City of Prescott

City Council - Voting Meeting

August 11, 2026 | 3:00 PM
201 N Montezuma Street
Council Chambers, 1st Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rusing called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Cathey Rusing - Mayor
Lois Fruhwirth - Mayor Pro Tem
Mary Frederickson - Councilwoman
Ted Gambogi - Councilman
Jim Garing - Councilman
Patrick Grady - Councilman
Jay Ruby - Councilman

3. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Fruhwirth announced that the final draft of the Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan is ready for community review and available online. The 45-day public comment period was opened on August 5th and will remain open through September 22nd. Council will conduct two public hearings, on August 25th and September 22nd where citizens can provide comments as well. The presentation, and final draft of the Master Plan are available at ww.prescott-az.gov/prescott-rodeo-grounds-master-plan/

She added that throughout the month of August, the city will be conducting routine phosphorus-binding water quality treatments at Watson Lake as part of the City's ongoing Healthy Lakes Program and to help improve water clarity and overall water quality, reduce excess nutrients, and help control aquatic weeds and algae. Treatment dates and times are weather dependent and will take place as conditions allow. Watson Lake will remain open throughout the treatment process, with no restrictions on recreational use. For questions, contact Public Works at 928-777-1130.

Mayor Pro Tem Fruhwirth also stated that the Prescott Public Library has launched a new website, and encouraged residents to update their bookmarks to library.prescott-az.gov to access the Library's online resources, events, services, and information. Additionally, the Recreation Services Programming Team has announced their new mountain biking program, with lessons and clinics beginning this fall. Registration is now open for technical clinics, private and semi-private lessons, and small-group lessons.

Finally, the Council will host a Public Safety and Prop478 Town Hall on Wednesday, August 26th at The Federal (101 W. Goodwin Street) from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Town Hall will provide an opportunity for citizens to learn about the current status of

Prop478 including a reconciliation of current costs compared with original estimates. Light refreshments will be provided.

4. INVOCATION - Associate Pastor Crystal Noland with ONE Church

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Rusing

6. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Prescott Jazz Summit 25th Anniversary - August 27-30, 2026
Councilman Ruby presented the Proclamation.

B. 2026 International Mountain Bicycling Association Trail Town
Mayor Rusing presented the Proclamation.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Updated Water Quality Report

Utilities Manager Steven Olfers provided a presentation to Council regarding the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) 2025 Water Quality Report. This is required annually by ADEQ and must be published by July 1. The report is available online and in the Prescott Public Library.

<u>Information Provided:</u>
* Drinking water treatment process
* Water quality sampling and monitoring
* Source water information
* Water quality testing and regulatory standards
* Consumer resources and additional information
* Overview of ongoing Water Meter Replacement Program
* EyeOnWater application and customer benefits

<u>Required Regulatory Information:</u>
* Contaminant Table
  - Detected contaminants for 2025
  - Results compared to regulatory standards
  - Only detected contaminants are listed
* Possible Health Effects
  - Required health effects language
  - ADEQ Regulatory requirements

Mr. Olfers stated that the city meets all regulatory requirements.

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

8. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Stacey Brown addressed the Council regarding construction contracts awarded at the July 14 Meeting, the way this discussion was handled at that meeting was a significant issue with no established process to consider them. This is not good governance. Significant project decisions need to set in a policy and with accountability. There should be an established framework for memos and updates to the Council to help address these issues. She asked the council to establish framework to allow them to govern.

B. Robert Browne addressed the Council as an 18-year resident and stated that he is confused on the paving priorities of the Public Works Department. He stated that his street, Hillcrest, is a hazardous street. He feels it needs to be included in the plan.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9.A. THROUGH 9.I., EXCLUDING 9.B.; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FREDERICKSON: PASSED (7 - 0)

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 14, 2026 Study Session and the July 14, 2026 Voting Meeting.

B. Approval of the 2027 City of Prescott's Legislative Platform & Authorization for Staff to Transmit the Document to State and Federal Representatives.

Mayor Rusing and Councilman Ruby pulled this item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Rusing stated that every year the city puts together a legislative platform and this year have narrowed it down to two pages which she supports, however, she would like to make amendments. Feels that Item 4 under funding priorities does not need to be included and she would like to ensure all EVs be included in State and Local Highway support contributions. Additionally, she would like her direct phone line included in the platform.

Councilman Ruby would like to add support of the "wild and scenic designation" for the Verde River included in the platform.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN RUBY TO APPROVE 2027 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM WITH AMENDMENTS; SECONDED BY MAYOR RUSING: PASSED (6 - 1) COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI DISSENTING

C. Approval of City Contract No. 2027-045 with Columbia Capital LLC for Independent Municipal Advisor Services for Upcoming Debt Issuances.

D. Approval of Acceptance of Seven (7) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grants & Seven (7) Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Grant Applications as Follows: 1) Grant #3-04-0030-061-2026 for Hangar Development Phase Two (2) in the Amount of $2,968,750.00, and ADOT Application for $78,125.00; 2) Grant #3-04-0030-062-2026 for Construction of a Wash Rack in the Amount of $300,000.00, and ADOT Application for $7,895.00; 3.) Grant #3-04-0030-063-2026 for Southwest Ramp Reconstruction Phase One (1) in the Amount of $273,160.00, and ADOT Application for $7,188.00; 4) Grant #3-04-0030-064-2026 for Vehicle Service Road Phase One (1) in the Amount of $175,000.00, and ADOT Application for $4,605.00; 5) Grant #3-04-0030-065-

2026 for Environmental Assessment for Runway 3R-21L Extension in the Amount of $967,551.00, and ADOT Application for $25,462.00; 6) Grant #3-04-0030-066-2026 for Taxiway 'F' Realignment Phase Two (2) in the Amount of $2,210,805.00, and ADOT Application for $58,179.00; 7) Grant #3-04-0030-67-2026 for Vehicle Transmitters in the Amount of $173,280.00, and ADOT Application for $4,560.00. The total amount of the FAA grants is $2,968,750.00, and the ADOT grant application amount is $78,125.00.

E. Approval of City Contract No. 2027-043 for the Lease of Property at 6543 Crystal Lane at Prescott Regional Airport — Ernest A. Love Field.

F. Approval of City Contract No. 2025-111A1, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2025-111 Between the Prescott Fire Department and Yavapai Regional Medical Center for a Base Hospital & Provider Agreement Adding Yavapai Regional Medical Center East Campus, 7700 E. Florentine Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 to the Agreement & Extending the Termination Date.

G. Approval of Multiple Purchase Orders Related to Water Infrastructure Emergency Repairs Ratifications on Sheldon Street as Follows: 1) PO No. 02260707 in the Amount of $274,182.50 with Fann Contracting, Inc.; 2) PO No. 02260709-001 in the Amount of $68,688.98 with DBA Construction, Inc.; and 3) PO No. 02260708 in the Amount of $277,984.32 with Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC. Funding for All POs in the Total Amount of $597,994.80 is Budgeted & Available in the Water Fund.

H. Approval of City Contract No. 2026-093A1, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2026-093 with Earth Resources Corporation for Construction of the Stricklin Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure Site Project in the Amount of $95,429.51. Funding is Budgeted & Available in the Streets and Wastewater Funds.

I. Approval of City Contract No. 2026-078A2, an Amendment to City Contract No. 2026-078 with DBA Construction for the Blooming Hills Drive Sidewalk Repair Project in an Amount not to Exceed $318,411.50 Utilizing the City's Job Order Contract. Funding is Budgeted & Available in the Streets Fund.

10. LIQUOR LICENSE

A. Public Hearing and Consideration for a new Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License Application from Jose Manuel Gutierrez Hernandez, Applicant, for El Tapatio. Location: 547 Miller Valley Road.
MOTION BY MAYOR RUSING TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FREDERICKSON: PASSED (7 - 0)

MOTION BY MAYOR RUSING TO APPROVE ITEM 10.A.; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FREDERICKSON: PASSED (7 - 0)

11. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Approval of City Contract No. 2027-046, for Tourism Destination Marketing Execution, Economic Development Initiatives, and Campaign Support.

Economic Development Director Steve Prokopek provided a presentation to the Council regarding the proposed contract.

<u>Economic Development & Tourism:</u>
* Tourism
* Business Attraction
* Business Retention
* Retail Development
* Investment/Reinvestment

<u>Council Strategic Goals:</u>
* Strategic Plan 2026-2031
    - Priority #2: Foster a dynamic economic environment
    - Target Result #4 - $288 million in direct tourism spending
* FY27 Budget
    - $200,000 Tourism Advertising Campaign
    - $60,000 Tourism Advertising Campaign for Economic Development
    - $46,015 Software systems and maintenance
    - $100,000 Subscriptions and memberships
* Expected Outcome - create synergy between Tourism and Economic Development initiatives

Economic Development Manager Tricia Lewis continued the presentation regarding tourism and the impacts on the community.

<u>Destination Marketing Organization (Experience Prescott):</u>
* Official entity designated by a city or county to promote a destination, attract overnight visitors and support the local tourism economy
* The Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT) is our state partner
* Experience Prescott serves as the city's DMO, leading destination marketing initiatives that increase visitation, generate tourism spending and support local businesses while aligning with statewide promotion efforts and campaigns.

Ms. Lewis continued with an overview of the presentation from DestinationiQ and discussed how they have helped the Town of Cottonwood improve their tourism analytics.

Tourism Manager Mike Kelly continued with an overview of the Scope of Services for this agreement:
* Destination Management Services
* Brand Strategy & Development
* Content Marketing - photography, video ad development, website development and updates, Yodel calendar program
* Digital Advertising
* Organic Social Media - meta ads, google search, targeted campaigns
* Visitor Research and Insights - Placerai management and analytics

Next Steps:
* TAC Engagement
* Potential Added Items - Tourism Strategic Plan, Economic Development and Tourism campaigns
* Evaluation - monthly updates and reporting, bed tax revenue and ROI, engagement and visitation metrics

Mayor Pro Tem Fruhwirth commented that she is excited about the approval of this contract because the community needs to get going on this especially because this is the group that helped Cottonwood enhance their marketing.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE CITY CONTRACT NO. 2027-046; SECONDED BY MAYOR RUSING: PASSED (7 - 0)

B. Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-1999 Approving an Elected Fire Deterrent System Policy.

City Engineer Randy Perham provided a presentation to the Council regarding a proposed policy for Elected Fire Deterrent Systems. He stated that his recommendation today will be to postpone adoption of the policy based on feedback he has received from the Council since publication of the agenda. This item was spawned from a local community that is attempting to enhance their fire-wise safety and regulations through this type of system and will be installing one, leading the city to want to create a policy that establishes how this would take place. Mr. Perham continued with an overview of the policy.

Councilwoman Frederickson stated that she wants to ensure that requirements on the system owners to adequately report to the city are clearly outlined in the policy. She also asked about liability of the city for shutdown of the system.

Deputy City Attorney Alane Moore responded that it would be a good idea to have a line item in the policy included in the policy regarding liability.

Councilman Gambogi stated that he feels the Council should move to staff's recommendation to postpone voting on this in the interest of time.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI TO POSTPONE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1999 TO NO DATE CERTAIN; SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUBY: PASSED (7 - 0)

C. Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action Regarding an Update on the Police Substation & Property/Evidence Facility Project, as Well as Site Development Options.

Public Works Director Gwen Rowitsch provided a presentation to the Council regarding an update on the project and site development options beginning with an overview of the process thus far.

Schedule:
* October 2025 - entered into design contract

* December 2025 - design programming meeting and facility tours
* May 2026 - site layout, interior floor plans and exterior elevations confirmed
* July 2026 - 30% schematic design
* July 14, 2026 - Willmeng Construction awarded CMAR pre-construction services contract

Willmeng Construction:
* Pre-construction CMAR and Guaranteed Maximum Price #1
* Collaborate with Arrington Watkins and City staff
* Confirm constructability
* Offer value engineering options
* Lock in scope of work and cost
* Reduce risk to project and city
* Prepare for construction

Site Development:
* Option A - city owned property, scope of work fits with site with minimal future expansion, multiple stacks of retaining walls, retaining walls impacted by site development codes and setback/height requirements, significant grade across site and may different finish floor elevation which are an inconvenience for site access and operations
    - Total Cost for Option A: $7,988,406
* Option B - additional property acquisition required ($1.5 million), larger site may allow the facility layout to be better for current scope of work and future expansion, significant earthwork allows for more gentle slopes, fewer retaining walls, less grade changes across site for better site access a single floor elevation and operational efficiency, greater opportunity to re-vegetate new slopes to better blend in with the natural surrounding hillside landscaping and improve aesthetics from Prescott Lakes Parkway
    - Total Cost for Option B: $7,708,353

Ms. Rowitsch stated that site development is typically between 10-13% and this project is at about 14% which is close to that range so not completely out of the ordinary.

