



City of Prescott

City Council - Voting Meeting

February 25, 2025 | 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 Workforce Housing Committee, in conjunction with city staff, are preparing a Needs Assessment to address the need for affordable housing in Prescott. As part of the Assessment, an online survey is available for persons who reside or work in the town to determine the need for affordable housing and where it might be found today in the region. The city would like citizen participation in the survey to better understand the availability of affordable housing. All responses will be kept strictly confidential and individual responses will not be revealed to any employer or business. Visit **ParticipatePrescott.com** to participate in the survey and select the Workforce Housing tile on the home page. She added that the city is currently seeking applications from citizens who are interested in serving on the Building Safety Advisory & Appeals Board, Fire Board of Appeals, and Workforce Housing Committee. Applications are due by Friday, March 28, 2025 at 5 pm. For more information, visit the City's website at [City of Prescott Boards Commissions & Committees Vacancies](#) or contact the City Clerk's Office at 928-777-1437.

3. INVOCATION - Pastor Dan Hurlbert with Prescott United Methodist

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Montoya

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 from Public Works Staff Regarding General Engineering Standard Revisions & Opening a Public Comment Period.

City Engineer Randy Parham provided a presentation to Council regarding the upcoming General Engineering Standard (GES) revisions and opening of a public comment period which has been ongoing over the last year and a half in development.

What is the GES:

- * Written standards
- * Design guidelines
- * Public and private development
- * Utilities, grading, drainage, solid waste and geomatics

Quad City Standard Details (QCSD):

- * Graphical standards included in the GES
- * Construction focuses
- * Used by contractors in addition to MAG standard details

Benefits and History:

- * Benefits to the community - uniformity, infrastructure longevity, fiscal responsibility, safety
- * History - Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), evolved from Yavapai County, Prescott Valley and PSD, first adopted in 2016

Notable Changes to GES:

- * Of the 10 chapters three have been updated
- * Chapter 4 - Water
- * Chapter 5 - Wastewater
- * Chapter 6 - Transportation
- * Regional engineering standards - agency partnerships
- * Allow the city to provide fire protection during vertical construction
- * Codifying processes and policies that have evolved since 2016
- * Right-of-way requirements

Notable Changes to QCSD:

- * 2016 QCSD - Q Details 61%
- * 2025 QCSD - Q Details 79%
- * Update types - minor (notes), material changes, field identified deficiencies, recommendation from BCC, Council and industry partners

Timeline:

- * 60-day comment period (Feb. 25 - April 25)
- * Open House April 23
- * Adoption Fall 2025

7. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Dottie Morris addressed the Council regarding propane tanks above ground south of Peterson Lane and Haisley Road off of White Spar in the mobile home park. This area is right up against the national forest and this is a very dangerous fire hazard and dangerous situation for the surrounding neighborhood. She would like Council to look into an ordinance that would require these tanks to be placed underground.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented on the Workforce Housing Policy being grant-funded and will continue to be worked on.

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8.A. THROUGH 8.E.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 4, 2025 Special Council Meeting, the February 11, 2025 Study Session and the February 11, 2025 Voting Meeting.
- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1919 Revising the Prescott City Council Rules of Procedure and Establishing & Incorporating a Mayoral Proclamation Policy.
- C. **RVP24-005:** A Revision of Plat to Remove Parcel A from the Country Club Park Unit 7A Plat to be Combined with the Adjacent Metes-and-Bounds Parcel. Site Zoning: Single Family (SF-9). Location: APN 111-04-072A, 1933 Thumb Butte Road.
- D. Approval of Request to Apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Water Conservation Program Grant for up to \$3 Million.
- E. Approval of City Contract No. 2025-139 with Elliot D. Pollack & Company in the Amount of \$78,060.00 for Workforce Housing Consulting Services. Funding is Available Through an Awarded Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) Grant.

9. CONSENT ORDINANCE

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MOORE TO ADOPT CONSENT ORDINANCE ITEMS 9.A. AND 9.B.; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (7 - 0)

- A. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-1885 Approving the Acceptance of Public Rights-of-Way from the Arizona State Land Department for the Ultimate Completion of Jenna Lane.
- B. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-1886 Approving City Contract No. 2025-135, A Purchase Agreement Between the City of Prescott and Esquera Development, LLC for Purchase of Two (2) Lots at the Prescott Regional Airport for the Future Site of the Air Traffic Control Tower.

10. LIQUOR LICENSE

- A. Public Hearing and Consideration for a New Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License Application from Autumn Bliss Sierra, Applicant, for The Century Lounge. Location: 129 N Cortez Street.

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (7 - 0)

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE ITEM 10.A.;
SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (7 - 0)

11. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. **CONTINUED ITEM:** Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-1883 & Resolution No. 2025-1914 Related to a Citizen Petition Received by the Council at the November 19, 2024 Voting Meeting and Submitted by Bonnie McMinn & Rod Moyer.
- City Attorney Joseph Young provided a presentation to the Council regarding the citizen petition. Since the Council's direction at the last meeting, staff and the petitioners have made amendments as discussed and are focused on preventing city from selling or otherwise transferring open space property to developers or other parties and limiting uses on open space property to preserve natural open space by including as many properties as possible, simplifying the document and including allowed uses.

Mr. Young reviewed the list of protected properties which came from lists provided by staff as well as the petitioners. These properties are all included in the proposed amendment.

Total Protected Properties:

- * 24 properties
- * 95 parcels
- * Approximately 3,000 acres

Public Requested Properties Not Included:

- * Watson Woods three parcels - one is already protected in the Charter, two additional have significant public works infrastructure and activity/are currently being redrawn, existing lease is in place for 20-years and a conservation easement is contemplated at this time as well
- * West Granite Creek Park three parcels - one parcel encompasses the parking area, one parcel is part of Hilton Garden Inn and splashpad, and one eliminates access to private property/includes LaGuardia Bridge

Two Issues for Council Discussion:

- * Which properties to protect
- * Which uses to allow

Additional Requested Uses That Are Not Included:

- * Recreation Space and Parks
- * Telecom Facilities
- * Amphitheaters and arenas
- * Campgrounds
- * Public safety substation

Councilmember Rusing commented that this is a big day for the community. Everyone has come together to protect the city's open space. There is language that addresses conservation easements which would protect Watson Woods as

well.

Councilman Montoya asked about the proposed additional uses and to have staff expand on telecom facilities.

Mr. Young responded that it is included in the current language for recreation property, it would be radio antennas and potentially cell phone towers as well. This is currently not allowed, but pre-existing uses are allowed.

City Manager Dallin Kimble added that the more specific the Council gets with uses, the more complicated future issues could be.

Councilman Moore expressed his concern that there may be parcels missing from the list. It is important to be complete and not leave anything out. He also asked about West Granite Creek Park and what the process is for re-working the parcels, so the rest can be included in the Charter.

Community Development Director Chelsea Walton responded that a survey instrument and legal description would be necessary to redraw that parcel and resolve the concern regarding access parcel and correct the boundaries for the Hilton Garden Inn and add the parcels to the list.

Mr. Young added that everything in the list of properties includes all three lists previously presented and only excludes the Watson Woods parcels and West Granite Creek Park parcels.

Ms. Walton commented that more time is always optimal when looking at these types of things.

Mayor Goode asked if there would be liability in adopting the West Granite Creek Park parcels and cutoff access to private property owners. He asked if that would put the city in a position for liability.

Mr. Young stated that there is access now. It could present a liability issue, but it would be minimal.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented that it is important to add in substation options because the community is going to continue to grow, and it may be needed in the future. In her opinion, anything but developing is really the intent, so she is in favor of adding the additional requested uses.

Mayor Goode commented on balancing the protection of the open space while also having amenities for enjoyment of that open space.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth asked how many thousands of acres are on the list and commented that more can be added later as it relates to Watson Woods and West Granite Creek Park. She also commented that she would like to have a clear map.

Mr. Young responded that approximately 3,000 acres are included in the list.

Councilman Gambogi commented that not all the unintended consequences have been looked at in this, and he feels that rushing into a decision on this could be harmful to the future of the community.

Councilman Moore stated that a light touch on the land is key to open space and that should be the focus of getting this done today.

