



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, 2:00 PM

201 S. Cortez Street
Prescott, AZ 86303
Council Chambers

Phil Goode, Mayor

Cathey Rusing, Mayor Pro Tem

Brandon Montoya, Councilman

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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, IN THE 201 S. CORTEZ STREET PRESCOTT, AZ 86303 COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION

A. Update from the Mayor's Commission on Water Policy Review and Monitoring.

Water Resource Project Manager Leslie Graser provided a presentation to Council regarding the Mayor's Commission. She thanked the Commissioners for their time and introduced Commissioner Michael Taylor who was in the audience.

Background:

- * Review the Policy purpose
- * Review the Committee roster – Chairman Lamerson, Vice-Chairman Roecker and members Gary Beverly, Gillian Haley, Peter Kroopnick, Michael Taylor and Gary Worob
- * Have met four times since June 2022

- * Reviewing the policy specifically but water is such a broad topic so they have discussed many things

Four Questions:

- * How will you define what makes the document effective – should be determined if it has the effect to support reasonable growth and development, particularly infill development where feasible; determine what isn't in the policy and should be; water use is adequately and frequently monitored
- * Which parts of the document do you plan to focus on to review and monitor – 17 recommendations to rank; Policies 11-14, Policy 4, Policy 5, Policy 8 and 9 rose to the top
- * What do you propose to do to monitor these parts – we want data (quantities, numbers, facts, observations, measurement, graphs, information)
- * How are those parts and overall document tracked and presented to determine effectiveness

Next Steps:

- * Keep Commission's direction as noted, yet keep it draft/flexible for new ideas that may come forward during this ongoing process
- * Continue to work on the process for which the policy will be reviewed by
- * Commission needs additional time to request and assess the data that may or may not be available
- * Next quarterly update from the Commission – Dec. 13 or Jan. 10

Mayor Goode thanked Ms. Graser for her time. Some members of the Commission have been working on water issues for decades and some who haven't been monitoring closely enough to have a strong opinion on it and that was intentional. He likes the idea of establishing data bookmarks through the Water Resource Management Model (WRMM) and establishment of usage numbers that are current.

Councilman Montoya asked if under the water budget approximately 22-acre feet have been allocated and asked how much has been done outside of the policy.

Ms. Graser confirmed.

Deputy Public Works Director Gwen Rowitsch stated that the water is tracked if there is a contract, most of those are residential though.

Councilman Tenney asked about the next meeting, and which would be most effective.

Ms. Graser responded that January would be most appropriate.

Councilman Sischka asked Commissioner Taylor about the process and if he feels that looking at other water providers like Tucson is effective.

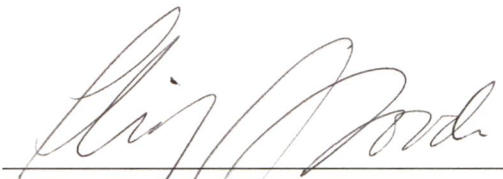
Commissioner Taylor thanked the Mayor for asking him to be on the Commission and staff for their work. He believes the process is working well, there is a great deal more to this than they expected. It is about information gathering and determining how to move forward with that information. Looking at Tucson was very eye opening and examining that and others will shed good light on what they are trying to do.

Mayor Pro Tem Rusing thanked Commissioner Taylor and the other members for tackling this project.

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

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 September 27, 2022. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28 day of October, 2022.





Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk