



City of Prescott

City Council - Voting Meeting

January 23, 2024 | 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 Pro Tem Cantelme announced that the Council Subcommittee on Appointments is seeking applications for terms ending this Spring on the following BCCs: Board of Adjustment, Building Safety Advisory & Appeals Board, CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee, Fire Board of Appeals, IDA Board, Pedestrian Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission, Prescott Preservation Commission, and PSPRS Boards. Deadline to file applications is Friday, January 26th.

3. INVOCATION - Rich Stoffan with Pinerock

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme

5. ROLL CALL

Phil Goode - Mayor
Connie Cantelme - Mayor Pro Tem
Lois Fruhwirth - Councilwoman
Ted Gambogi - Councilman
Brandon Montoya - Councilman
Eric Moore - Councilman
Cathey Rusing - Councilmember

6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation for National Downwinders Remembrance Day - January 27
Downwinder Advocate Sherrie Hanna provided a presentation to the Council regarding Downwinders and National Downwinders Remembrance Day.

Military & Veterans Affairs Director Jeff Timm with Congressman Eli Crane's Office read a letter from the Congressman in support of advocacy for Downwinders.

7. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- A. Joanne Oellers President of Save the Dells addressed the Council regarding the organization's issues with the proposed widening of Highway 89. The blasting of the Dells would be an irreversible disaster, creating a highway into Prescott.

B. Bonnie McMinn addressed the Council regarding a proposed Resolution and Petition with signatures that were collected over the last several weeks. She read the resolution related to the proposed projects through the Dells on Highway 89 and submitted to City Clerk.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 8.A.; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (7 - 0)

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the January 9, 2024 Executive Session, the January 9, 2024 Study Session, the January 9, 2024 Voting Meeting, and the January 12, 2024 Executive Session.

9. CONSENT ORDINANCE

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO ADOPT CONSENT ORDINANCE ITEM 9.A.; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (7 - 0)

- A. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-1853 Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to Lease Agreement Between the City of Prescott and Zion's Bank Corporation, DBA National Bank of Arizona.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PRESCOTT AND ZION'S BANK CORPORATION, DBA NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA

10. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Approval of Request to Apply for the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) Grant.
Special Projects Coordinator & Executive Assistant Amber Fraser provided a presentation to Council regarding the grant application to ADOH for up to \$200,000 per applicant. She stated that priority will be given to jurisdictions like Prescott who have never implemented a workforce housing plan in the past.

Eligible Activities:

- * Conducting a housing needs assessment
- * Identify housing initiatives to reduce housing barriers and increase the production of housing
- * Create an action plan to implement the initiatives
- * Institute an education plan for public outreach
- * Housing plan must be adopted and commitment must be made to implement the plan

Aligning with Workforce Housing Committee Goals:

- * Determining current and future needs
- * Creation of initiatives and funding opportunities for workforce and workforce housing

* Education plans related to workforce housing

Timeline:

* January 31 - filing deadline

* February 12 - anticipated scoring and review panel

* February 29 - anticipated award notice

* June 30, 2026 - committed funds must be expended by this date

Councilman Montoya asked about contingencies of the grant award and moving forward with adopting a plan.

Ms. Fraser confirmed that if funding is received, an assessment to create a future plan would have to be done. This would likely go to a contract employee dedicated to working on these proposals.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented that the Committee has been working on these issues for a year now and added that one of the greatest needs is the workers and employees for the hospital. This is a moving target and will require a lot of research.

Councilman Gambogi commented that the last two General Plans (2005 and 2015) both called for affordable housing, and yet it still doesn't really exist in Prescott. This goes beyond hospital employees and covers police officers, firefighters and teachers who should have affordable housing and be able to live in the community they serve. He asked if there are any catches associated with the grant.

Ms. Fraser responded that obtaining the grant does require the city to complete the requirements of the grant award. She reminded the Council that each applicant could get up to \$200,000 and the distribution amounts will depend on the number of jurisdictions who are awarded funds.

Councilmember Rusing commented on the importance of solving this problem, and stated that she supports applying for the grant. She reiterated that this is not homeless housing, it is workforce housing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MOORE TO APPROVE ADOH GRANT APPLICATION; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MONTOYA: PASSED (7 - 0)

- B. Approval of City Contract 2024-154 for the Purchase of One (1) Grounds Master 4500 Mower, Two (2) Greensmaster 3250-D, Two (2) Reelmaster 5510-D, and Two (2) ProCore 648s from Simpson Norton in the Amount of \$469,988.57 Using Mohave Contract No. 20E-SNC-0825. Funding is Budgeted and Available in the Golf Course Fund.

Recreation Services Director Joe Baynes provided a presentation to Council regarding the deferred maintenance at the municipal golf course that staff has been working to address over the last several years. He is aware this is a big number and a lot of equipment, but it is necessary. The last major equipment purchase was in 2007, and since 2015 rounds have increased significantly.

Councilman Montoya commented that this is an amenity for our community and

these improvements to equipment seem necessary if the community is going to have a municipal golf course. He asked about the golf course functioning as its own enterprise fund.

Mr. Baynes responded that the city has really closed that gap and in general, the subsidies from the course have covered their expenses.

Councilman Gambogi asked for confirmation regarding the age of the equipment, and stated that Prescott does a wonderful job with its golf course which is one of the premier opportunities for the area.

Mr. Baynes responded that the equipment is approximately 17 years old.

Mayor Goode echoed the Council's comments and discussed the importance of maintaining a good municipal golf course.

Member of the public Patrick Kuykendall addressed the Council in support of the equipment purchase and golf course maintenance. He stated that the community should thank previous Council's for recruiting Joe Baynes from the private sector and for all of his work with the city.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2024-154; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)

C. Approval of Appointment of an Interim City Manager.

Deputy City Manager Tyler Goodman addressed Council and stated that both of the options provided for them were discussed in Executive Sessions.

HR Director Branden Nunez added that the Council has been provided with two options: 1. Appointment of an internal interim candidate or 2. Utilize a placement service based in Scottsdale to find an external interim candidate at a fee of \$1,900 retainer for three candidates to consider. Salary is dependent upon qualifications and should the candidate selected come from the placement services there are weekly fees and reimbursements in addition to salary for the candidate.

Councilman Gambogi commented that there is really a third option because it would be all of the above so the Council can consider the candidates from the placement firm and Mr. Baynes.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth stated that the Council has an obligation to perform due diligence and consider all options. Signing the \$1,900 contract to look at external candidates would be beneficial.

Councilman Moore stated that he strongly supports appointing Joe Baynes as the Interim City Manager. He is an internal candidate that interacts with all city departments and the community, he would represent the city well. He will support looking at IPM candidates, but he strongly recommends Mr. Baynes.

Councilmember Rusing commented that this is a business decision and the city needs a professional business manager. She supports option 2 of entering into

an agreement with IPM.

Mayor Goode echoed the importance of looking at all the options. Selecting what is the best available isn't always the best way to do it. He has been on the phone with the Governor's office regarding signing off on the Charter Amendments, one of which relates to the conditions of the City Manager's employment. The Council needs an unbiased candidate with experience in City Management.

Motion to enter into a retainer agreement with IPM for an Interim City Manager. and option to consider Joe Baynes with the other candidates.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme asked if Mr. Baynes could be part of the consideration of candidates from IPM.

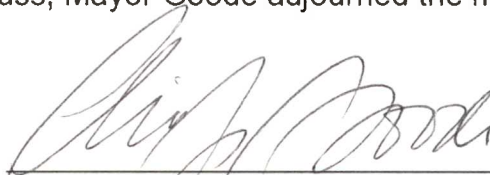
City Attorney Joseph Young confirmed. He stated that option two does not preclude the Council from selecting Mr. Baynes at a future meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IPM TO HIRE A TEMPORARY INTERIM CITY MANAGER THROUGH THEIR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CONSIDER THE CANDIDACY OF RECREATION SERVICES DIRECTOR JOE BAYNES AS WELL; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (6 - 1) COUNCILMAN MONTOYA DISSENTING

11. ADJOURNMENT

Quote: "Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." - John Quincy Adams

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 4:04 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 23, 2024. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

