



City of Prescott

City Council - Voting Meeting

March 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 3:10 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme announced that the Prescott Public Library is celebrating 50-years on Goodwin Street and invited everyone to participate in the celebration by sharing their "library story". Submissions will automatically give permission to share in any media format. For more information, contact the Library at 928-777-1526 or visit prescottlibrary.info. She added that the city will offer a free brush drop-off event for residential trash customers. The event will run for five Saturdays beginning April 5 and end on May 3. For more information visit www.prescottrecycles.com or call 928-777-1116.

3. INVOCATION - Pastor Rich Stoffan with Pinerock Camp

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Rusing

5. ROLL CALL

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

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from the Giving Machine Committee Regarding the 2024 Event.

Brett Mangum provided a presentation to the Council regarding the 2024 Giving Machine Event and presented checks to three local organizations receiving funds: Chino Valley Education Foundation, Coalition for Compassion & Justice, and Meals on Wheels.

B. Presentation Regarding the Housing Needs Assessment.

Grants Administrator Michael McInnes introduced Rick Merritt, President, with Pollack & Company who is conducting an Affordable Housing Needs

Assessment for the City of Prescott.

What is Affordable Housing:

- * Affordable, Attainable, Workforce, Missing Middle
- * Not more than 30% of annual household income
- * Workforce or Missing Middle Housing - used to describe households earning 60% to 120% of area median income, these households earn too much for state or federal assistance but not enough to affordably rent or purchase market rate housing and often referred to as critical personnel (teachers, police, firefighters, construction workers, etc.)

Labor Force Participation 2023:

- * Population 16 years and over - 42,149
- * Civilian Labor Force - 17,870
- * Employment - 17,041
- * Unemployment - 829
- * Labor Force Participation Rate – 42.4%

Mr. Merritt reviewed changes in the housing market since 2016. Prices are continuing to rise not only in the housing market but also in the rental market. He continued a review of overall income in the area. Approximately 47% of individuals in Prescott spend more than 30% of their annual income on housing. Work will continue on this study.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented that this study is funded through a grant, and it has been very eye-opening.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Water Awareness Month - April 2025

Councilmember Rusing presented the Proclamation.

- B. National Vietnam War Veterans Day - March 29

Mayor Goode presented the Proclamation.

8. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9.A. THROUGH 9.E., EXCLUDING 9.D.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (5 - 0)

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 25, 2025 Executive Session, the February 25, 2025 Study Session, the February 25 Voting Meeting, the March 11, 2025 Study Session and the March 11, 2025 Voting Meeting.

- B. Approval of City Contract No. 2021-135A2, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2021-135 a Lease Agreement Between the City of Prescott & Prescott Regional Opportunity Fund Amending the Lease by Removing the Bottom Floor of the Building from Lease on the Property Located at 218 S Marina St, Prescott, Arizona.
- C. Approval of Acceptance of Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family, STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program in the Amount of \$200,000.00 (R.F.G.A. No STOP-GOYFF-010124-00; Contract No. GR-STOP-GOYFF-010124-07Y2), and Approval to Staff Two (2) Grant Funded Detective Positions Over and Above Department Budgeted Positions.
- D. Approval of City Contract No. 2022-168A24, an Amendment to City Contract 2022-168 with Dibble for Planning & Environmental Services - Land Acquisition, Airport Layout Plan Update, and Public Outreach at the Prescott Regional Airport - Ernest A. Love Field in an Amount to Exceed \$92,640.30. Funding for this project will be reimbursed by the focused planning for Runway 3R/21L extension grant, which is funded 95% by the FAA, 2.5% by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and 2.5% local match. The funds will originate out of the Airport Fund.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Mayor Goode & Councilmember Rusing for further discussion.

Mayor Goode commented on a typo included in the memo.

Airport Services Manager Christina Papa addressed the memo and said the contract amount would not exceed the dollar amount listed.

Councilmember Rusing commented on how critical the airport is to the community and asked staff to address what the contract amendment will be for.

Ms. Papa responded that it will cover an environmental portion of land acquisition in the South Ranch area for airport and runway protection zones to maintain grant assurances. Additionally, the Runway 3 Right extension is being looked at, and this is included in that. There will be public outreach meetings as that process potentially moves forward.

Dibble Representative Charlie McDermott added that there is not a precise distance in shift but approximately 1,000 feet to eliminate obstacles at the end of the departure runway.

MOTION BY MAYOR GOODE TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2022-168A24 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,640.30; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (5 - 0)

- E. Approval of Purchase of Automotive Fuel Dispensing Updates with Cochise Fueling Solutions in the Fuel Farm at Prescott Regional Airport - Ernest A. Love Field in an amount not to exceed \$61,840.85. Funding for this project will be

reimbursed by the ARPA or CRSSA grant funds, which are funded 100% by the FAA (no local match). The funds will originate out of the Airport Fund.

10. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. **WSA25-008:** A Water Service Application for 7.62 Acre-feet Submitted by Granite Basin Engineering on Behalf of Owner Bradshaw Senior III Prescott LP. Location: APN 110-04-193X, 4745 N 7th St. Suite 110, Comprising 1.01 Acres.

Water Resource & Environmental Services Manager Brian Ruiz provided a presentation to the Council regarding the WSA for the project off Stetson Drive. The water demand analysis determined 7.06 acre-feet of usage, plus landscaping for 42-units which will complete the senior housing development.

Councilmember Rusing asked about the rationale behind using a larger amount for the water, and discussed the calculations that were presented at the Water Issues Subcommittee Meeting.

The projects Architect of Record responded regarding the expected usage. There was some information that wasn't available, so the developer determined to use the higher calculation to determine the usage. However, he confirmed that lower 5.6 acre-feet estimate is likely more accurate.

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE WSA25-008 FOR 5.6 ACRE-FEET; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (4 - 0 - 1) COUNCILMAN GAMBONI ABSTAINING

- B. **GPA22-001:** Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Updated City of Prescott 2025 General Plan and Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1922 Adopting the 2025 General Plan and Setting the Ballot Language.

Community Planner Tammy Dewitt provided a presentation to the Council regarding the updated 2025 General Plan beginning with a review from the March 11 discussions and the requested changes that have been made. She informed the Council that statute requires five yes votes in order for this to pass today. She also pointed out a typo which will be revised before the document is finalized.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth asked about a paragraph on Page 3 of the General Plan under "Challenges for the Community": and discussed that she would like to see some revisions to address the flow of the sentence.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme discussed Strategy 3.5 on Page 116, and stated that she would like to see "on a case-by-case basis" for the water allocation added.

Ms. Dewitt said that language can be added.

Mayor Goode commented that he believes a General Plan should be a land planning document, and feels that adding information for population over 50,000 or more makes it too long. He also feels that the voluntary elements should be

removed from the plan. Finally, he stated that he will not vote for approval of this item if the discrimination and harassment language is included.

Mayor Goode opened the floor to public comment.

Member of the public Patrick Pearson commented on issues that he has with some of the language in the plan, particularly areas that he feels reference "15 minute cities", climate resiliency and sustainability, and water usage references that control citizens usage.

Member of the public Kenneth Goellner addressed the Council regarding his concerns related to the document and expressed his gratitude to Mayor Goode expressing similar thoughts. This is a political agenda that comes from far-flung corners of the world that have nothing to do with the United States. It is a political Trojan horse.

Member of the public Robert Shegog addressed the Council regarding the non-discrimination language and how it relates to a land use document. There has to be a forward-thinking community to be prepared for more people, more hospitals, more visitors and citizens that need to be treated in a fair and equitable way. The Committee has revised this language at least four times, they have conducted a citizen survey and there is a portion of the community that wants to see this language in the plan.

Mayor Goode commented that the more controversial items are included, the more likely the voters are to not pass it.

Ms. Dewitt stated that if the General Plan is not approved today staff will bring it back to the Council on May 27.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO THE MAY 27 VOTING MEETING; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (5 - 0)

- C. Discussion, Consideration & Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1914 Approving Ballot Language for the Open Space Charter Amendment Initiative for Which an Election was Called by Council on February 25, 2025 in Ordinance No. 2025-1883.

City Attorney Joseph Young provided a presentation to the Council regarding the Ordinance and Charter language which have been adopted already. There were a few small revisions which he reviewed.

Charter Changes:

- * Watson Woods Riparian Preserve added
- * Gill Hill, Little Thumb Butte there are six total parcels one had an error which was fixed
- * Typo in use section which he fixed where a statement was repeated

If this item is approved today the Proposition number will be added as well as the date of the election. He added that approximately 2,746 new acres will be

protected with this for a total of 4,005 acres protected in the Charter with open space.

Councilmember Rusing commented that with this amendment any sale of city-owned open space would have to go to the voters.

Councilman Gambogi asked what percentage of open space would be protected by this amendment.

Mr. Young responded that he doesn't have a percentage, but it is most everything and the goal is to protect the most iconic spaces.

Petitioner Rod Moyer thanked the Council for approving this item at the last minute, and he hopes that the same thing is done today. He added that in the future, it would be possible to make amendments and include additional parcels.

Member of the public Ralph Hess addressed the Council regarding how a majority party controls and handicaps what gets done. This is a flaw in the system. If the two missing members were here today, the General Plan would likely have passed, but it did not which has pushed it to a future agenda that will cost the city more money.

Member of the public Jim Garing addressed the Council regarding his support of the recommended action.

Member of the public Walt Anderson addressed the Council regarding the work that has been done to protect open space in the city. He added that he feels an Open Space Commission should be established as a Standing Committee and not a Mayor.

Member of the public Joanne Oellers addressed the Council on behalf of Save the Dells. Watching this proposal go through the process has been interesting. She added that open space is a large part of Prescott's personality, and it adds to the prosperity of our city.

Member of the public Truly Bracken addressed the Council regarding the opportunity to protect a majority of the open space in the city. She acknowledged the hard work by Prescott Alternative Transportation Group and her hope that West Granite Creek Park be included in a future amendment to the Charter.

Member of the public Jim Knaup addressed the Council as a downtown business owner who would like to see this charter amendment move forward to the voters. He added that he would like to see West Granite Creek Park included.

Member of the public Dottie Morris addressed the Council and thanked everyone who has worked so hard on this proposal. Whether you agree with what it says or not, this is important. It gives the voters of this community the right to make these decisions.

Member of the public Sue Knaup addressed the public regarding the restoration

of West Granite Creek Park being in need of protection, and adding in the two missing parcels that are not included in the ballot language "less the minor building encroachment".

Member of the public JD Greenberg commented on how impressed she has been with the way this Council has supported open space in the city charter. This will be a living document that allows flexibility in the future. The right thing is to approve this amendment on the August Primary Election ballot.

Petitioner Bonnie McMinn addressed the Council regarding eight out of ten parcels in West Granite Creek Park being protected, and the two parcels mentioned are not anywhere near 50% of the park, nor is it a simple amendment to the document. Prescott decided decades ago that the protection of open space in Prescott is important and this is a continuation of that.

Councilman Gambogi asked for clarification on what the Council needs to vote on.

Mr. Young clarified that the election was already called for via Ordinance. This Resolution finalizes the ballot language, and per the charter Resolutions and Ordinances must be approved by a majority of the seated body, not just the members present.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING TO ADOPT AMENDED
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1914; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN
FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (3 - 0 - 2) MAYOR GOODE AND COUNCILMAN
GAMBOGI ABSTAINING**

- D. Second Public Hearing for the Alternative Expenditure Limit "Home Rule" Ballot Proposition and, at a Special Meeting Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1915 Proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation and Approving Ballot Language.

City Clerk Sarah Siep reviewed the process for the second public hearing and home rule ballot measure, alternative expenditure limitation.

Finance Director Mark Woodfill provided a presentation to the Council regarding the importance of the alternative expenditure limitation. This is a four-year adoption for FY27-30, based on discussion at last public hearing the language has been updated for the publicity pamphlet. The pamphlet is forwarded to the auditor general for verification and approval.

**MOTION BY MAYOR GOODE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING;
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (5 - 0)**

Mayor Goode recessed the Voting Meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Mayor Goode called the Special Meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Phil Goode - Mayor

Connie Cantelme - Mayor Pro Tem
Lois Fruhwirth - Councilwoman
Ted Gambogi - Councilman
Brandon Montoya - Councilman (Excused)
Eric Moore - Councilman (Excused)
Cathey Ruisng - Councilmember

Finance Director Mark Woodfill stated that adoption of this Resolution requires a two-thirds vote of the Council.

**MOTION BY MAYOR GOODE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1915;
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSING: PASSED (5 - 0)**

Mayor Goode adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor Goode reconvened the Voting Meeting at 5:10 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 5:10 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 March 25, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