Mayor Goode commented that being able to add these additional amenities list is appropriate and makes things clear. The public will make the decision on how this proposal moves forward, but the Council needs to ensure that it is clear.

Councilman Montoya stated that he has thought about this a lot, he has concerns about getting it right, just as Councilman Moore does. He wants to make sure that the voters understand what they are voting for and added that the open space in the city is used in a variety of different ways by different people in the community so making sure that is protected in the right way is important. He supports this initiative and wants to put it in the voters hands.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth stated that she wanted to review the ballot language.

Mr. Young stated that the charter language can be approved today and the ballot language can be approved at a subsequent meeting.

City Clerk Sarah Siep confirmed and stated that all the ballot language will be coming to the Council on March 25 for approval.

Petitioner Rod Moyer addressed the Council regarding the petition and the work he and Ms. McMinn have done with staff. He handed out information from the city's 2008 Open Space Master Plan which makes the distinction between passive recreation and development-intensive uses, yet the Land Development Code does not reflect this distinction, which is why they don't want to expand any of the allowable uses.

Member of the public Joanne Oellers addressed the Council as the Chair of Save the Dells regarding the cherished wide open spaces in the west. Expansion and support of these lands is grounded in citizen involvement. Citizens want natural land guarded and Save the Dells supports this amendment. If necessary, Save the Dells is prepared to move forward with a citizen initiative to place a preferred version on the November ballot.

Member of the public Walt Anderson addressed the Council as an advocate for protecting open space, not only for our citizens but for the wildlife we share this land with. He discussed the distinctions between natural open space and recreation, and the importance of only having development in parks and ballfields, for example. There should be consistency in documents and naming of the city's open space.

Member of the public Dottie Morris thanked the Council for looking at this item and expressed her gratitude that Prescott is a Charter city. The Council needs to

get this to the voters as soon as possible, so they can make the important decision.

Member of the public Dan Prijic addressed the Council regarding this being a living document and the fact that it could be changed in the future. The point is protecting iconic aspects of the Prescott community and the citizens support it.

Member of the public Michael Byrd with Prescott Creeks regarding the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and requested that it be added back to the list of properties. They support this amendment, but Watson Woods Riparian Preserve should be a part of it. It is all natural open space, and he feels there is confusion related to that. Conservation easements are included, and he is happy to see that, and hopes to return to the Council later this year regarding the Watson Woods Conservation Easement.

Member of the public Amber Fields addressed the Council in support of the amendment. She has volunteered thousands of hours of her time to protect the Dells. Her family lived in Prescott for over 100 years and wholeheartedly supported open space initiatives like the Master Plan. All open space should be protected in the charter. She doesn't support any of the additional suggested uses.

Member of the public Sue Knaup addressed the Council as part of the West Granite Creek Park Restoration Coalition. Much of the park is missing from today's potential amendment, and she encouraged the Council to include all the listed parcels in the document that she handed out. She encouraged the Council to vote yes and include West Granite Creek Park.

Member of the public Steven Munsell addressed the Council as a longtime resident. Prescott is one of the most beautiful places he has ever been in the world and has the most beautiful natural open space. It is time for the Council to be held accountable in making sure that the city's open space is protected.

Member of the public Mike Fann addressed the Council and stated that the city of Prescott is the fiduciary of their own properties. While he appreciates what the citizens are trying to do, adoption of this could lead to issues in the future. He spoke to the Hassayampa Reservoir where he used to take his children while they were growing up. There was no place to get a fire truck, ambulance, or trash truck down the street and no parking was available. This became a real liability to the public and to the city, which was why the property was eventually sold. The Council should consider carving out some wiggle room for future staff and Council's in case there is something that would need to be done in the future, even possibly expanding open space.

Member of the public Tom Rusing addressed the Council regarding not including additional requested uses in the ordinance and stated that he hopes the Council doesn't vote for that. If there are needs in the future, it can be taken to the voters.

Member of the public Candace Sheridan addressed the Council and asked if

there would be clarification on parks versus open space for areas like Watson Lake Park, where she holds an annual music festival that brings in a significant amount of money to the community, and asked if that would still be allowed. Also, she stated that to her knowledge half or less of the population is even registered to vote or engage in voting so when these things go to the public how are they educated to participate and make wise decisions.

Petitioner Bonnie McMinn addressed the Council and expressed her appreciation for staff, Council and the audience. The easy solution is to take this to the voters, including when changes need to be made. Petitioners and the City Attorney have worked hard over the last several weeks to amend this proposal and are happy with the result of the proposal. The voters of this community deliver when there are needs, and this will be no different.

Councilmember Rusing asked for direction from legal on adding Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and West Granite Creek Park to the Ordinance.

Mr. Young responded that the staff recommendation is to leave out Watson Woods at this point. If the Council desires to include the -029 parcel for West Granite Creek Park, it could be but the other two would require more work.

Councilman Moore asked about the process of adding additional properties and if it would have to be a charter amendment.

Mr. Young responded that it would have to be a charter amendment.

Ms. Siep added that nothing can be changed in the charter without a vote of the citizens.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth asked if "Watson Woods Riparian Preserve" could be added without missing the opportunity.

Mr. Young responded that the Council could, but the legal descriptions are not in place in the same way they are for the other parcels.

Mayor Goode asked for clarification on what the potential motions are.

Mr. Young responded that the Council can vote yes or no, or yes with modifications. Modifications would be whether to include Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and West Granite Creek Park as well as the potential for additional uses.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme asked to review the Watson Woods sections and commented that she feels it would be appropriate to wait until all the easements and other items can be done to address the concerns related to that area.

Mr. Young responded that utilities are allowed, so that isn't a concern, it is that the parcel is much larger than the Riparian Area specifically. The recommendation is to leave Watson Woods out altogether.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1883 ADDING WATSON WOODS RIPARIAN PRESERVE & WEST GRANITE CREEK PARK PARCEL #800-11-029K TO THE PROTECTED PROPERTY LIST, AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1914; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: PASSED (5 - 2) MAYOR GOODE AND COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI DISSENTING

- B. Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action Regarding a Proposed Sculpture Donation from Gene Galazan.

City Clerk Sarah Siep reviewed the donation proposal process thus far and discussed the public comments received during the 60-day comment period.

Mayor Goode commented that the vast majority of the comments received are opposed to acceptance of the sculptures and their placement. While it is a laudable proposal, it doesn't seem to be the appropriate space.

Councilmember Rusing stated that the public input period generated a lot of attention and comment.

Artist Gene Galazan addressed the Council regarding the comments received. He did review them, which wasn't easy because there was an overwhelming number of citizens who are opposed to the donation and the placement. But he stated that he respects the Council's decision.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO DENY SCULPTURE DONATION AND SUGGESTED LOCATION; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (6 - 0 - 1) COUNCILMAN MONTOYA ABSTAINING

- C. Approval of City Contract No. 2025-138, a Memorandum of Understanding Between The Nature Conservancy and the City of Prescott Formalizing a Mutual Collaboration to Evaluate Locations and Techniques Feasible for Grassland Restoration.

Water Resources & Environmental Services Manager Brian Ruiz provided a presentation regarding the proposed MOU. The Conservancy approached the city regarding this project. Looked at the health of grasslands, erosion and sedimentation in the area and began looking at strategies for controlling those issues in the area. The city became a stakeholder in the process. The MOU will formalize the collaboration, establish each party's responsibilities (the city will work with the Conservancy to identify project areas, provide access to the property, and identify consultants). No city funding is required for this, and the MOU will be effective through 2030.

Councilmember Rusing commented on the presentation from the Conservancy at the Water Issues Subcommittee and stated that she is in support of this MOU.

Councilman Moore stated that he was disappointed to not have known about this project all along and only when he got his packet materials. He encouraged staff to let the council know what projects they are working on so they can offer support.

Mayor Goode added that any project which supports recharge of the aquifer in that area and adds to the city's efforts is a big benefit to the city. This is a no-brainer in his opinion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2025-138; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (7 - 0)

- D. **GPA22-001:** Discussion, Review & Approval Regarding the Updated City of Prescott 2025 General Plan. Applicant: City of Prescott; Community Development.

Community Planner Tammy Dewitt provided a presentation to the Council regarding the 2025 General Plan. This will be an introduction of the Plan, overview of the process so far and chance for Council to provide feedback to staff on the draft which they plan to have on the August 5 Primary Election Ballot.

What is the General Plan & What Does it Do:

* Public document that guides future land use decisions. Zoning, rezoning and new developments must be consistent with, and conform to the city's adopted General Plan

Guides future decisions about growth while balancing economic

* Does

- guide future decisions about growth while balancing economic development and city resources
- provide a road map describing the destination and path to reach it
- creates goals and strategies based on community input

* Does Not

- prevent all future growth and development within the city
- change existing entitlements without further action
- commit city resources or preempt decisions of the current or future Councils
- compel a private property owner to develop a particular use or type of building
- influence applications that are already under review

Required Elements (ARS 9-461.05):

* Land Use

* Circulation

* Open Space

* Growth Areas

* Environmental Planning

* Cost of Development

* Water Resources

* Additional Elements - economic development, community qualities

* Once at 50k population - recreation, circulation, transportation and transit, public services and building, housing, conservation/rehabilitation/redevelopment, and neighborhood preservation and revitalization

Update Process:

- * FY22 - get organized, analyze data, create citizen review committee, create website, create handouts
- * FY23 - launch website, year of public input (survey, open houses, workshops and events), review existing elements and update the plan throughout
- * FY24 - check and review draft, legal review, revisions, 60-day public comment period, begin public hearing process
- * FY25 - council adoption and ballot initiative

Phase I:

- * Summer 2022 - staff downloaded census data, reviewed other recently updated plans for design options/element ideas/other ways to reach out to the public for comment, Council appointed an 11-member General Plan Review Committee (GPRC) to help staff with public outreach and review the updated plan for comments and suggestions
- * Fall 2022 - staff created a website to provide information/updates/other news throughout the process, staff began getting handouts together to get out to the public to inform about the process, and Committee members began getting the word out regarding the update process and input through radio/articles in the newspaper

Phase II:

- * Website finalized to provide a venue for information and public input
- * Created public survey with input from departments and citizen review committee
- * Planning open houses to get public input and answer questions
- * Working with GPRC to review existing elements for updates and what new information should be reviewed for updates or new elements
- * Open House held on August 30, 2023 with over 200 residents participating
- * Idea for New Format - Greensboro, NC Comprehensive Plan won a national planning association award for their plan and staff wanted to have a new format which they were very excited about

New Format:

- * Resiliency & Sustainability
- * A Community Connected
- * Great Places & Neighborhoods
- * Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity
- * Community Quality

Phase III:

- * Finishing department presentations to Committee
- * New format approved by Committee and updated document
- * New chapters reviewed by Committee
- * Committee and city leadership reviewed draft to provide input
- * August 28, 2024 Meeting, GPRC voted to move the draft forward to the 60-day public comment period
- * 60-day comment period ran from September 23-November 21
- * Two Open Houses during that time

- * Comments were evaluated and presented to the GPRC
- * At the December 11, 2024 Meeting the Committee voted to move the draft plan forward to public hearings process

ARS 9-461.06 Regarding Land Use Map:

- * Ms. Dewitt reviewed statute language regarding Land Use Maps which states that "a municipality shall not designate private land or state trust land as open space, recreation, conservation or agriculture unless the municipality receives the written consent of the landowner or provides an alternative, economically viable designation in the general plan or zoning ordinance, allowing at least one residential dwelling per acre..."
- * Designations are listed on page 66 of the plan, this is not a zoning map
- * Removed very low density to comply with ARS 9-461.06(N) which states the city cannot designate private or state trust land as open space/recreation or allowing at least one dwelling unit per acre; changed the areas that were under very low density to low density medium density

Ms. Dewitt reviewed the Major Plan Amendment Chart and process:

- * Applicants will attend a pre-application meeting prior to submitting an application
- * Applications will be accepted for processing within the required 12-month timeframe at any time to be processed
- * At least 60-days before the major map amendment is noticed for Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing the city will transmit the proposal to the Commission and Council and submit a copy for review and further comment to Yavapai County Development Services Department, Central Arizona Association of Governments, State Commerce Authority, Arizona Department of Water Resources and any other jurisdictions within one mile of the subject property
- * All major map amendments require two Planning & Zoning Commission public hearings prior to the Council public hearing
- * City Council public hearings to consider Major Plan map amendments will occur within 12-months after the application submission
- * State law requires two-thirds majority vote of Council to approve

Councilmember Rusing asked if the land use map would be affected by the earlier vote regarding open space.

