



City of Prescott

City Council - Study Session

November 5, 2024 | 1:00 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 1:00 p.m.

2. 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

3. DISCUSSION

A. Discussion & Presentation Regarding the New Mobile Command Unit.

Deputy Police Chief Jon Brambila provided a presentation to the Council regarding the Police and Fire Mobile Command Unit (MCU).

Overview:

- * Departments came to Council regarding a shared MCU for Police and Fire
- * Decided on a basic setup that would accomplish all the needs of public safety in the field
- * Inside is a 26 ft box truck

History:

- * Our first MCU was a 1995 Class C Motor Home Seized by the Narcotics Task Force - retrofitted by fleet in 2003, used on major crime scenes and other planned events through 2017, not reliable and broke down on several occasions. The city did not have a MCU from 2017-2024

Need:

- * Respond to high-risk events and major crime scenes
- * Better protect the public during pre-planned events
- * Used at public safety career fairs and other community events
- * Provides a safe and dry area for officers in the field to work

Funding & Procurement:

- * Attempted several grants and budget cycles
- * FY22 Council approved use of federal funds related to COVID relief efforts

- * Quality Vans in Tempe was selected using a Maricopa County Cooperative Agreement (\$450,000)
- * Took over a year to get the truck and chassis
- * MCU was completed at the end of FY23

Mayor Goode commented that there were many different components and steps that went into getting this. He also thanked the Police Foundation that came up with the extra funding to obtain a Starlink unit on board to continue work and operations in a significant event.

Deputy Chief Brambila concurred. He added that IT and Fleet were extremely helpful with this project.

Councilman Montoya echoed Mayor's comments regarding the additional help from the Police Foundation. He also added that the collaboration that goes into using this unit is representative of what the city staff does.

Councilman Moore asked if the generator is gas and if they could be refueled. He asked how quickly it can be deployed.

Deputy Chief Brambila confirmed and added that Fleet has a refueling truck that can be used for that purpose. The citizens on patrol are amazing and were very excited for this opportunity, they are really quick and this allows PD officers to immediately get out to the scene which is critical.

Councilman Gambogi asked if Starlink works even under cover.

Deputy Chief Brambila stated that it does, there is a portable dish with the unit so it works well.

Councilmember Rusing asked if there would be any need to loan this out to other agencies.

Brambila responded that it is always available, however, we were the last jurisdiction to get one.

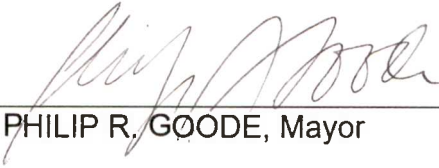
Councilwoman Fruhwirth commented on how much the kids loved seeing the unit on Halloween and stated this is a great way to build trust in the community.

At this time, the Council, staff and audience traveled to City Hall parking lot to view and tour the mobile command unit.

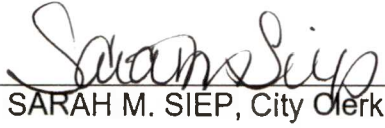
This item was for discussion only, no formal action was taken.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 1:32 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 November 5, 2024. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

