



City of Prescott

City Council - Study Session

May 28, 2024 | 1:00 PM
201 N Montezuma Street
City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

AGENDA

The following Agenda will be considered by the **Prescott City Council** at its **Study Session** pursuant to the Prescott City Charter, Article II, Section 13. Notice of the meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02. One or more members of the Council may be attending the meeting through the use of a technological device.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **DISCUSSION**
 - A. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Annual Update from Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO).
 - B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Watson Woods Preserve Conservation Easement.
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the City Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (1) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1));
- (2) Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));
- (3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3));
- (4) Discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4));
- (5) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its

position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5));

(6) Discussion, consultation or consideration for negotiations by the city or its designated representatives with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6);

(7) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)).

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall on 5/23/24 at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: May 28 Study Session
DATE: May 28, 2024
DEPT: City Clerk
ITEM #: 3.A
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Annual Update from Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO).

ITEM SUMMARY

Annually, CYMPO staff provides an update to the Council regarding services, projects, and programs.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: May 28 Study Session
DATE: May 28, 2024
DEPT: Public Works
ITEM #: 3.B
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Watson Woods Preserve Conservation Easement.

ITEM SUMMARY

City staff and representatives from Prescott Creeks will provide a presentation discussing the proposed conservation easement over City property known as Watson Woods Preserve to meet the requirements of establishing a US Army Corps of Engineers In-Lieu Fee Program.

BACKGROUND

Watson Woods Preserve was established in 1995 through a lease agreement with Prescott Creeks. Since that time, the City and Prescott Creeks have worked together to restore the Preserve and provide a public trail system for hiking and wildlife viewing. In 2013, a US Army Corps of Engineers In-Lieu Fee Program was established within the Watson Woods Preserve. Under this program, the mitigation sponsor (Prescott Creeks) collects funds from permittees (developers) and provides compensatory mitigation required by the Corps in lieu of the permittee providing their own mitigation within the developed site. These funds are further used for the long-term management of the Watson Woods Preserve. Although the program was started in 2013, the program requires a site protection instrument, in this case a conservation easement, to ensure the long-term protection of the compensatory mitigation site. Council will ultimately have to vote to grant the conservation easement if the In-Lieu Fee Program is to remain in existence.

Currently, there are multiple public and private utilities with the Watson Woods Preserves. Due to the conservation easement being a binding agreement that will permanently restrict the land use within the Watson Woods Preserve site, the City has conducted multiple investigations and studies to ensure that the following concerns are adequately addressed:

- Access and maintenance of existing utilities
- Access and maintenance for future utilities
- Expansion of roadways for future traffic requirements
- Construction of future sediment control structures for Watson Lake
- Legal protection of the City's Water Rights
- Impacts to water supplies within Watson Lake

The presentation will provide details for the proposed In-Lieu Program and the results of the investigations completed to address the concerns above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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ATTACHMENTS

None