



# City of Prescott

## City Council - Voting Meeting

August 8, 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 3:04 pm

#### 2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya commented that the city is currently working on the 2025 General Plan Updates, staff will host an Open House and informational meeting on Wednesday, August 30 from 3-7 pm at the Adult Center. Additionally, the city invites citizens to visit the virtual meeting room for the SR89 Widening Project to learn more and provide feedback. The virtual meeting room is linked on the city website at [prescott-az.gov](https://prescott-az.gov). He also thanked the County and City Clerk's Office for a successful Primary Election and congratulated all duly elected candidates and incumbents. Finally, Mayor Pro Tem Montoya recognized Sister City Caborca Mexico for their award from Sister Cities International.

#### 3. INVOCATION – Jim Densmore with Solid Rock Christian Fellowship

#### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Goode

#### 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. Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) Extraordinary Employer Support Award Presentation

Representative Patrick Kuykendall provided a presentation recognizing the city's accomplishment in receiving the Extraordinary Employer Support Award from ESGR for promoting cooperation and understanding to reserve employees. The city has gone above and beyond with employee military programs, and is being honored through this national recognition in its excellence in support of their employees.

## 7. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Eleventh Annual HopeFest Arizona - August 19, 2023

Organizer Jaye Lene Long thanked the Mayor & Council for the Proclamation and discussed the event.

Mayor Goode presented the Proclamation.

## 8. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Will Fisher with Sister City Caborca addressed Council regarding the recognition received by Sister Cities International as the Best Overall Program in the US award received by Sister Cities International. He introduced all of the students who are members of Sister Cities and students at an English language institute in Caborca.

B. Gerre Haran Founder of LGB Patriots addressed Council regarding his nonpartisan organization and stated that they feel "queer" is an egregious slur for gay individuals. He commented that individuals who addressed Council during the last meeting with House of Hues are using "rainbow pride indoctrination".

C. Luci Wheat First Vice Chair of the Yavapai County Republican Committee, addressed Council regarding her rejection of the House of Hues rainbow pride agenda. She requested that city ordinances related to these matters be enforced.

D. Sam Boyles addressed Council regarding development in the community and how it is impacting the power grid and water supply here, as well as Council's responsibility to face God.

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA

### **MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9.A. THROUGH 9.G., EXCLUDING ITEMS 9.E. AND 9.F.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 25, 2023 Executive Session and the July 25, 2023 Voting Meeting.
- B. Approval of Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Contract for the City Clerk Due to Scriveners Error.
- C. Approval of City Contract No. 2024-049 with Arizona Public Service, Inc. for the Intermediate Pump Station Power Conduit Service Extension in the Amount of \$72,289.28. Funding is Budgeted and Available in the Water Fund.
- D. Approval for the City of Prescott Police Department to Apply for Various FY2024 Grant Funding Opportunities.
- E. Approval of City Contract No. 2024-062 with IronClad Environmental Solutions for the Emergency Procurement for Equipment & Services for Wastewater Bypass in

an Amount not to Exceed \$300,000.00. Funding is Available in the Wastewater Fund.

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

City Manager Katie Gregory stated that this Item is an emergency procurement for an ongoing issue that Public Works is trying to address.

Utilities Manager Steve Olfers commented that the bypass had a failure near the Prescott Lakes lift station, repairs have been made and will be finalized in order to keep sewage out of Willow Lake.

Mayor Goode commented that he was approached by several citizens who wondered what was happening in the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya commented that he also received inquiries about this and it is good that we are addressing this and the pipe will not remain permanently.

Councilman Moore asked if any of the leaking sewage went into the lake.

Mr. Olfers responded that the majority was caught at the site and they were able to address quickly.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MOORE TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2024-062; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- F. Approval of City Contract No. 2024-063 with Fann Environmental for the Purchase & Installation of Arsenic Media Equipment Change-out at Airport Well #3, in the Amount of \$155,182.00. Funding is Budgeted and Available in the Water Fund.

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

Mayor Goode commented that this is an ongoing effort to reduce the level of arsenic in the potable water source and wanted staff to address what is being done.

Utilities Manager Steve Olfers responded that staff are able to blend out arsenic through techniques but this location requires on-site media to address the arsenic in the well. This product will continue removing arsenic for several additional years. This is an advanced process and staff are working toward further understanding of it.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TENNEY TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2024-063; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- G. Approval of City Contract No. 2024-058 with FX Tactical, LLC for the Purchase of Duty Equipment & Uniforms Using City of Peoria Contract #ACON10021 & ACON10021A Renewal Per Cooperative Purchasing Section 4 in the Amount of \$56,000.00. Funding is Budgeted and Available in the Police Department Budget.

## 10. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1864, Approving City Contract No. 2024-057, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Yavapai County Flood Control District for Reimbursement of Design and Construction Cost Related to Various Drainage Improvement Projects in the City of Prescott for FY2024.

City Manager Katie Gregory introduced the annual IGA with the Yavapai County Flood Control District and Water Resource & Environmental Services Manager Brian Ruiz to provide a presentation.

Mr. Ruiz addressed Council regarding the Resolution and contract which supports planning, designing, construction, and maintenance of flood control improvements for local agencies. The funds can be used on a variety of projects within the city to mitigate flood issues. This fiscal year the focus will be on the Yavapai Hills/Hornet Drive project, Merrit/Lincoln Improvements and a few others. While these are the focus, additional projects can be added if necessary.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1864; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- B. Approval of City Contract No. 2024-040 with Deccan International for Public Safety Software Solution for Automating Fire Engine Coverage in the Amount of \$173,960.26. Funding is Budgeted and Available in the General Fund.

City Manager Katie Gregory introduced Fire Chief Holger Durre to provide a presentation regarding the software which will automate Fire Engine Coverage and provide predictive analytics for the city.

Chief Durre addressed the Council and recognized CAFMA Chief Scott Freitag, Police Chief Amy Bonney Fire Engineer Jason Heartisan and Police Administrator Jim DeLung who were also present in support of this item as well.

Strategic Plan Priorities:

- \* Find innovative and technology-based solutions to reduce response times
- \* Increase efficiency
- \* Focus on firefighter wellness

Current State:

- \* Dispatchers "move-up" engines throughout the shift to cover areas that don't have readily available units
- \* This is based on a static matrix and dispatcher experience
- \* Creates vehicle movement that increases cost, impacts workload and no longer creates the intended response time impact

Proposed State:

- \* Software that connects to our computer-aided dispatch system and uses predictive analytics based on incident data, current traffic patterns, overall system demand to optimize recommendations for system coverage

Chief Durre discussed several case studies that have successfully utilized this

system, including Johnson County, KS and Contra Costa County, CA.

Additional Benefits:

- \* Dispatcher workload decreased and increased situational awareness
- \* Increased involvement of battalion chiefs in system
- \* Cultural shift toward "smarter, not harder"
- \* Maximize all reasonable parts of the system to be a reasonable steward of resources in light of anticipated capital investments

Implementation:

- \* 2-3 months to implement software, up to 12 months for full integration
- \* Partners - PRCC, CAFMA and IT
- \* Cost and Funding - originally approved in FY23 budget and funding available in FY24 Fire Capital Improvements budget
- \* Year 1 - \$173,960.26
- \* Year 2 (maintenance, support fees, and user license fees) - \$52,270.28
- \* PRCC is the purchasing entity and CAFMA will be invoiced 50% of all costs

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked if there is an application for the Police Department on this as well.

Chief Durre responded that this is specialized for Fire and there is not one for Police as of yet. He added that only one police department in the US uses something similar.

Councilwoman Cantelme asked how finite the data that can be extrapolated from this system is.

Chief Durre responded that the system will adjust and adapt over time based on calls and the dynamic of the community. This isn't quite AI, it is static algorithms, but it does provide very useful information for the department to provide better service.

Mayor Goode commented that this is not a cheap program and asked if the ambulance providers would also be assisting with costs. He also asked if traffic data can be incorporated in for improved response times.

Chief Durre responded that at this time it is only fire aggregate data, but eventually ambulance calls and data may be included as well, which would further the efficiency of the system.

Engineer Heartisan responded that the system uses web-based browsers to integrate and access the CAD data as well as pulling response times based on area, time of day etc.

