CITY COUNCIL VOTING MEETING MEETING

VOTING MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021, 3:00 PM

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

Greg Mengarelli, Mayor

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

MINUTES OF THE VOTING MEETING OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL VOTING MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 23, 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 3:14 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

   Mayor Pro Tem Scholl welcomed Councilman Tenney to his first City Council meeting. She also announced that City Hall will reopen to the public on Monday, March 1st and that meetings will reopen to limited in-person attendance beginning with the Tuesday, March 9th Council Meeting.

3. **INVOCATION**

   Pastor Scott Savage with Prescott 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. PRESENTATION

A. Midyear Budget Report for FY2021

Finance Director Mark Woodfill provided a presentation to Council regarding the FY21 mid-year budget beginning with tax by NAICS Sector.

* Hotel/Restaurant – 9%
* Construction – 10%
* General Merchandise & Food Stores - 40%

Only one month in 2020 that was net less than in 2019. Mr. Woodfill commented that it is not likely the fiscal year will complete at 12% up from the previous but will likely still be higher because of how strong the first several months were.

FY2021 Operating Budget
* General Fund – 45% (Rec Services, Public Safety, General Government). As of December 2020 have expended $75,492,220 of $206,830,407 budgeted
* Enterprise Funds (Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Airport & Golf) – 39%
* Restricted (Streets, Bed Tax & Grants) - 16%
* PSPRS Unfunded Liability – have gone from 30% funded to 70% funded with $43,151,141 remaining and on target to pay off within 10 year goal.

FY22 Budget Considerations:
* Funding for Airport Capital Projects
* Continue Funding PSPRS Annual Required Contribution from Operating Funds
* Funding Employee Market Compensation Plan
* Funding Options for Unsewered Areas
* Addressing Deferred Vehicle Replacements
* Legislative Attacks on Cities Revenues
* Addressing City Service Areas Improvements, Using Outcome Based Budgeting
* Home Rule Election (required every four years) – public hearing March 9th and first notice has been published

FY2022 Budget Process:
* Mid-Year Budget Report to Council (Feb. 23)
* Department Mission, Objectives, Performance Measures (Feb. 12)
* Operating Budgets Due (Feb. 26)
* New Personnel and Reclassification Requests Due (Feb. 26)
* Capital/Grant Requests Due (March 12)
* Personnel and Capital Requests Review Meetings (April 12-23)
* Council Budget Workshop (May 18 & May 25, if necessary)
* Adoption of Tentative Budget (June)
* Publish Budget & Notice of Hearing (June)
* Final Hearing and Adoption of Final Budget (June)
* Set Property Tax Rates (July)

Councilman Sischka commented on the information that Mr. Woodfill provided him regarding PSPRS, and added that if Prop443 wouldn't have been passed and service levels has continued the public funding would have gone to 90%.

Mr. Woodfill confirmed and said that it is working.

Councilman Goode commented on the Wayfair decision and additional revenue that has come in from internet sales which seems to be making a contribution.

Mr. Woodfill concurred and said that it is difficult to tell exactly how much, but it is catching many more than were paying sales tax to the city of Prescott previously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If discussion is required by members of the governing body, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 7.A. THROUGH 7.E. EXCLUDING 7.B. AND 7.D.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7-0].

A. Approval of Minutes from the February 2, 2021 Special Meeting, the February 9, 2021 Executive Session, and the February 9, 2021 Voting Meeting.

B. Appointment of Members to the Airport Advisory Committee, Board of Adjustment, Building Safety Advisory & Appeals Board, Fire Board of Appeals, Pedestrian Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee, Prescott Preservation Committee and Youth Advisory Board; and Selection of Chair and/or Vice Chair for the Airport Advisory Committee, Building Safety Advisory & Appeals Board, Fire Board of Appeals and Pedestrian

Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Mayor Pro Tem Scholl for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl congratulated the selected appointees for various Boards, Commissions and Committees and named each of them.

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

C. Approval of City Contract No. 2021-110 with Cintas Corporation for Uniform Rental Services in the Amount of $68,800 for the Initial Year and $59,400 Annually Thereafter, Utilizing Cooperative Prince William County Contract No. R-BB-19002. Funding is Available in the Streets, Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater Funds.

