



# City of Prescott

## City Council - Study Session

September 23, 2025 | 1:00 PM  
201 N Montezuma Street  
City Council Chambers, 1st 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  
Patrick Grady - Councilman  
Brandon Montoya - Councilman  
Eric Moore - Councilman (Excused)

#### 3. DISCUSSION

##### A. Presentation & Discussion Regarding a Proposal to Convert Ken Lindley Field to Synthetic Turf.

Recreation Services Director Kristy Diaz-Trahan provided a presentation to the Council regarding the proposal to convert the field and introduced Glenn Daiutolo President of OJB FC.

##### Proposed Donation Will:

- \* Significantly create opportunities for families in the community
- \* Triple the amount of field usage with FIFA-quality synthetic soccer field
- \* Significantly reduce water consumption and maintenance costs
- \* Bring regional and national notoriety to the City of Prescott
- \* No cost to taxpayers

Mr. Daiutolo provided an overview on OJB's background in the community, founded for the purpose of maximizing opportunities for every player, paving the way for success in academics, soccer excellence and flourishing vocational careers. Prescott based 501(c)(3). Focus on affordability and accessibility, holistic player development and community and culture building. More than seven existing programs for recreation up to semi-professional and an affiliation with Yavapai College, and the largest competitive club in Yavapai County. Youth soccer is the second-fastest growing youth sport in the nation.

##### Proposal:

- \* Contribute up to \$200 million for the construction of FIFA-quality synthetic soccer-only field at Ken Lindley Park and the cosmetic refurbishment of the

common areas

- \* OJB commits to resurfacing the synthetic field in 10-12 years
- \* City would not have any obligation to field for 20-plus years
- \* Key Benefits - much less maintenance costs, significant water conservation, playable year-round surface, increased usage by 2-3 times, synthetic field can support 2,000-3,000 hours of play per year
- \* OJB is seeking a 25-year "prepaid rent" lease agreement with the city in exchange for the improvements
- \* OJB request a first right of refusal for field usage prior to other public soccer uses
- \* Field naming rights - stadium name remains The Ken Lindley Park, but OJB requests naming the field The Michael Pantalone Field recognizing the notoriety brought to Prescott with his Hall of Fame coaching at Yavapai College and seven national collegiate soccer titles

Timelines:

- \* Construction and installation finished by April 2026
- \* Field up and running by June 11, 2026 for the 2026 World Cup

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme asked how many games a year would be held at the field and if a fee would be charged for usage for other organizations. She proposed that the city take the cost savings and set it aside to cover the costs of a replacement in the future.

Mr. Daiutolo stated that there are usually about 15 games each week on Saturdays with a break over the holidays. The charges would be in accordance with the city fee schedule.

Mayor Goode asked if there would be any conflicts with other youth soccer organizations and if the special needs program mentioned has already been created. He invited Michael Pantalone to come up and discuss the proposal.

Mr. Daiutolo responded that the state credentials the special needs division and will be kicked-off soon. There are a number of other soccer organizations in the community, so there is some competition for use of fields and this will help with that by having a dedicated space.

Mr. Pantalone addressed the Council and stated that when he started in 1988 there was no intercollegiate field available, and he worked with the city to get Ken Lindley. The field has been underutilized and this will enhance it and help improve the neighborhood as well.

Councilman Grady thanked Mr. Daiutolo for his willingness to make this contribution to the community, and asked about the tourism impact of this project.

Mr. Daiutolo responded that multiple teams can train at a time, don't have to worry about rain outs etc. Could also do a study on how it would likely impact the community from an economic standpoint as well.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth echoed Councilman Grady's comments and asked for confirmation that OJB FC will be managing the field and scheduling with other organizations.

Mr. Daituolo confirmed.

Ms. Diaz-Trahan continued the discussion regarding the water savings from this proposal. Currently, Ken Lindley uses more than 1,900,000 gallons per year, so there will be significant environmental savings in water usage which is roughly a \$20,000 annual expense in the department budget. The city will also experience savings in maintenance costs.

Councilman Gambogi asked about whether synthetic turf produces PFAS.

Ms. Diaz-Trahan responded that the contractor has installed over 30,000 synthetic fields, and Mr. Daituolo added that their turf is tested by the EPA and the technology has improved significantly as well.

Ms. Diaz-Trahan added that the majority of the use on the field has been OJB and Yavapai College, with a few other uses, including PUSD and summer movie nights, but those uses can be moved, and by pulling OJB from other fields it will allow for more use by others.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth asked what the cost of disposal is for the fields and replacement. She also asked about the noticing requirements in the charter regarding the lease.

Mr. Daituolo responded approximately \$1 million and the company will haul away the old field as part of the costs.

City Attorney Joseph Young responded that the city met the charter requirements of two separate publications at least a week apart. He added that there is no requirement of time published in advance of the meeting.

Councilman Grady asked about the naming of the facility and if they will follow the policy.

Ms. Diaz-Trahan stated that they are familiar with the policy and will be going through that for the renaming.

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

- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding a Possible Shift of the Primary Runway at Prescott Regional Airport - Ernest A. Love Field.

Airport Director Rick Crider provided a presentation regarding the proposed Airport Layout plan update. The Airport hosted two open houses over the summer related to these projects, the land has been appraised and environmental done so this is the next step. He introduced Charlie McDermott with Dibble to discuss the workshops and proposed runway shift.

Mr. McDermott discussed the summer open houses during which residents were able to submit comments and 27 were received, generally in favor, but some concerns related to aircraft noise, flight paths and hours of operations were mentioned. He reviewed the airport layout plan which was updated in 2022, the proposed updated layout plan, which has additional land for future airport use, acquired land, Embry-Riddle expansion facility, Cutter Aviation ramp improvements, Taxiway C relocation project, and a runway protection zone coming entirely onto the airport property.

He continued by discussing that they are proposing shifting the threshold of the runway to a new location and the use of old pavement can be determined by the Airport and Council. Most airports stripe it off so it can't be used. He also reviewed the updates that will come for the OEI Splay with the shift. With the shift, there wouldn't need to be consideration for future land purchases surrounding the airport. There are state and FAA funding opportunities available to help offset some of the costs for the project.

Mr. Crider stated that wiser and more strategic investments can be made by doing the runway shift this way because it will allow the airport to be more proactive than reactive in the future, and it is significantly more cost-effective overall.

Councilman Gambogi asked if the runway would be strengthened and thickened as well.

Mr. Crider stated that it will be. The plan is to prepare for the next generation of aircraft and handle larger loads like tankers. He added that the shift is a safety project and the strengthening will make the runway more compatible for heavier loads.

Mr. McDermott added that additional and updated noise contours will be done as well.

Mr. Crider stated that the next action item is for staff to return at a future meeting with the approach the Council wants to take.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented that the primary complaint of the neighborhood is about the noise from the airport.

Mayor Goode stated that shifting this creates an additional safety area, so while the cost savings is great the safety is a big component too.

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#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

  
PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor

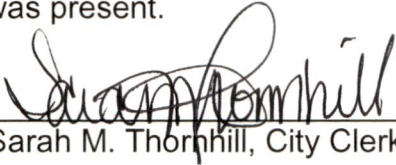
ATTEST:



SARAH M. THORNHILL, 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 September 23, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sarah M. Thornhill, City Clerk