Chief Durre added that they will take pre-implementation data and base that on strategic measuring points over the next year to include in their update to the Council a clear metric on how effective and efficient this system is. This will also play a part in the city's accreditation process. Move-ups is an easy metric to evaluate.

Councilman Tenney asked for an overview of the breakdown of payments.

Chief Durre responded that it is a two-year contract and discussed how each cost is broken down.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked if partnering agencies determined they did not want to continue with the program, would the city be able to continue with it?

Chief Durre stated that as more partners come in, costs would be reduced.

CAFMA Chief Freitag added that the two agencies are really one despite the different names, everything each does impacts the other and this software is vitally important to both. They are working on joint standards of cover with the City of Prescott currently and making sure that these metrics can be properly measured and evaluated will allow success for both agencies moving forward.

Mayor Goode commented that he does not see any cap on the price agreement in the contract, he is concerned about that.

Chief Durre responded that this is something they would look closely at when it is time to renew if they determine it is appropriate to do that. He feels that a slight increase would be to be expected but if it outpaces that 3-5% expectation it would be reevaluated.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked if there is a way to work with Finance on what the cost savings are as we evaluate this product to see how paying for the program is actually benefiting the department and the city.

**MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTOYA TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2024-040; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- C. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1832 Establishing the City Court Assessment Fee and Amending Prescott City Code Title II, Chapter 2-1, Section 2-7-4. City Attorney Joseph Young thanked Judge Padilla for being present today and introduced Assistant City Attorney Alane Moore who handles the prosecution cases for the city. The legal department has identified a deficiency in staffing related to city legal services and has identified the proposed fee to offset these issues. The fee has been posted on the city website.

Court Assessment Fee:

- \* Assessment/user/supervision/enhancement fee are ordered by the judge to cover the disposition of the case and services
- \* Range from \$10 to \$100
- \* Aids in covering court, legal and administrative expenses
- \* Charged to defendants convicted of a crime

Misconceptions:

- \* Paid by taxpayers - only paid by those convicted of a crime
- \* Paid by defendants
- \* Unnecessary payment - rising costs necessitate increased sources of funding

for staff, technology and administration

City Assessment Fee:

- \* \$75 per resolved case
- \* Applies after the defendant has been convicted
- \* Split between the city attorney's office and the court (\$35 to court, \$40 to city attorney's office)
- \* Comparative Fees in the Region - Prescott Valley \$25, Chino Valley \$40, Sedona \$50, Dewey-Humboldt \$79

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked if the diversion program participants would pay this fee.

Ms. Moore responded they would not.

Rising Cases Means Rising Costs:

- \* July 2020-Jun 2021 - 3869 filings, 3308 dispositions would have resulted in \$248,100 in revenue
- \* July 2021 - June 2022 - 4814 filings, 4344 dispositions (24% increase) would have resulted in \$325,800 in revenue
- \* July 2022 - June 2023 - 5125 filings, 4737 dispositions (6.5% increase) would have resulted in \$347,775 in revenue

Councilmember Rusing commented on how alarming the rising number of cases is for Prescott.

Ms. Moore responded that there is a backlog coming off of COVID and that will result in more cases over the next year. Additionally, criminal speeding and hit and runs fall under these categories, which increase the numbers as well.

Judge Padilla addressed the Council and thanked Mr. Young for bringing this forward. He added that Ms. Moore has a significant volume of cases and does a great job balancing them all. These fees are unrestricted monies, so the court and city attorney's office can spend the money on a variety of things that will help expedite the processes in court. He added that domestic violence and drug cases have increased as well.

Mayor Goode asked if the Veterans Court has been established.

Judge Padilla responded that it has not yet, but he plans for a November start.

Mr. Young added the court and the city attorney's office are very understaffed and he believes this program will help to offset that and hopefully get additional staff eventually.

Councilman Tenney asked what would happen if someone could not or does not pay the fee.

Mr. Young responded that it would be the same consequence of not paying any other fine. No criminal revocation just sent to collections.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1832; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SISCHKA: PASSED (7 - 0)**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Quote: "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it's the responsibility of every American to be informed." - Thomas Jefferson

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

  
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PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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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 August 8, 2023. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
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Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

