than you, you'll always be criticized by someone doing less. Remember that." - Denzel Washington

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Mengarelli adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.



GREG MENGARELLI, Mayor

ATTEST:



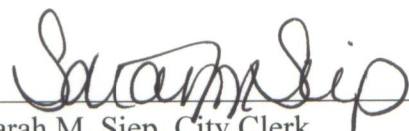
SARAH M. SIEP, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Voting Meeting of the City Council Voting Meeting of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on September 14, 2021. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of Oct., 2021.





Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk