CITY COUNCIL VOTING MEETING

VOTING MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, 3:00 PM

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

Phil Goode, Mayor

Brandon Montoya, Mayor Pro Tem	Connie Cantelme, Councilwoman
Cathey Rusing, Councilmember	Steve Sischka, Councilman
Eric Moore, Councilman	Clark Tenney, Councilman

MINUTES OF THE VOTING MEETING OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL VOTING MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2023, IN THE 201 S. CORTEZ STREET PRESCOTT, AZ 86303 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

   Mayor Pro Tem Montoya commented that this Thursday Prescott Fire Engineer Jason Heartisan will be running blindfolded on a treadmill for 24 hours to set a new world record and raise awareness for mental health, all money raised will go to the Honor Guard.

   He also recognized city snowplow crews and Brian Scott who has been provided regular updates to staff, Council and the public.

3. **INVOCATION - Pastor Dan Hurlbert with Prescott United Methodist**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Pro Tem Montoya**

5. **ROLL CALL**

Phil Goode	Mayor
Brandon Montoya	Mayor Pro Tem
Connie Cantelme	Councilwoman
Eric Moore	Councilman
Cathey Rusing	Councilmember
Steve Sischka	Councilman
Clark Tenney	Councilman

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from Vinny Gallegos with CYMPO Regarding Ongoing Projects

This item was discussed last.

Mr. Gallegos provided a presentation to Council regarding Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CYMPO) ongoing projects and annual update. CYMPO promotes and maintains a regional coordinated transportation system for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services. There are eight MPOs in the state of Arizona and 420 across the United States, and this is the 20th Anniversary of CYMPO. CYMPO has successfully advocated to bring $10.8 million in one-time funding to our region andHas identified two projects for the coming year: the widening of Glassford Hill Road and the widening of State Route 89. CYMPO is seeking $28.3 million in funding related to those projects.

CYMPO Planner Lindsey Post continued the presentation for the urbanized master corridor plan on Highway 69 from Prescott to Dewey-Humboldt (15-mile corridor) with 45,000 vehicles per day and 476 crashes in five years of data. The plan is intended to find solutions and recommendations. Ms. Post is also the project manager of the Sundog Connector Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Overview (EO), which has been part of the Prescott east area plan since 1998. CYMPO's part in the DCR is to conduct plans and feasibility studies for this project for this 3.5-mile potential corridor. This 18-month project is halfway through, and an open space IGA is part of the study. She added that CYMPO also helped to identify and secure funding for the Gail Gardener Way and Fair Street Traffic Signal Project which was fully funded. CYMPO is also responsible to maintain and update the Regional Transportation Plan every five years.

CYMPO Planner Bryn Stotler continued the presentation regarding the Regional Safety Plan which is updated every five years and is being done now. This current plan will be from 2017-2021. Of the 8,256 total crashes Prescott has 3,456 equal to 41.9% of total crashes. She also discussed the ACT-UP; Active Transportation Plan (Bicycle & Pedestrian) which is a comprehensive look at where people are going, how are they getting there and how to create a reliable network for multi-modal transportation; schools are critical sub-focus of this plan. Prescott Valley recently launched a micro transit system called Yavaline. There is $1.7 million available annually for public transit.

Councilman Tenney thanked CYMPO staff for the presentation, he commented that $34 million has been left on the table since 2003.

Mr. Gallegos confirmed but said that the dollar amount has varied each year but in essence that is true.

Councilmember Rusing asked about the Sundog Connector and variables involved in planning, she expressed her concerns with the bypass of Highway 69 and a loss in sales tax revenue and if that was taken into consideration when doing planning. She also asked about any potential impacts to a Regional State Park on Glassford Hill.

Mr. Gallegos responded that traffic modeling is used to look at projects for the entire region, adding that city staff is allowed to look that information over and raise any red flags there may be. They will be bringing forward three alternatives for the Sundog Connector which will be outlined in the final study allowing Council to make final decisions.