D. Approval of City Contract No. 2021-111 with Calolympic Glove & Safety in an Amount not to Exceed $65,000 Annually for Three (3) Years, with Two (2) Additional One (1) Year Extensions, for the Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Funding is Available in the Streets, Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Funds.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilman Goode for further discussion.

Councilman Goode expressed his concern with the long term award of contract and read a letter received from the company whom it is proposed to be awarded to. He added that the company is a pure distributor and does not manufacture any of the products. He feels the city is restricting themselves to a 5% discount over the course of the contract when we could be negotiating further to get better prices.

Administration Services Support Manager Gwen Rowitsch responded that the city has another piggy-back contract for PPE which covers most of the needs of employees this contract is secondary to fill the gap. She added that staff had to go to bid twice in order to receive responses, and that this is a company the city has worked with in the past. If Council desires a change in the terms of the contract they could make those revisions.

Councilman Goode stated that he believes it should only be a one year contract and then renegotiation should take place for future discounts.

City Attorney Jon Paladini cautioned that if Council decided to revise the terms of the contract award but the bid docs state that the agreement is to be a three year with two additional one year options, the contractor could reject the contract altogether. Should that happen, staff would need to go back out to bid if there are no renewal options.

City Manager Michael Lamar commented that he doesn't feel it will matter to them because they are a company that the city has worked with in the past and will continue to do so.

Councilman Goode reiterated his position that he would approve moving forward with the contract if it is for a period of one year, with two two-year options subject to negotiation at the end of the first year.

Councilman Tenney asked what the city's supply is at this time and if changing this would impact that supply and cause any issues for staff.

Ms. Rowitsch responded that we are not using them at this time, but if they do not accept these terms than staff will need to go back out to bid because it has become too expensive to purchase the items on an individual basis. However, staff does currently have what is needed.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GOODE TO APPROVE ITEM 7.D. AS A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH TWO TWO-YEAR OPTIONS; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7-0].

E. Approval of City Contract No. 2021-113 with CentralSquare Technologies in an Amount not to Exceed $152,082.27 for Inform Public Safety Software Maintenance and Support using Monterey County, California, Contract No. A-13000 Pricing.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Public Hearing Regarding a Substantial Amendment to the 2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan for the following: 1) Accepting the CDBG-CV CARES ACT Grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the Amount of $427,198; and 2) Approving Sub-Recipient Award of $427,198 to the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Foundation to Manage the Prescott Cares Program and Prescott Small Business Grant Program.

Community Development Director Bryn Stotler provided a presentation to Council regarding the CDBG Grant Cycle and annual program. Through the pandemic and with additional funding the City received it has provided opportunities for support of businesses and individuals with difficulties related to the pandemic. Staff has worked with Citizens Advisory Committee and city leadership to discuss the best options for use of that.

CDBG & Community Development Coordinator Michelle Chavez continued the presentation and discussed the Federal allocations in the amount of $5 billion which were funneled to various CDBG programs. The city of Prescott received a total of $427,198. She added that all of the typical CDBG rules apply, however, the public service cap was removed, staff can reduce public comment period and the Citizens Advisory Committee is able to hold virtual meetings to discuss distribution of these funds specifically. Purpose of the funds was to prevent, care for and address COVID issues in the community. Distribution of the funds will require an amendment to the 2020 action plan and that is why it is being presented to Council. A determination was made to split the funds into two equal pots for individuals/businesses. Request for qualifications was opened and two applications were received, at this time the 20-day review period is taking place and once Council approves of staff's recommendation the plan will be submitted to HUD. Following HUD approval funds will be distributed to applicants.

Two Tiers:
* Economic Assistance/Small Business Grant
- Small Businesses (no more than 30 employees) or Micro Businesses (no more than 5 employees) must be able to demonstrate job creation (one FTE permanent position created and retained): $213,599
* Assistance for Individuals
- Rent/Mortgage and/or Private Utility Assistance (gas/electric) no more than 80% of low to moderate income, facing eviction or financial hardship (up to 3 months in arrears) and payments are made directly to utility: $213,599
* Will also have 15% to cover administration fees

Timeline:
* Jan. 6-Jan. 20 - Application Filing Period
* Jan. 27 – Decisions to Sub Recipients
* Feb. 3 – Publication of Notice
* Feb. 17 – Citizens Advisory Committee Presentation
* Feb. 23 Council Review
* March – HUD Review, contract drafted, marketing materials, applications designed. HUD record keeping tracking
* April – Applications accepted and funds distributed thereafter

Councilmember Rusing commented that she is glad we were able to get some help. She asked about distributing the funds and if there is anything the city can do to fast track it.