Councilman Montoya asked for confirmation that there has never been a major plan amendment in Prescott.

Ms. Dewitt confirmed, to this point there has not been.

Five Phases Beyond the General Plan:

- * General Plan Update
- * Yearly implementation and Strategic Plan
- * Update commercial corridor study
- * Update and/or create new community neighborhood plans
- * Other plans that come out of the General Plan

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme asked about the lifetime of the neighborhood plans.

Ms. Dewitt responded that they are adopted by Resolution and are in effect until the Resolution is rescinded.

City Manager Dallin Kimble responded that there would have to be an action of the Council to look at those plans and determine how they'd want to handle them. He also suggested rolling them into a future General Plan.

Mayor Goode asked if a policy could be established that all neighborhood plans would expire in ten years.

City Attorney Joseph Young stated that they would need to rescind all existing plans and then establish that all new adopted plans would expire after ten years.

Summary:

* Next Meeting will be March 11 to go over any questions, have any other departments on hand to review and provide staff with direction regarding updates to the plan

Councilwoman Fruhwirth commented that the General Plan has gone through a lot of other phases, but expressed her concern that the Council is just now getting the opportunity to look it over and asked about how to effectively engage staff with their questions about the Plan. She asked what the expectations are of Council at this point.

Ms. Dewitt responded that any of the questions the Council has can be emailed to her, and then she can put together a chapter-by-chapter presentation to review the questions.

Mr. Kimble added that the Council can schedule special meetings and determine which ballot they want the General Plan on.

Councilman Montoya asked about the next meeting discussion, and if staff anticipates specific items will be reviewed and approved.

Ms. Dewitt responded that the Council can determine how they would like to do that.

Councilmember Rusing commented on how much she likes the new format of the General Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme asked about the things like typos and issues in the General Plan and how the Council presents those to staff to be addressed.

Member of the public James Helbling addressed the Council regarding a proposed change to the nondiscrimination statement that is included in the General Plan to "is inconsistent with the city of Prescott values", which was approved by the MLK Committee. It falls more in line with what you would find in a General Plan, and he encouraged the Council to keep the statements in the Plan.

Member of the public Jenna James addressed the Council regarding the anti-discrimination language and the proposed change. She feels that the General Plan is about the values of the community. This is a basic tenant of human decency and is something we teach our children. The General Plan is a vision for the future of Prescott, and it is important for them to come back to a community that embraces everyone.

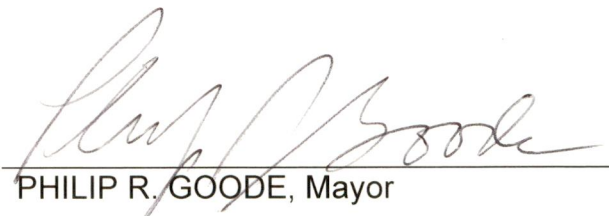
Member of the public Stephen Polk addressed the Council on behalf of James Deep Well Ranch as their attorney. He addressed future land use map, and it not impacting future annexations which are determined by state law that it comes in with equivalent zoning when annexed. Zoning is a legislative act of the Council and they have the authority to say no or yes to any potential changes. There has been a great deal of work put into the General Plan to this point, he suggested scheduled Study Sessions that are discussion only where the Council can discuss specific issues within the General Plan. DWR is in support of the General Plan and future land use map as presented which was approved overwhelmingly at all previous meetings.

Councilman Gambogi commented that every 10 years the Council asks eleven people to spend two years working diligently with the staff to put everything together. The Council needs to understand that they put trust into the Committee and the staff to develop a really good plan and should think of it like a Board of Directors that are reviewing it at the end. The Council needs to trust the people who put it together.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.



PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor

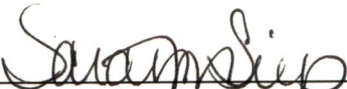
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SARAH M. SLEP, City Clerk

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 February 25, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