Councilwoman Cantelme thanked CYMPO staff for their presentation and asked about the $1.7 million and if it would be possible to look at a regional project to expand the Yavaline.

Mr. Gallegos responded that would be something that could be looked into. CYMPO has looked at public-private partnerships and other opportunities for transportation.

Councilman Moore asked whether resources are put into finishing widening Highway 69 from 169 to 69/89 interchange in Prescott, Prescott Valley area.

Mr. Gallegos responded that is a great idea and the Master Corridor Plan is focused on this very thing. The specific purpose is to give a blueprint moving forward and address the two-lane, three-lane, two-lane issues. It has taken 10 years to widen one mile of road when working with ADOT. Highway 69 has been a priority area for CYMPO but it depends on what the order will end up being. CYMPO hopes to deliver those results and Sundog Connector by the end of the year.

Member of the public Rich Kaplan addressed Council regarding the Sundog Connector as part of the Yavapai Hills-Sundog Committee in opposition to the project. Has watched the presentations at various Board meetings and addressed some concerns: the Prescott East Area Plan and the Storm Ranch Development Agreement (2007) which specifically said the Prescott East Area Plan is not incorporated into the Prescott General Plan, and the Yavapai Hills Development Agreement which references a JHK Traffic Study. Feels the argument that this was decided twenty years ago is inaccurate. He asked if these DAs require the city to build Sundog or just provide provisions for how to do so. He added that the Storm Ranch DA makes clear that any expansions beyond 2-lanes makes the cost the sole responsibility of the city and referenced a 1997 connector discussion for the Klein Connector. He feels Council should review the Development Agreements.

Member of the public Robert Forte addressed Council regarding his opposition to the Sundog Connector, he is in favor of the other projects presented by CYMPO. It will bypass tax base and is being built through a residential area full of retired people who are opposed to this project. Expense for this project is unreasonable. Yavapai Hills is a big voting block and hopes Council will support them.

Member of the public Gary Anderson addressed Council regarding a survey of homeowners in Yavapai Hills with a 40% response rate and mostly in opposition, the primary concern is creating another Rosser Street. He encouraged Council and staff to drive up to the top of Sunrise where this project would theoretically connect, it is a dangerous road. He discussed the September 7 CYMPO open house which discussed seven of one-hundred vehicles that would be diverted to the Sundog Connector and the cost to build this road would be too much money. He reiterated that Yavapai Hills is a huge voting block for the City of Prescott.

Member of the public James Howell addressed Council as a resident of Yavapai Hills and former Public Works Director and stated that a project that has been reviewed for this long is not a good project. Improving Highway 69 is where more effort should be placed. He also commented on the loss of sales tax revenue because of the route change.

Member of the public Roy Smith addressed Council on behalf of Save the Dells in opposition to the Sundog Connector, this would connect through a beautiful and pristine area in Glassford Hill. He stated that in 2013 report planners acknowledged that responses from the public supported a no build alternative and asked why this project is still moving forward in the face of public opposition.

Member of the public Scott Gorman addressed Council regarding opposition to the Sundog Connector not being discussed in public. He also addressed the expansion of Highway 69 impacting the flow of wildlife in the area.

Member of the public Ann Friday addressed Council addressed Council as a representative of the Sundog Disconnect Group whose goal is to protect the wildlife, property, and residents of the Corridor. CYMPOs roles is to consider the perspective of all stakeholders but omit from their presentations all feedback in opposition to the project.

Member of the public Larry Springer addressed Council on behalf of the Sundog Disconnect group and their opposition to the Connector project. This is not just a single neighborhood issue and their request that a Study Session be scheduled to discuss this project to cover: specific language in the DAs that require the construction of the Connector, latest cost estimates and funding strategies, alignment considerations, Glassford Hill State Park, and projected economic impacts due to bypass of Hwy-69 business corridor.

Member of the public JD Greenberg addressed Council regarding the formation of the EMAT Committee which CYMPO was instrumental in putting together, the focus of this committee is to give input to CYMPO and the technical advisory committee regarding mitigation impacts to wildlife.