Councilwoman Frederickson asked if the County is in favor of selling the additional parcel to the city at the discussed price.

Ms. Rowitsch responded that they are in favor and feel the dollar amount is appropriate.

Real Estate Administrator Bryan Sparks added that the conversations he has had with the County, they are in favor, which is why the city has retained the first right of refusal.

Councilman Grady asked for confirmation that there would be additional space for future expansion in Option B.

Ms. Rowitsch stated that this facility will provide enough storage for the department for the next 30-40 years. Either option would provide enough space for all the substation needs for the department, but Option B would eliminate the various elevation changes for each division.

Interim Police Chief Jon Brambila confirmed, this would help with pre-construction costs, and for potential future additions like an indoor range and property yard and K-9 training area. Combining all resources into one location would be beneficial for the department.

Councilman Garing asked what the department's preference is.

Chief Brambila responded that from a cost savings and strategic/safety standpoint Option B is the preference and better option for the department.

Councilman Gambogi stated that he went out to the site with staff over the weekend, and confirmed that there is an aesthetic and functional improvements with Option B which also has more of an open space look to it making it less obtrusive from the roadway.

Mayor Rusing commented that she has been wrestling with the cost of this project, because when it comes to good governance and fiscal responsibility she is struggling. She feels there should be an Option C of an already city-owned parcel along Willow Lake Road, even though it is part of the city's protected open space it should go onto the ballot for voter consideration to do the facility here. She feels this needs to be considered further and no decisions should be made at this point.

Councilman Gambogi commented that there are three reasons to place this facility on the existing property and go with Option B: 1. PD wants proximity to the existing Courthouse and this is right across the street, 2. this would have to be postponed for two years to conduct an election if the Council wanted to put the facility on the site Mayor Rusing has noted because it is protected open space when the cost different is only $3 million, and 3. the city should not put the K-9 unit near the zoo.

Councilman Grady stated that he won't pretend to understand the differences in the sites, he is concerned about establishing a precedent of one-year after a vote on open space and turning it into an operational use. He feels that would be a slap in the face to voters.

Councilman Ruby stated that he agrees that he has not seen an analysis for a different site, however, he doesn't feel it is appropriate for the Council to speculate on that. There is a lot that has gone into creating these options, and he thanked staff for that.

Councilwoman Frederickson stated that she is on board with Option B for all the reasons described by PD for what will best suit their needs. She appreciates the idea of the additional land purchase to spread the design out a bit. Prescott citizens agreed to a sales tax to address the overdue needs of our public safety departments and now is the time to move forward with these projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Fruhwirth added that she went out to the site this weekend as well, and of the options presented, she is in favor of Option B even though it kills her to spend additional money on property. She has expressed her displeasure with the increase in costs, but she also feels that it is important to have these facilities not be located next to open space. There will be a public Town Hall with a reconciliation of these costs and share the information with the public.

Member of public Stacey Brown addressed the Council regarding the information needed to make a decision regarding the options presented by staff, and should consider this just an informational item and determine what is needed to make a decision and give clear direction on how to move forward on this. She added that this discussion is less than one month since July 14 and she doesn't even think the effort staff had to put into these options is being recognized.

Member of the public Ken Fidyk addressed the Council regarding this not being the first meeting that the Council is discussing this. Staff has put in a great deal of time and effort into this. He is concerned about how the city spends it tax dollars. However, the Police Chief has stated that this is the best fit for what the department needs. Hopes this Council will come to a firm vote this afternoon.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI TO APPROVE OPTION B FOR THE POLICE SUBSTATION & PROPERTY/EVIDENCE FACILITY PROJECT; SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FREDERICKSON: PASSED (6 - 1) MAYOR RUSING DISSENTING

D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update on the Multiple Fire Station Project Development.

Fire Chief Holger Durre provided a presentation to the Council regarding the multiple fire station projects update on Fire Stations 72, 73 and 76. He also reviewed the Fire Station drive time analysis based on existing number compared to full build out of the additional and updated stations and introduced Architect Gerrald Adams to review the timeline and specifics for each station project.

<u>Station 76 Timeline:</u>
* Currently at 30% schematic design
* 60% design development expected fall 2026
* 90% construction documents expected early 2027
* 100% permit review expected to start spring 2027
* Building expected to begin summer 2027
* Project closeout expected late 2028

Mr. Adams addressed the Council regarding the process to this point and commended staff for their work on these projects. He reviewed the site design for Station 76 and discussed layout, topography, drainage, ingress/egress, trailhead parking area at the site, employee and visitor parking.

Councilman Gambogi asked why each of the fire station general designs are similar, yet the footprints are slightly different.

Mr. Adams acknowledged the differences and stated that the economy of scale addresses this and acknowledged that department staff who will switch locations from time to time to know where they are when they wake up in the middle of the night. Additionally, the different topography in each area made differences at each site necessary.

Station 73 Timeline:
* Currently at 30% schematic design
* 60% design development expected fall 2026
* 90% construction document expected early 2027
* 100% permit review expected to start spring 2027
* Building expected to start summer 2027
* Project closeout expected late 2028

Mr. Adams continued with an overview of Station 73 site design, layout, and it's connection to Constellation Trailhead. He added that this site is exclusively for fire and does not have the community component that Station 76 has, so it will be a better facility for training of department staff, multiple ingress/egress points.

Station 72 Timeline:
* Currently at pre-design and programming phase
* 30% schematic design expected summer 2026
* 60% design development expected by end of calendar year 2026
* 90% construction documents expected by spring 2027
* 100% permit review expected to start spring 2027
* Building expected to start summer 2027
* Project closeout expected late 2028

Mr. Adams continued with a review of the existing site and facility which will be demolished and rebuilt. He overviewed the access points for fire personnel and added that this Station will host the department bell and parade truck in a public memorial plaza.

Councilman Gambogi asked about the cost perspective of the trade of Williamson Valley for 6th Street Station.

Chief Durre responded that the department stated that the valuation netted a check from CAFMA for the city for the property the city owns. The assumption of the property swap and these construction costs are two different things from his perspective.

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

E. Discussion & Possible Direction Regarding Level of Mayor & Council Involvement in Meetings and Decision-Making as It Relates to Expenditures of Prop478 Funds.

City Clerk Sarah Thornhill stated that staff has no formal presentation on this item as it was a request from the Mayor.

Mayor Rusing stated that her request is that Council receive a monthly presentation from the Departments and consultants with an update to discuss and allow input. She also requested that this information be posted on the website as it relates to elevations, plans etc.

City Manager Dallin Kimble stated that is up to the Council but it is doable. He added that there may be months when there is a lot to say and others where there is not, but staff can look at this and determine what is the best frequency to provide updates at Council Meetings.

Councilman Ruby commented that in terms of the bandwidth of time on the dais, he feels that quarterly updates or even updates in Mr. Kimble's weekly email would be appropriate. He doesn't know that a monthly update is really necessary.

Mayor Pro Tem Fruhwirth concurred, she doesn't need an update monthly, especially if there aren't things that are relevant to the Council and public. Based on cost impacts, etc., she would like to see feedback from staff on what some of the best practices are and is comfortable with staff updating as necessary. She added that she is concerned regarding the north fire station and the lights and siren noise and would like to ensure that there is some sort of marker for the public.

Mr. Kimble responded that through all of these project presentations today, Council was able to see next steps and timelines, so staff will plan to come back based on those timelines with updates. Additionally, he has discussed with staff providing the Council with options.

Councilman Gambogi asked about the language of the item and stated that it leads him to believe this was the Mayor attempting to insert herself and the Council into day-to-day processes, which is inappropriate. The way this item was written, he is totally against. He added that the Council receives a weekly update from the City Manager and that would be an appropriate place for information to be provided. Additionally, he requested that a letter received by the Council from Sandy Griffis related to this item be included in the record. *****NOTE – following adoption of these minutes at the August 25, 2026 Voting Meeting, Council voted 6-1 (Councilman Gambogi Dissenting) to remove the referenced letter from the minutes*****

Member of the public Stacey Brown addressed the Council and thanked them for their service to this community. She understands all the effort they put in. Governance is the key to working smarter not harder. Discussing how the Council wants to govern at a Study Session or workshop of some kind would be more strategic.

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

F. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-1998 Dissolving the Charter Review Committee.

City Clerk Sarah Thornhill stated that there is no formal presentation from staff on this matter as it was a request from Mayor Rusing.

Mayor Rusing thanked the Committee for their good work, stating that they forwarded nine proposed amendments this year and of those seven will be on the November Special Election ballot. She feels that now the Council needs to work on educating the public and campaign to get the measures passed. If the Committee continues on and continues to propose more measures for consideration, it will confuse the voters, and she does not want to jeopardize the work they've already done. In her opinion, their work is done at this time.

Councilman Ruby stated that the Committee has done great work and believes they need to continue on as a Standing Committee. This group gives the community a place to go to voice their concerns regarding the City Charter and to propose amendments for consideration. He sees no reason to disband the Committee at this time, and he would like to hear from members of the Committee regarding this request.

Councilman Gambogi commented that the Charter used to be changed once every ten years, now each new Mayor comes in with a new agenda and wants to amend the Charter. From his perspective, this is wrong, the direction should come from the residents, and the City Attorney and City Clerk should be the ones with oversight of the Committee rather than it being a Mayoral Ad Hoc which is why he supported it as a Standing Committee. This helps allow input from the residents, and the Council already voted 4-2 for this body to continue as a Standing Committee.

Councilman Garing stated that he received quite a bit of input from people on this, and he doesn't believe that the work of the Committee is done yet. They are in fact working on a framework and protocol for review of future amendments. He feels they should be paused until after the election once they do the framework but is not in favor of dissolving them.

Councilman Grady echoed other Council comments. He agrees that the focus should be on getting the ballot measures passed, but to dissolve the Committee sends a bad message and is premature. Council can give direction regarding the appropriate next step the Committee should take.

Mayor Pro Tem Fruhwirth stated that she feels the city's founding governing document should not be something that is constantly being adjusted and is worried about properly educating the public on the ballot measures. She added that the meetings need to be recorded and stated that she feels this group is not even organized correctly. When voters are fatigued, they vote no; she is fatigued and gets the sense that members of the Committee are as well.

Councilwoman Frederickson commented that she voted to establish it as a Standing Committee because the Council as a whole should be advised on what the Committee is going to propose, rather than having the Mayor as a gatekeeper. However, she added that she is concerned about the Charter being nibbled to death by ducks and doesn't think there needs to be a group constantly reviewing and proposing changes. She is happy with the amendments that have been put together so far and belies that members of the Committee could campaign for the measures if they are not continuing on the Committee.

Member of the public Stacey Brown addressed the Council in agreement with Councilman Gambogi. This Committee should be a Standing Committee that reviews the Charter on an annual basis. The Council is the only group that can put items on a ballot and she suggested revising the requirements of the review for the Committee. The Council cannot use city resources to advocate for ballot measures, so there is some education and discussion that needs to happen around what the Committee should be doing.

Member of the public Bonnie McMinn addressed the Council as the Chair of the Charter Review Committee (CRC). The primary election measure came forward because of this Committee following last year's election. The CRC, along with staff, have been able to review and address the issues that exist in the Charter because of certain things that have happened in the community, they are methodically looking at things. She believes that the Committee should sell the proposed amendments and look at a framework in order to determine what the Council wants them to do moving forward. The Committee is not done, and she asked for Council's support of the Standing Committee with guidance and feedback on how they would like the Committee to move forward.

Councilman Ruby commented that the Charter should be kept as strong as possible, having people who are vigilant about the Charter and what it can do is important and having it not be members of the Council is good governance.

MOTION BY MAYOR RUSING TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1998; SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRUHWIRTH: FAILED (3 - 4) COUNCILMAN GAMBOGI, COUNCILMAN GARING, COUNCILMAN GRADY AND COUNCILMAN RUBY DISSENTING

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Rusing adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Cathey Rusing

CATHEY RUSING, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah M. Thornhill

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 August 11, 2026. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sarah M. Thornhill

Sarah M. Thornhill, City Clerk