



City of Prescott

City Council - Voting Meeting

June 24, 2025 | 3:00 PM
201 N Montezuma Street
City Council Chambers
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 invited citizens to two upcoming open houses regarding the proposed shift of the Commercial Runway Three Right, Two One Left. These meetings will be held June 25 and 26 from 4-7 pm at the Centennial Center. For more information about the open house meetings or the proposed project, contact Airport Administration at 928-777-1114.

She added that the Prescott Police Department is undergoing re-accreditation through the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP). ALEAP offers Arizona agencies a framework to demonstrate adherence to widely recognized best practices and industry standards, promoting efficient, effective, and high-quality operations and accreditation must be renewed every four years. As part of the re-accreditation on-site assessment, employees and members of the public are invited to provide feedback to the Assessment Team regarding the department's compliance with accreditation standards. Feedback may be submitted directly through the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program's official website at azleap.org/community-feedback.

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
Patrick Grady - Councilman
Brandon Montoya - Councilman
Eric Moore - Councilman

6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Legislative Update Presentation from Consultants State48 Summarizing the 2025 Arizona Legislative Session

Alexis Susdorft, State48 Public Affairs, and Nick Ponder, Highground Public Affairs, provided a presentation to the Council regarding the ongoing legislative session update. The legislature has not yet adjourned sine die, so the session is ongoing due to budget discussions.

Session by the Numbers:

- * Session Days - 163 as of today
- * Bills Posted - 1,679 as of June 10
- * Bills Passed - 359 as of June 10
- * Bills Vetoed - 138 as of June 10 (this is a historic number)
- * Bills Signed 218 as of June 10

Struggles & Strides:

- * Divided Government - House vs Senate vs Governor
- * Can come together when necessary - Department of Development Disability Funding
- * Budget adoption is a growing challenge each year
- * Attacks on local control and city governments are prevalent
- * LD1 Legislators are bold and brave for Prescott

Priorities & Wins:

- * HB2928 - ADU Population Cleanup Legislation passed and signed
- * SB1229 - state-level prohibition on city planning and development decisions
- * HCR2021 - Food Tax Prohibition amended

Other Successful Efforts:

- * HB2033 - Instant Solar Permitting
- * SB1353 - Third-party Review of Municipal Permitting for Housing amended and signed
- * SCR1008 - 2/3 Council Vote for Revenue Increases

FY26 Budget Updates:

- * Funding for Prescott Airport Fire Service Ramp - \$3.5 million
- * SR89 Roadway Improvements
- * Prescott Rodeo Appropriations

State Revenue Landscape:

- * 2024 - \$1.7 billion budget shortfall
- * January 2025 - \$612 million budget surplus (4-sector)
- * April 2025 - \$615 million budget surplus (4-sector) vs \$277 million budget surplus (2-sector)

Federal Updates:

- * Congressional budget disagreements
- * Discussions on Prescott Regional Airport - funding and expenditure approvals
- * BEAD Program Changes (broadband funds)

Future Outlook & Projections:

- * Continued poor state revenue outlook
- * 2026 election year will be ugly

- * Key Issues - affordable housing, water, education funds, immigration and election
- * Preempting local sovereignty will continue - housing, revenue/taxes, policing and economic development
- * City opportunities - operational/administrative efficiencies, roads and infrastructure projects

7. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Richard McElroy addressed the Council regarding his concerns related to "P" mountain. When he was in High School it was the senior class's project to maintain and now he can't get an answer on whose job it is to maintain.

B. Linda Gray addressed the Council regarding majority votes and the Council vote of the members to fill a vacancy, a majority of six is four votes. She feels all participating votes for Councilman Grady should be null and void, the error should be corrected.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8.A. THROUGH 8.I., EXCLUDING ITEM 8.E.; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: PASSED (7 - 0)

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 3, 2025 Special Council Meeting, the June 10, 2025 Executive Session, the June 10, 2025 Study Session, and the June 10, 2025 Voting Meeting.
- B. Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Contracts for Council Appointees: City Attorney, City Clerk and City Manager.
- C. Approval of City Contract No. 2025-173 a Proposal for Continued Ephemeral Streamflow Monitoring Within the Big Chino Subbasin Dated May 2025 with Salt River Valley Water Users' Association and Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP) in the Amount of \$323,205.00. Funding is Budgeted & Available in the Public Works Department Budget.
- D. Approval of City Contract No. 2026-030 with Bennett Oil for the Purchase of Bulk Fuel Delivery Service for a Period of Three (3) Years. Funding is Available in Each Department Fund.
- E. Approval of Acceptance of Four (4) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grants as Follows: 1.) Grant #3-04-0030-056-2025 for Land Acquisition Phase One (1) in the Amount of \$3,000,000.00; 2.) Grant #3-04-0030-060-2025 for Land Acquisition Phase Two (2) in the Amount of \$1,100,000.00; 3.) Grant #3-04-0030-059-2025 for Runway 12-30 Electrical Improvements in the Amount of \$856,090.60; 4.) Grant #3-04-0030-057-2025 for Hangar Development Phase One (1) in the Amount of \$1,662,500.00.

Mayor Goode pulled this Item for further discussion. This is to approve a number of grants for items at the Prescott Regional Airport and the City of Prescott's

matching amount for these grants was only \$170,000 for \$6.7 million in response which shows the importance of access to grant funding.

**MOTION BY MAYOR GOODE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 8.E.;
SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- F. Approval of City Contract No. 2025-170 with Rural Electric Inc. for the Runway 12-30 Electrical Improvements at Prescott Regional Airport - Ernest A. Love Field in an Amount not to Exceed \$665,634.00. Funding is Budgeted & Available in the Airport Fund.
- G. Approval of City Contract No. 2026-029 with ADM Group, Inc. for the Design of the Hangar Development Program Phase I at Prescott Regional Airport - Ernest A. Love Field in an Amount not to Exceed \$269,950.00. Funding is Budgeted & Available in the Airport Fund.
- H. Approval of City Contract No. 2025-174 a Settlement Agreement with Hood Tech Aero-Corp, d/b/a TacAero.
- I. Approval of the July 2025 to December 2025 Residential & Non-Residential Water Budgets in Accordance with the Amended 2022 Water Management Policy.

9. CONSENT ORDINANCE

**MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME TO ADOPT CONSENT ORDINANCE
ITEM 9.A.; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- A. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-1903 Authorizing Updates to Prescott City Code Section 3-10-8 ("Incentive Program").
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PRESCOTT, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER
3-10, SECTION 3-10-8 ("INCENTIVE PROGRAM") OF THE PRESCOTT CITY
CODE; AND ADDING A SEVERANCE PROVISION**

10. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Public Hearing for the FY2026 Budget, Expenditure Limitation, and Tax Levy; and At a Special Meeting, Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1927 Approving the Final FY2026 Budget, Expenditure Limitation, Approved Expenditure List, and Adopting the City Authorized Position Roster.
City Clerk Sarah Siep provided an overview of the budget adoption process and the need to recess to a special meeting to adopt the budget.

Deputy Finance Director Lars Johnson provided a presentation to the Council regarding the budget process thus far. Following adoption of the tentative budget in early June the budget was published and this hearing scheduled.

FY26 Budget:

* \$303,746,162

* Property Tax Levy - \$2,304,514 (0.2329 per \$100 assessed), increased based on value of new construction only with no other increases

Next Steps:

* Public Hearing

* Special Meeting for adoption - final budget, alternative expenditure limitation, personnel roster and approved expenditure limitation

* July 8 - adopt property levy

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

Mayor Goode recessed the Regular Voting Meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Mayor Goode called the Special Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Phil Goode - Mayor

Connie Cantelme - Mayor Pro Tem

Lois Fruhwirth - Councilwoman

Ted Gambogi - Councilman

Patrick Grady - Councilman

Brandon Montoya - Councilman

Eric Moore - Councilman

**MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.
2025-1927; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (7 - 0)**

Mayor Goode adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:02 p.m., and reconvened the Regular Voting Meeting

- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1917 Calling for a Utility Franchise Election to be Held on November 4, 2025 in Conjunction with the City's General Election and Approving Ballot Language.
City Clerk Sarah Siep introduced the item and stated that adoption of this Resolution will place a Utility Franchise Agreement on the November 4 General Election ballot in order to renew the 25-year agreement with Arizona Public Service.

**MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.
2025-1917 ; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (7 - 0)**

- C. GPA22-001: Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Updated City of Prescott 2025 General Plan and Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1922 Approving Ballot Language for the November 4, 2025 General Election.
Community Development Director Chelsea Walton provided a presentation regarding the General Plan, she stated that there were a few typographical

errors in the document that will be corrected before the ballot language goes out to the public.

Highlights to Staff Memo:

- * General Plan document update encapsulates all the comments received from the Council
- * Future Land Use map updated per last meeting
- * Response to questions regarding statute compliance included in the memo in the packet

Mayor Goode commented that he spoke with Airport Director Rick Crider regarding the density of land surrounding the airport and would like a change made to the land use map.

Mr. Crider addressed the Council regarding very-low density to the border of the Airport Area Specific Plan (ASAP) border.

Ms. Walton responded that page 634 of the packet reflects very-low density in the area from the existing city limits to the east along Bottleneck Wash.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth stated that the concern is the approach to the airport. She wants to have staff draw lines following this meeting that will amend the map based on comments from Mayor Goode and input from Mr. Crider.

Ms. Walton said she can work directly with Mr. Crider to get this done as the Council directs.

Mayor Goode added that the mandatory of the base in city limits was not added as he directed at the previous meeting.

Ms. Walton responded that the City Attorney reviewed the statute and determined that the addition was not necessary based on the classification of the site.

City Attorney Joseph Young confirmed and reiterated that this site falls outside the definition in statute and should not be added.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme asked for clarification on the revisions discussed to the land use map.

Ms. Walton reviewed the very-low density which will extend from the ASAP boundary over and down as shown on the map.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth commented that there is not an overall map regarding the circulation element within the plan but that it will be available in the public information once everything is adopted today.

Ms. Walton reiterated that the maps, which are small within the document, will be made available in large and interactive formats on the city website for the public. She added that staff will also be making an Executive Summary of the

document.

Mayor Goode commented regarding President Trump's January Executive Order regarding terms "sex" versus "gender" and reiterated his opinion that having the word "genders" in the General Plan will jeopardize future grant funding opportunities. He asked again to replace the language in the document.

Councilman Moore stated that the Executive Order applies to federal agencies and he feels the use of the word "gender" does not promote gender ideology. He feels the Mayor is making a much bigger issue of this and there is no grant application the city would do where this would even apply.

The Mayor polled the Council to determine if there was consensus to change the word "genders" to "sex": Councilman Moore, Councilman Grady, Councilman Gambogi and Councilman Montoya were opposed while Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme and Councilwoman Fruhwirth were in favor.

Councilman Gambogi stated this is the sixth meeting on this topic and he thinks it is time to move forward rather than continuing to discuss the Plan.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth commented that major and minor plan amendments are outlined at the end of the General Plan and a future Council could make updates to the General Plan language without a major amendment if it was necessary.

Councilman Moore discussed the name of the Regional Park, and stated that he feels the public and Council should have a say in the name of the park. It should reflect Granite Dells Regional Park, not Glassford Dells Regional Park. He added that the IGA didn't create the park, it allowed for the purchase of the land.

Mayor Goode stated that the overall consensus of all involved agencies was to name it Glassford Dells Regional Park. Prescott Valley and Yavapai County also have a stake in this so this was a compromise and an effective way to combine Glassford Hill and the Granite Dells.

Mr. Young stated that the intent of the IGA was to secure the open space and create a coalition to seek out the land, and then the land was purchased from the state.

Councilman Moore said it should be the Glassford Hill Granite Dells State Park.

Mayor Goode said it is not the city's call, there are different agencies involved, including the state.

Ms. Walton stated that when the park is finalized, the name can become official and changed in the General Plan if necessary.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth stated that in three months the Council has done a lot going from 354 strategies down to 109. The Plan is not perfect for her but it is perfect for the City of Prescott.

Member of the public Jenna James addressed the Council regarding lack of coordination with members of the public. Deep Well Ranch is the primary landowner outside city limits, and they were not contacted regarding their privately owned property. It is presumptuous of the Council to think they know better than staff or the appointed members of the General Plan Committee who spent three years working on this document. The General Plan is not a legally binding document; adding the words "at Council discretion" to the end of every sentence is micromanaging. She added that the non-discrimination language has been important to the community from the start and the council needs to stop using the document for political grandstanding.

Member of the public Ken Fidyk addressed the Council regarding voting in November, need more than four or five approvals from them for this to pass. There may be a consensus but doesn't know that this will be 7-0. Prop478 required tweaking before it could be approved, and he feels the General Plan needs more to get this passed in November.

Member of the public David Segal addressed the Council stating that the Council represents the majority of the electorate and not their personal agendas. This plan has woke ideology that does not represent Prescott. It is important to realize there are 20,000 registered republican voters in Prescott, the Council needs to vote for what is right for Prescott.

Member of the public Melissa Radwick addressed the Council echoing previous citizens' comments, the way the Plan is written matters. She appreciates the Council members who are listening.

Member of the public Cathey Rusing addressed the Council regarding using common sense. This is still a draft that is not ready to be voted on. The map is not ready. This is an insult to everyone's intelligence. She added that CYMPO has not sent over their circulation map to show future arterials and connectors.

Member of the public Robert Seton addressed the Council and commented that if you are working on a government contract you must comply with the statement of work and requirements. He added that the city cannot afford what is contained within the proposed General Plan, and there has been no cost analysis done. The Planning Department is regulated by the APA and the growing smarter legislation. He would not vote yes to this plan.

Member of the public Terry Sapio addressed the Council regarding the work that has gone into this with a lot of compromise and negotiations. This division is telling him that the Council is leaving no money on the table. This is what happens when there is a compromise. The Council has done a tremendous job of slimming this down. The Committee tried to accommodate all the special interest groups that came to them. The only place where equity and inclusion is in the General Plan is beginning. He encouraged the Council to move forward to approve this for the public to vote on.

Member of the public Kenneth Goellner addressed the Council regarding the fact

that even though something is not legally binding, it still matters. Words are used to get people to be quiet. He discussed published medical literature and FCC guidelines related to non-ionizing radiation.

Member of the public Richard Thompson addressed the Council regarding the importance of getting this right and being something the public will approve. There are still more cuts needed, but he appreciates the removal of the climate change rhetoric. He doesn't feel the city needs to be concerned with geo-thermal energy so why should that be included.

Member of the public Linda Thompson addressed the Council regarding the document being more workable and logical. She feels this meeting has been clarified. She will work hard to make sure that it does not pass if it makes it to the ballot.

Member of the public Cynthia Wagner addressed the Council in support of the General Plan.

Member of the public Tanya Planchon addressed the Council as a new resident in Prescott, the General Plan has too many California-esq philosophies, and they do not work. The law mandates that you cannot discriminate, and the Council is not mommy and daddy and the public does not need to be told how to behave. This General Plan is overreaching and has a progressive agenda.

Member of the public JD Greenberg addressed the Council regarding the revised General Plan. The appointed citizens dedicated over 2.5 years to bring forward a strong plan. There was an opportunity during that time for the public and the Council to be involved in the drafting of this document, no effective Board of Directors would manage in this way. She asked that the March 25th version of the plan be forwarded to the November ballot.

Member of the public Rosemary Dixon addressed the Council regarding the difference between sex and gender stating they are not the same thing. Gender ideology is a made-up term to divide people.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GAMBONI TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN SUBMITTED ON MARCH 25; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MONTOYA: FAILED (4 - 3) MAYOR GOODE, MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME AND COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH DISSENTING

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN FRUHWIRTH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1922; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MOORE: FAILED (3 - 4) MAYOR GOODE, MAYOR PRO TEM CANTELME, COUNCILMAN GAMBONI AND COUNCILMAN MONTOYA DISSENTING

Ms. Walton stated that the city will continue to operate under the 2015 General Plan, until a revised plan can be considered at a future election.

11. COUNCIL LIAISON BCC UPDATES

City Clerk Sarah Siep reviewed the upcoming BCC Meetings and added that the Council will be on summer break following the Tuesday, July 8 meetings and many of

the BCCs will likely not meet during that time as well.

July 1 - 9:30 am Council Subcommittee on Water Issues

July 2 - 9 am Mayor's Veterans Commission

July 2 - 10 am Workforce Housing Committee

July 3 - 3 pm Council Subcommittee on Appointments

July 11 - 9 am Prescott Preservation Commission

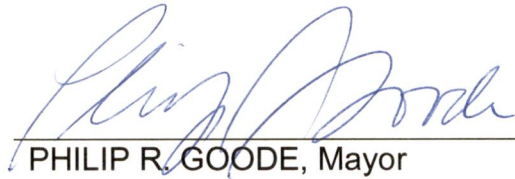
July 14 - 9 am Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee

Councilman Moore stated that he is discouraged about not getting a passing vote on the General Plan and highlighted that the current political climate makes it really hard to get things done which was showcased during discussions today. There will always be dissension and contention. He appreciates Mr. Sapio's comments today, and he thinks the Council is sending a horrible message to the public. Why would anyone want to spend years of time serving when their efforts are not valued. He was more than happy to pass the March version or the updated version to get this to the voters and have them decide.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented as the Liaison to the Workforce Housing Committee and stated that the group is working on the Workforce Housing Policy, it is still a work in progress but they will be discussing it again at their next meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 5:21 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 June 24, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