Mayor Goode thanked citizens for their comments and recognized that there is a no build option, but traffic flow issues need to be prioritized and addressed.

B. Presentation from Sherri Hanna Regarding Downwinders

This item was discussed first.

Sherri Hanna provided a presentation to Council regarding the Downwinders and National Day of Remembrance on January 27. She introduced Jeff Tim from Congressman Eli Crane's Office.

Mr. Tim read a letter from Congressman Crane.

C. Presentation to the 2022 Prescott Fire Department Firefighter of the Year Brandon Scott

This item was discussed second.

Fire Chief Holger Durre provided a presentation to Brandon Scott 2022 Prescott Fire Department Firefighter of the Year.

7. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8.A. THROUGH 8.H., EXLUDING ITEM 8.F.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7 – 0].

A. Approval of Minutes from the January 3, 2023 Special Workshop Meeting, the January 10, 2023 Executive Session, the January 10, 2023 Study Session, the January 10, 2023 Voting Meeting.

B. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-139 with Empire Power Systems for the Purchase of Two Replacement Standby Generators Utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #120617-CAT in the Amount of $58,241.00. Funding Is Available in the Wastewater Fund.

C. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-140 with SAK Construction LLC for Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining Utilizing Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract #R220402 in the Amount of $149,166.00. Funding Is Available in the Wastewater Fund.

D. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-133 with Ferguson Waterworks for the Purchase of Radio-Read Water Meters in an Amount not to Exceed $150,000.00 Annually. Funding is Available in the Water Fund.

E. Approval of CSP22-004, a Proposed Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment for Prescott Center of Fine Arts Digital Reader Sign Height at 222 N Marina Street. Property Owner: Prescott Fine Arts Association. Applicant: Wayne Sanford/Otwell Architects. Location: APN 113-16-014.

F. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-148 an ADA Resolution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

Councilmember Rusing pulled this Item for further discussion, she stated that the Prescott Library is many years old and built on a slope which cause ADA Accessibility compliance issues. This agreement will mitigate the issues and make library accessible and in compliance.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 8.F.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN RUSING: PASSED [7 – 0].

G. Approval City Contract No. 2023-149 with AquaFlow International Inc. for the Purchase of Equipment to Upgrade the EZ Street Bulk Water Station in the Amount of $47,753.00 with Ongoing Fees in the Amount of $0.10 Per Transaction. Funding is Available in the Water Enterprise Fund.

H. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-001A1, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2023-001 with Ateam Electrical for the Installation of a Replacement Generator for Prescott Regional Communications Center (PRCC) in the Amount of $37,450.93 Including Applicable Taxes. Funding is Available in the PRCC Budget.

9. CONSENT ORDINANCE

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9.A. THROUGH 9.C.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY: PASSED [7 – 0].

A. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1817 Granting a Private Sewer Easement to Thomas Contini.

B. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1820 Authorizing the Granting of a Utility Easement to Arizona Public Service Company.

C. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1821, Amending Title VII, Chapter 7-4-25 - Municipal Solid Waste Fees and Adding a Severance Clause; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1847 Declaring Chapter 7-4, Section 25 Entitled "Solid Waste Management" and the Attachment Exhibit Entitled Exhibit A Attached Thereto as a Public Record.

10. LIQUOR LICENSES

A. Public Hearing and Consideration for a New Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License Application from Jian Mike Chen, Applicant, for WZ Asian Bistro Sushi & Bar. Location: 576 Miller Valley Road.

Applicant Jain Mike Chen addressed Council regarding the new restaurant on Miller Valley Road. Mayor Goode commented that he has visited the location in Prescott Valley and is happy to see them in Prescott, and he appreciates their investment in the city.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTOYA TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7 – 0].

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE ITEM 10.A.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [7 – 0].

11. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Update Regarding the Mayor's Charter Review Commission.

City Clerk Sarah Siep provided a presentation to Council regarding the progress of the Commission's review of the City Charter. They have already selected a number of Article Sections to be amended (Term of the Mayor, Qualifications for Council, Mayor Pro Tem, Stipend for Mayor & Council, Attendance Policy, Vacancies, Consideration for Petitions) and pending Council approval those will be added to the General Election Ballot in 2023. The City Clerk and City Attorney's Office will be meeting to draft language for the Commission's review at their next meeting and these will be presented to the Council at an April Study Session.

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

B. Legislative Update.

Interim City Manager Tyler Goodman provided a presentation to Council regarding the 2023 Legislative Session. Staff provided 10-11 bills which will be of interest to the City and Council of the 750 that have been introduced for this legislative session.

Tax on Food for Home Consumption and Residential Rental – two tax proposals that would represent major cuts to the city's general fund. Food for Home Consumption - $3 million per year hit to the general fund and $3 million per year to streets fund for a total of $6.1 million; Residential Rentals - $966k to each as well. These are being tracked closely and trying to figure out a strategy for this. The League is opposed and has been testifying against.

Mayor Goode commented that those who are eligible for lower income programs already don't pay the food tax that would be cut.

HB2003 – Reduced Corporate Income Tax
SB1033 – TPT Exempt feminine hygiene products and disposable diapers.
SB1012 – Inspections; Sober Living Homes: has been assigned to Senate Commerce Committee and will be heard tomorrow
HB2518 – Appropriation for Glassford Dells Regional Park (Bliss): $3.5 million to be split between Prescott and PV for the purchase of identified land. There is much support for this bill, it will likely not be approved like a normal bill and be carried through the budget process.

Mayor Goode commented that this will give access to the Granite Dells as well as Glassford Hill. This is a good tactic to bring this forward as a bill giving it higher visibility for budget negotiations.

Councilmember Rusing recognized Selina Bliss for her efforts on this.

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

C. Approval of City Contract No. 2014-165A2 with Indigo Sports LLC (formerly known as Billy Casper Golf LLC) to Add Golf Course Agronomy & Maintenance Responsibilities in the Amount of $30,000.00 Annually for Five Years. Funding is Available in the General Fund.

Recreation Services Director Joe Baynes provided a presentation to Council regarding the contract amendment.

Background:
* North course built in 1956 and provided services through 2014
* Beginning in 2000 the golf industry began experiencing a decline
* In 2014 the city entered into contract with Billy Casper Golf (now Indigo Golf, a division of Troon) to manage business operations including golf and food/beverage

Indigo Performance:
* Responsive leadership
* Solid general manager
* Timely financial reporting
* National buying power
* Significant revenue increase

Challenges/Opportunities:
* Aging irrigation systems
* Irrigation breaks
* Ability to perform capital projects in season
* Supply chain issues
* Seasonal employee retention

* Aggressive 5-year capital plan implementation

Proposal:
* Five-year term
* Addition of Agronomy maintenance responsibilities
* All existing employees will be retained
* Indigo submits a preliminary budget annually reviewed/approved by the city through the annual budget process
* National buying power
* Labor savings
* Costs savings in internal services
* Maintenance operations will be supported by a regional director of agronomy with extensive experience in course management, construction, renovation and strategic planning

Mayor Goode commented that the operations have evolved quite a bit at the golf course, and this will be a much better arrangement. This is one of the few municipal courses that is increasing in the rounds played which speaks to the initial impressions on people who come to Prescott.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya commented that this seems like a straightforward way to progress and asked if he'll retain some of the hiring for food/beverage personnel.

Mr. Baynes responded that they will narrow down to two or three finalists and take his input on the final decision.

Councilman Tenney asked for confirmation that the total additional amount will be $30,000 but we'll see that in other savings.

Mr. Baynes confirmed and added that once the course gets caught up on capital the city will break even.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE ITEM 11.C.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: PASSED [7 – 0].

D. Approval of PLN22-003, a Preliminary Plat of Peregrine Ridge at Prescott Lakes PAD Subdivision, a 54-lot Subdivision on a 26.44 Acre Parcel Located East off of Prescott Lakes Parkway Via Smoke Tree Lane Extension. Site Zoning: BG (Business General) and MF-M (Multi-Family-Medium Density). Property Owner: Bear Creek Holdings LLC. Applicant: Lyon Engineering. Location: APNs 106-13-034K and 106-18-067N.

Community Planner Tammy Dewitt provided a presentation to Council regarding the proposed subdivision on 26.44 acres with 36.7% open space which is near the golf course on the ridge so it will have fantastic views. Planning & Zoning received questions regarding circulation, the road is divided which is supported by the Fire Department and connects to Astoria II so there is more than one access point/route. All homes will be sprinklered. This proposed subdivision has been reviewed by all agencies and departments and cleared to move forward. Planning & Zoning Commission recommended unanimous approval at their January 10 meeting as did the Water Issues Subcommittee.

Councilman Moore asked staff to address traffic at Smoke Tree and Prescott Lakes Parkway. There is a lot of vegetation in the median and wants to ensure that the intersection is safe.

Ms. Dewitt responded that the traffic impact analysis did not require any improvements.

Traffic Manager Ian Mattingly added that the intent would be to have a traffic signal there eventually. There is a southbound median and may require additional auxiliary lane and those details have been discussed and as staff works toward final plat they will continue to work with the developer. There will be vegetation and traffic control changes but no roundabout.

Mayor Goode asked if Astoria Phase 2 A and B will be completed before this development.

Ms. Dewitt commented that staff will be getting plans around the same time more than likely but will be looked at to ensure connections are there.

Councilmember Rusing asked if this access will be a city dedicated street and if it will be gated.

Ms. Dewitt confirmed and stated that there will not be a gate. Zoning is compatible with the Prescott Lakes Master Plan.

Mr. Mattingly stated that because of the timing of both developments' connections can be timed and it will not just be emergency access.

Councilman Moore commented that this is a good compromise because there is not going to be high density apartments.

Councilman Tenney concurred, with a parcel this large we could be looking at 821 dwelling units, so this is wonderful.

Mayor Goode echoed Council comments and commented on the ability to address the traffic safety being better to manage with this plan.

Luther Kraxberger with Bear Creek Holdings addressed Council and stated that the goal was to come up with a development that wouldn't max out the space adding that they will coordinate with other developers as well.

Member of the public and President of the Prescott Lakes Association Board of Directors Bob Sisley addressed Council stating they are concerned with access to the development. He stated that Astoria Phase I is a gated community which is connected to Astoria Phase II adding that Smoke Tree extension would be a city street and asked if the subdivision conveys to the Plan would it then be conveyed to the Association. There was a proposal to do away with the roundabout in Astoria and have Smoke Tree go directly into the new Subdivision which the Association is opposed to. Finally, according to their bylaws, they need to have Association approval first before Council can approve this unless that is addressed between this and final platting to make sure they meet the declarations.

City Attorney Joseph Young responded the city does not enforce the community ordinances or CC&Rs, the issues related to access are important and will come forward with the final plat. Before Council today is the preliminary plat and line assessments.

Mayor Goode stated that road concerns can be addressed during final plats.

Mr. Sisley said they are in support of this but do have some concerns that they need to work out with the developer. They are ok if there is no gate but want to ensure that the roundabout remains.

Ms. Dewitt said Council is looking at the preliminary plat, lot lines etc.

Councilwoman Cantelme asked if they have discussed a breakaway gate.

Mr. Sisley said they have not. He understands this will all be ironed out but they would like to be involved in the discussions.

Mr. Kraxbergersaid they are happy to have discussions with the Board and sort that all out.

Councilwoman Cantelme left the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY TO APPROVE ITEM 11.D.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [6 – 0].

E. SITE22-014 & WSA22-033: Site Plan Review & Water Service Application for a 209 Unit Apartment Complex on Approximately 13.9 Acres. Zoning: MF-M (Multi-Family-
Medium Density). Property Owner: The Tanbic Company. Applicant: Granite Basin Engineering. Location: APN 103-20-596S, Southwest Corner of Gateway Boulevard and Palmer Lane.

Community Planner Tammy Dewitt provided a presentation to Council regarding the proposed development. Buildings 1-8 will be three stories and buildings 9-11 will be two stories. This development will be located on newly constructed Palmer Lane, and density is allowed within the zoning district. All agencies and departments have reviewed this, and it meets all criteria. There will be two access points with adequate parking and circulation throughout the development. Both Planning & Zoning Commission and the Water Issues Subcommittee have unanimously recommended approval.

Ms. Dewitt added that with regard to the water, in accordance with the city's policy if more than 50% of the water budget is requested the applicant must ask for appeal of the rule. This will be 29-acre feet per year (AFY) and the developer has submitted an appeal which the Water Subcommittee voted to approve.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked the developer to explain water usage and the development.

Developer Tanner Bickelhaupt addressed Council, commenting that he developed Winfield at the Ranch as well. They ran a study of usage at that location and everything that is used requires low flow and green where possible which will be the case at Palmer too. Winfield's typical water usage is 7.5 AFY and this will be similar. He estimates this will use 10-15 AFY at Palmer because it is more units.

Councilman Moore asked if the units would have individual meters. He also commented that a Workforce Housing Committee has been formed and what will the price point be on these.

Mr. Bickelhaupt responded that the buildings will be individually metered, and residents will be responsible for their own water. These will be workforce housing, as they take the average income and do a multiplier to that or put another way, can the people providing goods and services be able to afford to live where they are providing goods and services. Based on this location, these homes would qualify as workforce housing. He continued stating that there is large diversification in this area and average income is $101,000/year. Each building will have an elevator and average unit size is slightly larger than Winfield at the Ranch.

Councilman Tenney asked if there is a pool, and he also stated that it is good that it is next to the mall which will help revitalize that area and stated that as the number of apartments in town increases it will help the rates.

Mr. Bickelhaupt confirmed.

Mayor Goode stated this is the right development, in the right location at the right time.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya commented that people get to a period of retirement where they don't want to take care of a home anymore and this fits that bill as well, which will make more opportunity for other opportunities at other apartments.

Councilman Sischka thanked the developers for revitalizing the mall.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTOYA TO APPROVE SITE014; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [6 – 0].

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTOYA TO APPROVE WSA22-033; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [6 – 0].

F. SITE22-017 & WSA22-026: Site Plan Review & Water Service Application for a 81,600 Square-Foot Building with Leasable Suites on Approximately 4.0 Acres. Zoning: IL (Industrial Light). Property Owner: Investment Potential LLC. Applicant: NCC Prescott. Location: APNs 102-03-046 thru 102-03-049, 2218 Cirrus Drive.

Community Planner Tammy Dewitt provided a presentation regarding the proposed development for industrial uses. This property is located next to the airport and will require all necessary approvals. Fire has reviewed and approved the site plan. This development will combine four lots into one lot and will have an 81,600 square foot metal building with suites for lease, extra parking will be provided as well to meet any future needs. Planning & Zoning Commission and the Water Issues Subcommittee have also both recommended unanimously for approval.

Mayor Goode asked if landscaping requirements had been modified would that have dropped them below 1 AFY and if tenants will be leased tenants. He feels this will be a beneficial development for the area.

Ms. Dewitt responded that it may have, but that can also create heat island effect, need something on the ground to mitigate that issue. She confirmed that the tenants will be lease tenants.

Councilman Moore asked if there is a way in the future to require that these types of buildings use solar.

Ms. Dewitt said it could be looked at but would be difficult to make it a requirement due to the costs.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MOORE TO APPROVE SITE22-017; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED [6 – 0].

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO APPROVE WSA22-026; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY: PASSED [6 – 0].

G. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-129 with WSP (Formerly Wood Environmental) for Design and Related Engineering Services for the Watson Lake Water Enhancement Project in the Amount of $108,870.00. Funding Is Available in the Aquifer Protection Fund.

Environmental Coordinator Matt Killeen provided a presentation to Council regarding the enhancement project. Watson Lake has been identified by the Arizona Department of

Environmental Quality with total maximum daily load (TMDL) that prescribes reductions to the body of water. Issues with phosphorus and aeration repairs and this project will help to address the issues in these design considerations and is consistent with recreational setting of the area. This project will also include fish barrier construction for bio control for production of weeds.

Councilman Moore asked if when Watson Lake overfills and there isn't a channel anymore would there have to be a barrier adjustment in that situation.

Mr. Killeen responded that a consideration would be to go backwards and look at a place where there is already a spill, for example Industrial Way, and update that area rather than reinventing the wheel.

Mayor Goode asked about the fish species that will be used.

Mr. Killeen stated that this is certified sterile and won't have a huge breeding population in case of upstream migration and is used commonly in this type of mitigation program. This is just design and engineering; construction will be phased in and will be at or under five months.

Councilmember Rusing commented that she is thrilled we are doing these ecofriendly options.

Councilman Moore asked if the fish can be caught or if they are catch and release.

Mr. Killeen responded they are vegetarians so it might be difficult, but they can be fished.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE ITEM 11.G.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: PASSED [6 – 0].

H. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-137 with Priority Ambulance to Provide Dispatch Services for Emergency Medical Services & Transport Through the Prescott Regional Communications Center (PRCC).

Police Chief Amy Bonney provided a presentation to Council regarding the proposed contract which is a new opportunity for a public-private partnership. Priority Ambulance is new to our area and they want to provide dispatch services. She sees this as an opportunity to enhance services and keep our community even safer. This will not require additional staff or work on behalf of staff, but will provided an opportunity to provide better service. For police and fire there will be an offset of annual costs.

Mayor Goode commented that this is a great development, the city has always had one Certificate of Necessity and trying to negotiate adequate vehicles and response times has been a challenge. Having a second provider will lower costs, provide better service, and assure the public that our response times will be good.

Mr. Young responded that this doesn't change our contract for ambulance services.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSINGTO APPROVE ITEM 11.H.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: PASSED [6 – 0].

I. Discussion for Review and Approval of the City of Prescott 2023 Strategic Plan.

Interim City Manager Tyler Goodman provided a presentation to Council regarding the 2023 Strategic Plan. Following meetings with Barry Aarons, revisions have been updated and staff input has been received. He reviewed the redline version of the Strategic Plan for Council.

Councilmember Rusing said she is proud of the work that has been done on this but feels the Mission and Vision needs some refreshing. She made specific suggestions to language changes for the Vision and Mission.

Councilman Tenney said the Vision and Mission could use some updating but doesn't feel this is the best time to do that. Typically, a fair amount of time should go into that and perhaps a Study Session would be appropriate.

Mr. Goodman reiterated that this doesn't have a hard deadline, we will post to the website after approval, but it could be discussed further and updated at any time.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya echoed Councilman Tenney's comments. Would suggest a Vision and Mission workshop for the new City Manager. The language is a bit hokey but would like to revisit at a future time.

Councilman Sischka commented that he doesn't feel the city needs a Vision and Mission to do what we do. Everyone does what they can for Prescott and that is what's important.

Mayor Goode concurred; the strategic bullet points are far more important. He feels the city needs to have more customer and citizen surveys and continue to emphasis that our airport is a regional asset. Additionally, now that PSPRS has sunset it is important to keep in mind that the investment team responsible has significantly underperformed their net return, and both pension systems underperformed where they should.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO APPROVE ITEM 11.I.; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTOYA: PASSED [6 – 0].

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goode commented that he recently attended Edwin Perry's memorial service. Mr. Perry passed on November 17 and was a substantial member of our community. He attended every Council meeting for years and continued to watch from home until weeks before he passed. He asked for a moment of silence to recognize Mr. Perry.

Quote: "We have found in our country that when people have the right to make decisions as close to home as possible they usually make the right decisions" - Ronald Reagan

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

PHILIP R. GOODE, 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 January 24, 2023. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17 day of February, 2023.

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Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk