



City of Prescott

City Council - Voting Meeting

February 27, 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 commented that the Prescott Tourism Office is now accepting TAC Grants through April 5, 2024 for FY25 and reviewed the important dates for the grant process. She added that the Public Works Department has begun installation of water circulatory machines at Watson Lake to help reduce algae blooms in the lake. Additionally, the Subcommittee on Appointments is seeking applications for IDA and Building & Safety Advisory and Appeals Board.

3. INVOCATION – Councilman Moore

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Gambogi

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. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Recognition of Robin Sobotta

Mayor Goode and Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme presented the Proclamation.

7. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Lewis Rowe addressed the Council regarding neurotechnology bills from two different states. He would like legislation drafted for Arizona.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MOORE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8.A. THROUGH 8.C.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MONTOYA: PASSED (7 - 0)

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 13, 2024 Executive Session, the February 13, 2024 Study Session, the February 13, 2024 Voting Meeting, the

February 14, 2024 Special Executive Session, the February 15, 2024 Strategic Planning Workshop, the February 16, 2024 Special Voting Meeting and the February 16, 2024 Strategic Planning Workshop.

- B. Approval of Night Work on Willow Creek Road North of Pioneer Parkway & South of James Lane.
- C. Approval of City Contract No. 2019-251A7, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2019-251 with the City of Phoenix for Processing of Recyclable Material Increasing the Annual Contract Amount by \$100,000.00. Funding is Budgeted & Available in the Solid Waste Fund.
- D. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-225A1, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2022-225 with Sadie Sarti Design Co. for Professional Web Design and Development Services in an Updated Amount not to Exceed \$77,500. Funding is Budgeted & Available in the IT Budget.

Councilmember Rusing pulled this item for further discussion and commented that the city is in the midst of updating the city website, and there is a great deal of information and there will also be an easier way to contact your elected officials included there. Getting public feedback is important.

IT Director Nate Keegan added that the next Study Session will include a discussion regarding the new website and its components.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2022-225A1; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (7 - 0)

9. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Council Direction to Staff to Undertake Additional Study and/or Operation of a Temporary Traffic Signal at the Gail Gardner Way and Fair Street Intersection for the Purpose of Making a Decision to Accept a Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant in the Amount of \$1,040,050 for the Construction of a New Traffic Signal.
Transportation Manager Ian Mattingly provided a presentation to Council regarding the proposed light and a grant awarded for this item.

Test & Study Materials Study Available:

- * Temporary Traffic Signal Test (Estimated \$15,000-18,000)
- * Synchro Signal Analysis (Estimated at \$15,000-20,000) using an on-call traffic engineering firm - analyzes operation of a multi-way stop and traffic signal, provides queuing distances, level-of-service comparison and vehicle delay information
- * Summary of FHWA Crash Factors (CMF) for traffic signals
- * Additional information on the traffic signal meeting warrants for installation

Councilmember Rusing asked if it would be possible to have a sensor placed so

there are not many rows waiting for an open lane with the temporary signal. She also asked if they could be set to flash.

Mr. Mattingly responded that there would be vehicle detection associated with a test light, they would be programmed to operate similarly to a permanent signal. Prioritize main line (Gail Gardner), then Fair Street then Daughtery. Things like time of day and events would also impact how the settings would be. He confirmed that they could be set to flash, staff would do that on-site.

Temporary Signal Test:

- * Temporary test for 28-days
- * Approximates future signal operation
- * Speed impact from removal of 4-way stop can be demonstrated
- * Cannot provide time of day operations
- * Setting of signal trailers may limit pedestrian and bicycle access due to limited space
- * Width 84" x length 96" trailer footprint

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented that she suggested this during the last Study Session because she has rented these for construction projects in the past, she doesn't believe we need any more data but wanted to allow the neighborhood to live with this for a few weeks and see what it was like and potentially show both sides of the issue. She commented that based on this cost she doesn't think we should do this test. This is a waste of time and a waste of money.

Councilman Gambogi said that he had a few questions but they might be moot now that Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme is withdrawing her request.

Councilmember Rusing stated that she had some concerns with this proposal, and asked if the generators would be running all night and if they are diesel.

Mr. Mattingly stated that he doesn't feel noise would be an issue, but he did not look specifically into the power structure. This is quite expensive and the tightness of the intersection causes issues as well. He added that as the grant process is concerned, that is still in limbo and they have spoken with ADOT and it can be delayed for now but are waiting for the Council to determine how they want to proceed with the IGA. Once the Council makes a decision regarding acceptance of IGA, they will take it back to the State Board who will determine whether the grant will be awarded or not.

Councilman Gambogi thanked staff for the presentation. He asked if the money is not spent at this location could it be spent elsewhere, and how is a traffic light \$1 million. He asked if it is proper to move on because Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme has withdrawn her request.

Mr. Mattingly responded that the funds are not transferable to another project or location. This is a federal grant and cost estimates are generally inflated, but there are design fees/right of way acquisition and construction.

City Attorney Joseph Young stated that action is for either a study or a temporary signal and not the IGA specifically.

Councilmember Rusing commented that she has an issue with the provision that the state would be the local agency. She feels that 99% of people are opposed to the light as far as she can tell.

Mr. Mattingly responded that the federal government identifies someone as the local agency, the city is saying that the state represents us related to the funds and act as the go-between. Staff was told that the Council wanted or needed additional information to make a decision and they now need direction. The grant is for a purpose of mitigating a traffic safety issue that met warrants, but it had not been on the city's radar specifically previously but if they want additional information there is no sense in moving forward with additional studies or discussion.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth asked if there is additional information related to the Rodeo impacting that study, because there are rumors in the community about that. She added that there would be future discussions regarding the Rodeo master plan and their traffic study separate from this issue.

Mr. Mattingly responded that they are not related, the Rodeo is conducting a traffic study related to their Master Plan but this warrant study was not related to that nor is it completed. There is no tie in on any of that. He confirmed that the transportation portion would come in the future.

Councilman Gambogi stated this is a Voting Session and not a Study Session and wanted to make a motion.

Mayor Goode said he will take public comment.

Member of the public Dave McCormack addressed the Council regarding pedestrian safety in the intersection, he doesn't see that being a problem and he goes through that intersection many times a day. He also commented on the speed down Gail Gardener and would like to see more police presence in the area.

Member of the public Sherrie Hanna addressed the Council in opposition to the traffic signal. The four-way stop works well and keeps traffic moving. Everyone in the neighborhood is against the light.

Member of the public Sue Manuel addressed the Council regarding staff doing whatever they want to do and encouraged staff to vote no on the grant funds or any further study. She asked how this area made it to the top of list, the neighborhood does not want this light.

Member of the public Sarah-Michelle Tayler addressed the Council as a twenty-five year resident of the neighborhood who is concerned about the unintended consequences of installation of a signal at this intersection. They need assistance with traffic calming in this area and not a signal and are in the process of

updating their neighborhood plan.

Member of the public Tony Hamer addressed the Council and stated this is a scene from Monty Python, there are important issues to spend an hour on for example the output of the Strategic Plan.

Member of the public Anne-Marie Tayler addressed the Council and stated that this is the only neighborhood in the city that would have a signal if this were to go through and encouraged the Council to vote no on this issue. The four-way stop has worked well for many years.

Member of the public Gwen Parker addressed the Council and echoed other public comments.

Member of the public Shannon Prehn addressed the Council in opposition to the traffic signal, she reiterated Councilman Montoya's comments regarding further study of a traffic light in this area because nobody wants it.

Councilman Gambogi stated that the light is not on the agenda, it is the study and he would like to make a motion to deny it.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI TO DENY ADDITIONAL STUDY AND /OR OPERATION OF A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT GAIL GARDNER & FAIR STREET; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)

- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1875, Approving the 2024 City Water Management Policy; and Approval of Additional Recommendations from the Mayor's Commission on Water Policy Review & Monitoring. Water Resource & Environmental Services Manager Brian Ruiz provided a presentation to the Council regarding the proposed Resolution and updated water policy.

Overview:

- * Study Session held February 13
- * Policy updated for grammar and formatting
- * Policy updated with suggested revisions from Council during the Study Session
- * No changes to the Commission's additional recommendations

Mayor Goode commented that the Resolution mentions rescinding the 2022 water policy and adopting the new 2024 policy, and he doesn't feel that is appropriate. This should be approval of amendments to the 2022 policy and reference the policy as it was originally designed. He would like to strike Section 2 under enactments on the Resolution, and added that any references related to the 2024 water policy should be stricken from the Resolution and it should be changed to 2022.

Councilmember Rusing stated that there were extensive updates to numbers and information that hadn't been fully discussed and stated that she was surprised that this was a full overhaul. The adoption of the 2022 Water Policy was historic and elements of that are still in place so she doesn't want to replace the 2022

policy either.

City Attorney Joseph Young stated that if the Council does not want a new policy the motion should be to deny this Resolution and direct staff to come back with a revised Resolution for an amendment to the 2022 Policy.

MOTION BY MAYOR GOODE TO DENY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1875 AND DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN WITH A REVISED RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 WATER POLICY; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MONTOKA: PASSED (7 - 0)

- C. Approval of City Contract No. 2024-170 with Fann Contracting, Inc., for Solid Waste Hauling Services. Funding is Available in the Solid Waste Fund. Deputy Public Works Director Janet Ramsay and Solid Waste Superintendent Brady Higgs provided a presentation to the Council regarding Solid Waste Hauling from the regional transfer station to two destinations (Gray Wolf in Dewey and City of Phoenix for recyclables). All waste leaves by way of contracted trucking and Fann Contracting has been the partner for over 20-years but due to ceiling increases, the current contract was not renewed. These are significant increases over the previous contract but not unexpected.

Councilmember Rusing asked about Waste Management having the contract previously.

Mr. Higgs responded that all solid waste is hauled to Gray Wolf which is owned/operated by Waste Management, but they were not hauling.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GAMBOKI TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2024-170; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)

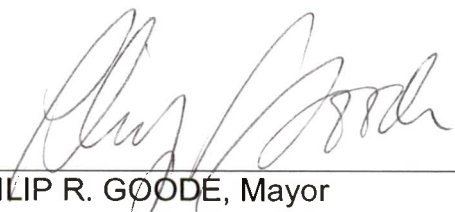
10. ADJOURNMENT

Quote: "Live each day to the fullest. Live each day with enthusiasm, optimism and hope. If you do, I'm convinced that your contribution to this wonderful experiment we call America will be profound." - Ronald Reagan

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

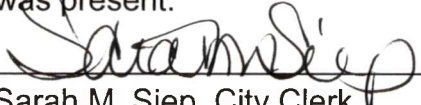

SARAH M. SLEP, City Clerk


PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor



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 27, 2024. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk