



City of Prescott

City Council - Voting Meeting

July 25, 2023 | 3:00 PM
201 N Montezuma Street
City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Goode welcomed the Korean War veterans present in the audience.

Mayor Pro Tem Montya commented on his ongoing outreach efforts and stated that Tuesday, August 1st at 1 pm he will do a Facebook Live event and Open Hours from 3 pm - 5 pm on August 1 and August 15 at the Prescott Public Library. He added that the City will conduct an Open House for the 2025 General Plan on Wednesday, August 30 at the Adult Center, and citizens can visit planprescott.com for additional information.

He also congratulated newly appointed Public Works Director Gwen Rowitsch who has been with the City of Prescott since 2007, and has over 30 years of experience in Public Service. Finally, Mayor Pro Tem Montoya congratulated Finance Director Mark Woodfill and the entire Finance Department for being awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association.

3. INVOCATION - Pastor Dan Hurlbert with Prescott United Methodist

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Tenney

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. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Korean War Veterans Armistice Day - July 27

Mayor Goode presented the Proclamation recognizing the 70th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War.

Prescott Korean War Veterans Association Chapter President John McKinney thanked Mayor Goode and recognized the local veterans present in the audience

that are part of the local chapter which is one of 100 remaining in the United States.

7. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Sylvia Ximi addressed Council as a resident of Prescott who grew up here. She is a founding member of House of Hues, serves as President and this is part of giving back to the Community. They provide a safe space for individuals and celebrate a wide variety including art, photography, pride festival and shows. There has been misinformation spread about this event, including sale of alcohol. Wants to provide a safe community to the queer here, she thanked everyone who provides support to House of Hues.

B. Hedda Fay addressed Council stating she was in attendance at the event at Suzy's on June 24th, as a healthcare professional in the community, she helped with a booth there. This was a family-friendly event. There was no alcohol served at the event. She has been watching drag for over 40 years as many people have, Bugs Bunny/Mrs. Doubtfire/Eddie Murphy in Nutty Professor and Some Like it Hot. It is a reminder of the time when women weren't able to take the stage and dance or sing. "DRAG" is dressed as a girl. The Pride event was beautiful and filled with love and community.

C. Sundrop Carter addressed Council as a lifelong resident of Prescott, who moved back about a year and a half ago. She has been so encouraged to see the myriad of family-friendly events that celebrate diversity and pride during the month of June here in the community. She hopes all community leaders publicly support these types of events and organizations, like House of Hues so Prescott can continue to be everybody's hometown.

D. Ron Owsley addressed Council and read a statement from Steve Pearce withdrawing the Save the Rodeo Petition. They were merely meant to serve as a show of support for the Rodeo in this community.

E. Anne Marie Ward addressed Council regarding the State Route 89 widening proposal. As a resident adjacent to the corridor, she is concerned regarding the project. However, she is grateful for staff and members of Council who have spent a great deal of time meeting with her family and the community to address their concerns. She is grateful and encouraged by this process and the project as well. This has been a very positive experience.

F. Tony Hamer addressed Council regarding expenses at the New City Hall building and where the \$10 million project stands, feels the status of the project should be reviewed. He reviewed his calculated expenses for the building.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8.A. THROUGH 8.F.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED (7 - 0)

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 11, 2023 Voting Meeting.

- B. Approval of the July 2023 Through December 2023 Residential & Non-Residential Water Budgets in Accordance with the 2022 Water Management Policy.
- C. Adoption of Multiple Resolutions Related to School Resource Officer (SRO) Services IGAs as Follows: 1) Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1858 Approving City Contract No. 2024-039 with Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) for SRO Services at Mile High Middle School; and 2) Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1860 Approving City Contract No. 2024-047 with PUSD for SRO Services at Prescott High School. Funding is Available in the General Fund with a 75% Contribution from PUSD.
- D. Approval to Auction Items at Surplus Auction with Harris Auction.
- E. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-229 with the Prescott Historical Society to Provide Services to Sharlot Hall Museum and Associated Buildings. Funding is Available Through Transient Occupancy (Bed) Tax Funds.
- F. Approval of City Contract No. 2023-068A8, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2023-068 with Ridgeline Builders LLC for Second Floor Improvements at 201 N Montezuma Street (New City Hall) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,069,373.02. Funding is Available in the General Fund.

9. CONSENT ORDINANCE

- A. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1835 Approving the Granting of an APS Easement.
MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1835; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: PASSED (7 - 0)
- B. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1836 Approving the Acceptance of Various Waterline Easements for the City's Juniper/Karen Waterline Project.
MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1836; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCKHA: PASSED (7 - 0)

10. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1862 Regarding Consideration of a Petition Submitted to Council on June 13, 2023.
City Manager Katie Gregory introduced the item which was continued from the July 11, 2023 Council Voting Meeting. At that time, the Council voted to allow staff to return to the petitioners to work with them, and put together a more refined resolution. Since that time, staff met with the petitioners and have revised their proposal with the included resolution. This meets the intent of the petition, which was to ensure a sufficient amount of public input and participation in the process. She reviewed the resolution exhibit which outlines the process for all upcoming public meetings related to any Master Plan, Site Plan Submittals or

proposed re-zones. Ms. Gregory reminded Council that this is a minimal process and additional meetings could be added in the future if that is the desire of Council or the public.

Mayor Goode commented that the goal of taking additional time on this was to clarify the language that was originally presented, there is a difference between public meetings and public hearings, primarily how those are noticed and any additional outreach required. There will be seven total meetings, two of which will be public hearings which will lead to a great deal of transparency and public input and participation.

Councilman Moore asked about the zoning of the property and the fact that the city owns it. He asked if the responsibility falls to the city to initiate any rezoning of the property as he was confused by language in the resolution regarding that.

Ms. Gregory responded that the current site has underlying zoning that is not for the Rodeo, so the city would intend to rezone the property simultaneously with the proposed Master Plan and the rodeo would be a co-applicant.

Community Development Director Chelsea Walton added that rezoning as a Specially Planned Community would lock in the site-plan and be the city's preference.

Councilmember Rusing stated that she believes based on the public input Council has heard, everyone is supportive of the Rodeo and improvements to the property. However, they do not want an expansion.

Ms. Gregory responded that a rezone would require an understanding of the entire Master Plan, but it is possible to move forward through the site plan process in a phased manner.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked about public meetings versus public hearings and how the public meetings Prescott Frontier Days (PFD) may host would potentially be impacted.

City Attorney Joseph Young said there will be seven total public meetings, two of which will be public hearings.

Ms. Gregory responded that any of PFDs meetings would be done in their purview. This resolution and schedule applies to city meetings that are part of the application process for rezoning and any Site Plan or Master Plan.

Councilman Tenney asked how the process outlined in the proposed resolution differs from the typical city process.

Ms. Gregory responded that this resolution would require two additional Study Sessions/Public Meetings outside of the usual city process, all of the other meetings included in the exhibit are already part of the city standards.

Councilman Sischka stated that he believes PFD is open to getting as much

public input as possible and everyone wants to do what is best for the whole and preserving the city's western heritage.

Councilwoman Cantelme stated that she has received many emails and phone calls about this topic. She asked about how PFD feels about keeping the public involved throughout the process and what the status is of the Master Plan.

Mr. Young responded that he is reluctant to get into the status of percentage of the Master Plan as that is not what is agendized today.

Mayor Goode said there is much more actual planning to see rather than the conceptual grand vision and as the Council, staff and PFD work through all the stages of the process there will be a better picture of what is reasonable. The intention here is to create something that will allow the public input that is desired.

Councilwoman Cantelme added that the public has to be aware of every step in the various phases of the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked if an additional public meeting could be added along the way.

Ms. Gregory confirmed this is the minimum of what will occur and more could certainly be added if necessary.

Mayor Goode agreed.

Councilmember Rusing stated that the term "expansion" is for the number of events and not the footprint itself. The proposal would be for more events year around.

Councilman Sischa added that there are already a lot of events at the Rodeo Grounds so that is a moot point. At this point, the discussion will be more of what type of equestrian style events this location can handle with an enhanced facility.

Member of the public Howard Mechanic addressed Council and stated that he appreciated this being considered. He commented that he is concerned about the public meetings conducted by PFD and ensuring that they are advertised properly and the public isn't limited in their ability to participate in them. Mr. Mechanic added that there is confusion about who would apply for the rezoning and the fact that changes could be made along the way, he feels the city should be in control.

Mr. Young commented that this resolution is not the original resolution from the petition. Staff has worked with the petition on this and they are here if the Council would like to hear from them.

Co-Petitioner Deb Thalasis addressed the Council stating that both the petitioners are in concurrence with the proposed resolution. She thanked the staff who sat down to make the document clearer and smoother. She also thanked the Council for the transparency and feels this will be good to allow the community to

come together to discuss.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1862; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: PASSED (7 - 0)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Quote: "America belongs to we the people; it does not belong to congress, it does not belong to special interest groups, it does not belong to the courts. It belongs to we the people" - John Jay

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 4:07 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 July 25, 2023. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