Ms. Chavez responded that they are working directly with the Chamber Foundation to form application packets and be as prepared as possible, but final HUD approval must come before they receive applications. Will start a que right away.

Chamber President Sheri Heiney addressed Council regarding the Foundation's mission to help small businesses and added that their desire is to get the help out as soon as possible meeting with HUD approval. She said that an extra staff member has been brought on board to assist.

Councilman Goode commented that this is substantial amount of federal dollars and typically they are looking at much less for more applicants on various projects. Difficult to find organizations that are willing to take on the bureaucratic burden of this so he is pleased that the Chamber Foundation is willing to take it on. Will be able to help struggling businesses and the public should find it directly applicable for expectations.

Ms. Chavez responded that the deadline to have it encumbered by the end of the year, but have three years to spend it. She anticipates it will go quickly and they will begin working on everything in March.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GOODE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL: PASSED [7-0].

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GOODE TO APPROVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PY20 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL: PASSED [7-0].

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GOODE TO APPROVE SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE PRESCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION TO ADMINISTER THE PRESCOTT CARES PROGRAM AND PRESCOTT SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOLL: PASSED [7-0].

B. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-1746, Revising Prescott City Code 3-10-8: Water Conservation Code, Incentive Program, to Add an Additional Rebate Tier for Toilets with 1.28 Gallons per Single Flush.

Administration Support Services Manager Gwen Rowitsch provided a presentation to Council regarding the rebate incentive program. The amendment came about approximately one year ago and staff has received feedback from the community that they were unable to find the product that was included in the original incentive program. They have reviewed the item with the Water Issues Subcommittee and are recommending that a 1.28 gallon per single flush toilet be added to the incentive program to address this gap. The 1.0 gallon per single flush will remain in the program, but this gives the opportunity for more customers to be part of it. Over the past year there have been 21 applications denied for 1.28 gallon per single flush and staff is also recommending a retroactive $75 credit for those applications as part of this revision.

Councilman Tenney said that anything that gets people excited about water conservation is good and asked staff for confirmation that the retroactive award will be for anyone who will qualify with the 1.28 gallon toilet.

Ms. Rowitsch confirmed and added that it will be a credit for their bill.

Councilman Goode commented that he is strongly in favor of this change and it fits in with the long term conservation plans for the city. He added that it would be nice if the local retailers would stock the 1.0 gallon per single flush, but since that isn't happening this is important to support citizens that want to conserve.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO ADOPT ITEM 7.B.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GOODE: PASSED [7-0].

C. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-1743 Amending City Code, Title XVII General Engineering Standards, Chapter 4, Section 4.7.2 Water Main Pipes and Materials; Amending Quad City Standard Detail 100Q and Deleting COP Standard Detail 200P-2 to Prohibit the Use of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe for New Water Main Installations.

Public Works Director Craig Dotseth provided a presentation to Council regarding water main materials and standards. This has been discussed at a study session, and previously at a Council voting meeting. However, at that time staff was asked by industry partners for the opportunity to meet and discuss these matters in order to come together with revisions for Council's approval as a united front. Have had several zoom meetings, phone calls and emails and are coming forward as a united front at this time.

Utilities Manager Eric Bay continued the presentation regarding the summary of proposed changes, background & benefits, clarifications of concerns, industry participation and the summary and recommendation.

Proposed Changes:
* GES Section 4.7.2 – disallowing use of PVC pipe, removal of details on PVC pipe and general cleanup
* Changes will NOT
  – affect projects already under construction or that have already received an alt/mod for PVC
  - affect sewer installations: PVC is the most common sewer main material installed by private development and the city; PVC sewer main in not pressurized/does not fail catastrophically and can often be repaired without trenching; PVC sewer main is resistant to corrosion by sewer gases
  - affect storm drain or conduit installation

History & Background:
* The city began installing PVC water main in 1985 and began experiencing breakage in 1995
* To date the city has replaced over 14,700 linear feet of PVC at a cost to rate/fee payers of more than $4 million
Failures Include - point loading, over-belling, joint deflection, longitudinal bending, cyclical fatigue and splitting at tap locations

Benefits of DIP:
* Higher Pressure Rating
* 9 Tiems Higher Tensile Strength
* 8 Times Higher Crushing Strength
* Greater Impact Strength
* Longer Life Cycle
* No Over-Belling
* Allows Closer Tap Spacing
* Greater ID (Flow Characteristics)
* Greater Deflection at Pipe Joints
* Employee Safety
* Sustainability - DIP contains 90% recycled materials, is 100% recyclable, produces lower emissions and is a smarter choice for urban/wildfire interface municipalities

Mr. Bay added that staff worked with YCCA extensively on these revisions, and that this type of code specification is common throughout Arizona with well respected water service providers.

Clarification of Concerns:
* Concern 1 - noted to Council that the city is already spending millions to replace DIP
  - total amount spent on replacement of DIP water mains is $0 to date
  - the city has replaced some un-lined DIP sewer main that was damaged from sewer gases
  - this proposed change is specific to water main only
* Concern 2 - DIP is just like PCCP which has failed recently in the Dells
  - these are two completely different pipes
* Concern 3 - adequate plan review will mitigate installation concerns
  - all plans are reviewed, but plan design and review does not control how water main is installed in the field
  - contract inspector oversight should also be considered
* Concern 4 - DIP water main is cost prohibitive to development
  - 8" PVC = $13.49/lf, 8" DIP = $21.52/lf (difference $8.03/lf); 12" PVC=$29.03/lf, 12" DIP=#32.95/lf (difference $3.92/lf)
  - Material Cost Difference per lot equals approximately $291.57/lot

Additional Input from Industry Partners and YCCA:
* Staff and industry partners discussed ways to address the cost impacts to the contractors as the transition away from PVC begins
* Immediate Implementation
  - Recycled asphalt or concrete utilization within aggregate base course
  - HDPE storm drain installation material (where applicable based on street classification)
  - Time of concentration (downstream considerations)
* Continued Considerations
  - Recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) utilization within Asphalt Mixes

Summary and Recommendation:
* Staff and industry partners recommend eliminating the installation of PVC water main within the city's water system

Mayor Mengarelli commented that he appreciated staff`s diligence and patience throughout this code change. The ideas and collaboration with industry partners are beneficial to our city.

YCCA President Sandy Griffis commented that it is great when the industry can assemble with city staff and develop/design a win-win for the community, industry, and staff. She is proud of how YCCA and industry have been able to come together and she reminded Council that they support the Public Works Department decision to require DIP water main throughout Prescott with the addition of the four additional input items from the industry.

Councilman Goode commented that he is glad to see industry partners have come together to come up with solutions and asked staff if all four changes will be implemented. He thanked staff for their work on this and expressed his support of the changes.

Mr. Dotseth responded that all GES modifications and revisions will happen with the adoption of this Ordinance and that the additional items will come back to Council at a future date. and are currently being handled as a no-fee alt/mod.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl thanked staff for their efforts and commented that one of the pillars of the Strategic Plan is customer service and this shows that.

Councilmember Rusing commented that it is important to learn a lesson from recent events in Texas and we need to set a gold standards in supporting the best materials for our infrastructure amidst climate change. She thanked Public Works staff for starting this conversation.

Councilman Sischka commended staff on their presentation and for working with industry partners.

City Clerk Sarah Siep added the following Speaker Request Form Comment from Member of the Public Deborah Thalasitis: "I urge the City Council to adopt Ordinance 2021-1743 as recommended by the city staff. The benefits of this ordinance greatly outweigh the minor cost to development. In addition to the repair and replacement burden now paid by all water rate payers. there are additional reasons to adopt this ordinance. Service interruptions due to premature line breaks in new developments will be eliminated. Homeowners in new developments will not incur the unexpected costs and damage from their homes flooding. Stopping the use of PVC will cap future liability and allow the city to focus on establishing a plan to address current issues. without continuing a practice that creates more issues. And finally economic development prospects bringing jobs to Prescott will have the assurance the city cares about best practices and takes its responsibility for providing safe. secure and functional infrastructure seriously."

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GOODE TO ADOPT ITEM 7.C.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED [7-0].

D. Update on Fall 2020 Approved General Fund Projects.

Assistant to the City Manager Tyler Goodman provided a presentation to Council regarding Fall 2020 projects and where funding has come from for the projects.

CARES Act distributed to states. then to municipalities based on treasury/state guidelines for expenses related to public health/safety from March 1. 2020 – June 30. 2020 related to COVID-19. Once those costs were covered General Funds were freed up to use at Council and staff discretion.

Granite Creek Corridor:

* November 2020 - Council approved submission of $1.000.000 grant with city match of $550.000 and

additional funding of $520,000 for all phases of the project
* Grant application will be reviewed in March
* Staff has engaged Kimley Horn for Engineering and Design Services
* Anticipated completion of the project is Summer 2021

Prescott North-Granite Creek Area Plans:
* August 2020 Council approved RFP and eight (8) responses were received
* November 2020 Council approved contract with PLAN*et for $376,518
* Planning process is underway

Business Tourism/Marketing:
* August 2020 Council Approved RFP and six (6) responses were received
* Staff will be returning with request for contract aware in March

Center for the Future:
* August 2020 Council approved use of $92,500 for startup costs
* The Center is now formed as a non-profit
* Lease agreements for spaces will be coming to Council in March
* City annex buildings are currently being used to house businesses using the "incubation" concept, including SimpleWan and CPTechnologies and more to come

Councilman Tenney thanked staff for the clarification on where the funds come from and added that he is aware there has been confusion in the public regarding that.

Other Uses for Consideration:
* Spectrum Healthcare has sought assistance to ensure they can continue to deliver mass vaccinations. City could designate a standard amount to healthcare providers performing mass vaccinations and testing in the Quad Cities (IE $100,000 per each local healthcare provider offering mass vaccination and testing services done through an application process); possible threshold could be at least 500 people vaccinated.

Councilmember Rusing asked for clarification on the number of vaccinations that have been administered in Yavapai County and added that she feels it is important we support our local healthcare providers.

Mr. Goodman responded that the 500 number was simply an example of a threshold that could be used for award of these types of funds if Council chose to approve something like that. He added that staff had received a request and thought it would be appropriate to set standards for Council's approval.

Councilman Goode recognized Economic Development Consultant Jim Robb for all of his work on getting the Center for the Future going over the last several years.

Jane Witt with Spectrum Healthcare addressed Council and thanked them for their consideration of this. She added that the vaccinations and the stations set up to safely conduct them was not budgeted for and therefore they are requesting $100,000. Cottonwood has already committed $50,000 and they will also be working with Yavapai County to hope to secure additional funding.

Mayor Mengarelli thanked Ms. Witt and echoed comments that this is an obvious need for our community. YRMC is doing a mass vaccination site as well and asked staff if they are aware of any others.

Mr. Goodman commented that Thumb Butte Medical Center is one that staff is also aware of.

City Manager Michael Lamar commented that not only vaccinations but testing has also been a huge part of their contributions to our community.

Mayor Mengarelli commented that he would want to move quickly, considering who the major players are that have done testing/vaccinations and added that excluding pharmacies makes sense. He feels establishing criteria would be great.

Councilman Blair commented that Spectrum is a good measure to look at and contributing $100,000 to the three major providers (Spectrum, YRMC, Thumb Butte Medical Center) is a good idea.

Councilman Goode concurred. Providers have stepped up and helped the community and we have an obligation to support them. Feels it requires additional study on staff's part to come back with a recommendation on a specific number to each of them.

Mr. Lamar said staff can work with providers and establish a minimum requirement for application and bring that back at the March 9th Meeting.

City Attorney Jon Paladini added that applicants might need to include disclosure regarding any other funds they have received from other entities because this is general fund money to avoid any issues with a gift clause.

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

E. Legislative Update.

Assistant to the City Manager Tyler Goodman provided a presentation to Council regarding the ongoing legislative session at which over 1700 bills have been introduced and provided an overview of bills that are of interest to the city of Prescott.

<u>Local Authority:</u>
* HB2481 - Short Term Rentals

* SB1333 - Law Enforcement Budgets
* SB1487 - Private Attorney Retention
* SB1409 - Zoning Ordinances
* HB2618/SB1502 - Public Nuisance
* HB2696 - Government Assistance Point of Contact
* HB2716 - Building Permits
* HB2861 - Building Permit Fees
* HB2804 - Public Meetings/Executive Sessions
*HB2882 - Mobile Food Vending

Preserve Local Funding:
* HB2152 - Body Camera Redactions
* HB2436 - Motor Fuel Taxes/HB2437 Electric & Hybrid Cars
* SB1406 - Aircraft Registration Fees

Miscellaneous:
*HB2691 - Surface Water Protection Program
* SB1101/HB2161 - Tourism Marketing Authorities
* SB1721 - Prime Contracting
* SB1451 - Cancer Presumption
* HB2049 - Eminent Domain Existing Contracts
* HB2685 - Consular ID Cards
* SB1103 - Tobacco Bill

Councilman Blair expressed his frustration regarding lobbyists and legislatures proposing bills that will impede on local government ability to run their city.

City Attorney Jon Paladini responded that Charter City independence is being whittled down to local elections and real estate issues.

Councilman Blair complimented local Representatives for their vote against HB2685. There are serious concerns about voter problems, on the League Conference Call it was a close vote and he is disturbed by the League's support of it.

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

F. Potential Renaming of the Prescott Centennial Center.

Councilman Goode commented that this would be a terrific way of recognizing the efforts that Mayor Marlin Kuykendall has made in our community. He was a champion of Prescott for many years and the center wouldn't exist if he hadn't lobbied to have it protected. His support of airport expansion tie in to that area as well and he feels that renaming the Centennial Center in his honor would be a wonderful way to recognize his legacy.

Councilman Blair concurred and added that Mayor Kuykendall was very involved in veteran issues here in Prescott, the SRP water agreements and much more. At the downturn of the economy the city was looking at what to do with excess buildings and the Centennial Center was brought up because it was dilapidated, but he pointed out the opportunities of tying to clubhouse type uses associated with the golf course and saved the space.

Councilmember Rusing asked if the city has a written policy about naming buildings. She believes it would be beneficial to create that and establish criteria/public comment period etc. before moving forward with something like this.

Councilman Blair concurred that there should be a policy established, and added that historically it has been based on Council discretion, for example Larry Caldwell Drive.

City Manager Michael Lamar commented that there is no official policy on this, and that these can sometimes be controversial decisions and other communities do have policies so that would be a good step going forward.

City Attorney Jon Paladini said that a good policy would contain criteria and a procedure for how this type of thing would be done.

Mayor Mengarelli commented that a period of time after a death would also be good and having public input would also be important. He believes making up the rules as we go doesn't work. This is not to say that Mayor Kuykendall is not worthy of recognition, but it is important to have a thorough vetting process before moving forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl echoed Councilmember Rusing's comments. She feels that the Centennial Center is a wonderful city asset and would like to make sure the community is on board with something like this and would prefer that Council wait on doing a renaming until after a policy is established.

Councilman Blair commented that he has a problem with waiting on this until after a policy because the impact that Mayor Kuykendall had on the community could be lost in the future.

Mayor Mengarelli commented that a commission like Art in Public Places could potentially be responsible for something like that to ensure that someone is properly recognized and honored through the appropriate process.

Mayor Pro Tem Scholl concurred.

Councilman Tenney commented that because Council can change every few years it is important there a policy is created.

Mr. Lamar said that staff could partner with the Art in Public Places Committee to put together a policy proposal and have something brought back to Council.

Councilman Sischka commented that Council is getting into interesting territory here because there are people who have disagreed with who these people were and what they stood for so that can get difficult. He doesn't want to give someone the opportunity to run someone's name through the ringer.

Councilman Blair and Councilman Goode agreed; Council does have to be a little careful in this area. A policy should be established but the process should not take so long that it disrespects his passing.

Councilmember Rusing commented that a policy allows education of the community.

Mr. Lamar responded that he can have staff research and then put together something and bring before Council in the next few months.

Councilman Blair said he is willing to wait until a policy is established.

Mayor Mengarelli said that honoring Mayor Kuykendall should be done in the proper way.

Council direction to staff to come back with recommendations for a policy within 60 days.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Quote: "But if the laws are to be so trampled upon with impunity, and a minority is to dictate to the majority, there is an end put at one stroke to republican government, and nothing but anarchy and confusion is to be expected thereafter..." - George Washington

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Mengarelli adjourned the meeting at 5:40 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 February 23, 2021. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9 day of March, 2021.

AFFIX
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Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk