



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022, 1:00 PM

201 S. Cortez Street
Prescott, AZ 86303
Council Chambers

Phil Goode, Mayor

Brandon Montoya, Mayor Pro Tem

Cathey Rusing, Councilmember

Eric Moore, Councilman

Connie Cantelme, Councilwoman

Steve Sischka, Councilman

Clark Tenney, Councilman

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2022, IN THE 201 S. CORTEZ STREET PRESCOTT, AZ 86303 COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Phil Goode	Mayor
Brandon Montoya	Mayor Pro Tem
Connie Cantelme	Councilwoman
Eric Moore	Councilman
Cathey Rusing	Councilmember
Steve Sischka	Councilman - Excused
Clark Tenney	Councilman

3. DISCUSSION

- A. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the The Launch Pad Teen Center's Better Together Campaign.

Representatives from the Launch Pad Teen Center Teen Advisory Council (TAC) Giana Frans and Tessa Martinez provided a presentation to Council regarding TACs Better Together Campaign. TAC is a group of passionate teens that want to improve the community with thoughtful conversation, with support of the Launch Pad their goal is to spread awareness of

Civil Discourse and provide steps and tips on mending division. The group created a survey and are onto the next steps.

Ms. Martinez continued that 81% of the survey respondents stated they feel a division in the community and most people feel comfortable talking within their family and church. TAC is creating a guidebook to help address some of these issues.

Ms. Frans stated that their goal is to send the guidebook out to families who sign up for the program, encourage family dinner conversation and review what was productive as well as any tips or feedback they may have on the guidebook. Once this is received TAC will then expand into local businesses in the community.

Future Goals:

- * Community dinners
- * Development of bettertogethertalks.com to stay connected with what is happening & stay connected

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya commended both Ms. Martinez and Ms. Frans for coming and speaking to Council and for their efforts to find a way to be part of a solution. He recognized the impact that this organization has on our community and for local teens. Local governance doesn't involve parties and he particularly likes the idea of breaking bread with people. He encouraged them to keep up their work and to continue bringing people together.

Councilmember Rusing pointed out that many skills Ms. Martinez and Ms. Frans used today can be applied to the workplace and commented that she is impressed this is happening at the Launchpad.

Councilwoman Cantelme thanked them for their presentation and for working on this project. What they are doing today is great for their generation.

Member of the public Eileen Wolf addressed Council as a representative of Free America July 4th and the protection of student's views. She encourages families to lead and guide students, parents are the ones that are responsible.

Member of the public David Segael addressed Council and asked who has viewed the Launch Pad website and specifically this survey, and if they understand the "underlying purpose" of the organization. He feels there is an underlying agenda in the Launchpad that is programming and brainwashing, they partner with indoctrinating organizations.

Member of the public Andy Nelson addressed Council regarding being respectful, loving and caring of everyone whether you agree with the or not. He applauded the presenters, but questions additional laws or proclamations that would take away statutes that are protected. He disagrees with Launch Pad furthering the gender identity crisis of our youth but appreciates the allyship of disenfranchised youth. Looks forward to an opportunity to be involved in the Dinner Conversations program.

Member of the public Ruth Ashkenazi addressed Council and proposed that everyone present get together, she feels there is a lack of trust and a need to address the issues and misunderstandings. If there is a political bias be clear and honest about it. She attended the Better Together Workshop in April, and is concerned about an emphasis on victimization, that is the wrong way to go about empowering people.

Member of the public Lawrence Neigel addressed Council and commended the girls for their presentation. He is from San Bernardino County and said he watched the community deteriorate due to infiltration of far-left wing ideology and doesn't want to see anything close happen in Prescott. Council has a responsibility to guard against funding these programs that are indoctrinating children.

Councilman Tenney stated that this presentation was not about seeking funding and asked for confirmation that the public should limit their comments to the context of the presentation.

Mayor Goode confirmed that the organization was not seeking any funding.

Member of the public and president of Launch Pad Teen Center Andrew Baird addressed Council and thanked them for allowing the presentation. This program was run through the Teen Advisory Council and he feels there have been several unfortunate comments and people speaking out against the Launch Pad today. He invited everyone to come by and see the space anytime. There is an art room, teen coffee shop, Teen Advisory Council meetings happening regularly, etc. The goal is to help the teens in this community grow and thrive and it is important to continue to encourage and support the people that are most important to this community.

Member of the public Michele Hamer addressed Council regarding the many amazing things the Launch Pad Teen Center does, but she is concerned regarding the sexual conversations that are happening at the schools and teen centers. Wants to make our teens wholesome again.

Councilman Moore commended the presenters for their presentation and the public for their comments. There is a lot of judgment here today and that is not appropriate. Everyone needs to

look at the value that the Teen Center is adding to the community for those that need it. He and his wife did foster care and there are a lot of children who are lost and need help/guidance, deterioration of society isn't related to Teen Centers. Thinks it is a good idea to understand what is happening at the Launch Pad and how it is benefiting our community.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked if any of the kids who go to the Launch Pad are forced to go there and stated that he operates under the impression that the kids who are there want to be there. It is offensive to him that someone would take away something that is so beneficial for our community and make unfounded allegations.

Mr. Baird confirmed, all the teens at the Launch Pad are there because they want to be.

Ms. Ashkenazi said we all need to speak about our fears and concerns.

Launch Pad Director Courtney Osterfeld addressed the Council stating that it is a youth driven teen center, with adults and teens on the board which helps build skill sets and addresses their concerns. This presentation was created by these teens and they want to see people come together.

Councilmember Rusing reminded the public that this is a non-voting session, it is a study session, and the purpose is to give the public a platform to give Council an idea on what is going on. There is a Boys & Girls Club and faith-based club at the Fairgrounds as well so there are many options. She believes the Launch Pad is self-funded and doesn't receive funds from the City of Prescott.

Councilman Tenney expressed his concerns regarding the fact that the comments diverged from the agenda topic and added that Ms. Osterfeld summarized what he was thinking and underscores the need for this type of program and project.

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

B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the City's Pavement Management Program.

Public Works Director Ashley Couch provided a presentation to Council regarding the city's pavement management project.

Pavement Management Program:

- * Comprehensive program of lifecycle maintenance for city streets
- * Inventory of all City of Prescott roads
- * Routine inspection and assessment of conditions
- * Record all maintenance history
- * Prioritize projects for the best overall results

Asphalt Pavement:

- * Flexible pavement design
- * Strength comes from all layers which are compacted
- * Water intrusion and freeze-thaw are worst enemies to lasting performance

Treatment Methods:

- * Crack seal – inexpensive, effective maintenance tool
- * Rejuvenation – application early in pavement life, can be applied multiple times, maintains PCI for 3-6 years
- * Chip, Slurry & Microseals – combination of rock and oil, re-establishes a wearing surface, minimizes effects of sun and weather
- * Mill & Pave overlay – remove and replace surface of existing surface
- * Full Depth Reconstruction – full removal and replacement of existing roadway, most expensive/time consuming and inconvenient to residents

Staff's goal is to maintain streets in serviceable condition for as long as possible at the lowest cost i.e. the right treatment at the right time. Regular maintenance pavement lasts longer and costs less over its lifecycle, deferring routine maintenance will result in more significant and costly repairs and an adequate maintenance program will maintain network quality and PCI.

IMS Implementation:

- * Technical condition survey of existing roadways
- * While driving city streets, specialized equipment allows IMS to collect electronic data from the vehicle cameras and lasers
- * End up with maps with unique pavement condition index assigned

Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Affected By:

- * Surface condition
- * Moisture/drainage
- * Sub-grade
- * Traffic
- * Pavement age
- * Prior maintenance history

Current average condition is 63 with 22% of city streets in the poor or very poor category:

- * Arterials (Willow Creek Road, Hwy 69, White Spar) are in good condition at 76
- * Collectors (Gail Gardener, Copper Basin, Rosser, etc.) are at 70
- * Local residential street PCI at 57

Councilwoman Cantelme thanked staff for their presentation, she commented that prior to the software Public Works utilizes it was really an issue and it now helps not only with the streets but sidewalks and surrounding areas. It adds to the neighborhoods too.

Councilmember Rusing echoed Councilwoman Cantelme's comments, doing this helps the community overall.

Mr. Couch continued with specific areas that do need to be addressed in the downtown corridor and highlighted areas that will be addressed beginning in the Spring and through FY25.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked if reconstruction is required when the road reaches very poor status.

Capital Project Manager Jerry Greenfield responded the poor/very poor are the backlogged roads but are in serviceable condition to keep above 40 and below.

Budget:

* \$8.5 million of Streets fund goes to pavement management

* Street Fund is Composed of

- 1% Transportation Sales Tax through 2035 (78%)
- Highway User Revenue Fund (14%)
- Misc. Revenue (8%)

When the pavement management program started in 2019 the city was at a 60 PCI, in 2022 the city was at 63 and he recommends continuing to budget in the same way to get to 72 in five years.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya asked about the fact that residential streets are a lower priority, adding that it is his understanding that as this program moves through the funding and quality radiates out to all other areas.

Mr. Couch responded that staff does local streets several times a year, but it is a balance and there is an entire system to maintain. If they were to do worst first, gateways into the city and highly used corridors would deteriorate and that expense would be much larger.

Mayor Goode commented that five years ago this was one of his pet project ideas, and he met with the City Manager and former Public Works Director to get started. It is not just the roadways but the overall conditions in the surrounding areas. These types of projects bring up the appearance and

overall value, and this is showing good results. He supports the continued investment of increasing those overall average numbers.

Councilman Moore commented that when Ruth Street was initially done a few years ago there were still issues after, he asked if there is something that could be placed on the website to help homeowners see when their streets might get done.

Mr. Couch responded that there is an annual program, and he has asked staff to look at a five year program, this would be tentative but could give people an idea of when their street or neighborhood would be addressed.

Councilman Tenney thanked staff for being proactive about this, streets are one of the most visual part of what the city does so it is great to see the data and know that we are trending in the right direction.

Council consensus to stay the course generally and will do a full analysis during next year's budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Montoya added that he would like to see both options of staying the course and possibly having more funding in that fund.

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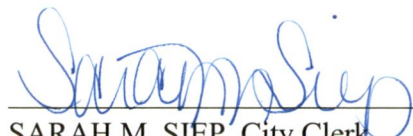
4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.



PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor

ATTEST:



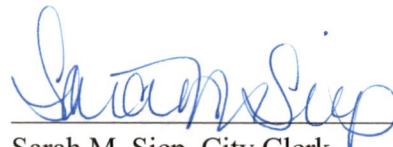
SARAH M. SIEP, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council Study Session of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on December 13, 2022. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11 day of January, 2023.





Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk