

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JUNE 26, 2007
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

A WORKSHOP OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007, in the Prescott Municipal Building, 201 S. Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona.

Mayor Simmons opened the meeting at 2:00 P.M. and asked Deputy City Clerk Judy Carson to call the roll, which was as follows:

Present:

Mayor Simmons
Councilman Bell
Councilman Blair
Councilman Lamerson
Councilman Luzius
Councilman Roecker
Councilwoman Suttles

Absent:

None

The item for discussion was a Report and Discussion of CYMPO Regional Transit Planning Study – Service, Funding and Implementation Alternatives.

Public Works Director Craig McConnell explained the City approved a contract on behalf of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) to hire Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates in May 2006 for the CYMPO Regional Transit Planning Study. Eighty percent (80%) of the funding was federal money and 20% was shared by CYMPO members. The City's share was based on population and was \$9,188.53. David Sharfarz of Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates presented the information from the study.

Mr. Sharfarz showed Powerpoint slides (attached to the minutes as Exhibit A) and answered questions from the Council.

Mr. Sharfarz explained in detail the four service alternatives which were:

1. Improved locally funded voucher program
2. Federally assisted voucher program
3. Limited service fixed route
4. Full service fixed route.

Mr. Sharfarz explained how they calculated the demand and ridership for Prescott – census data was used and it was determined that senior citizens, youth, low-income and disabled residents would ride the bus more times than middle income

residents. Neighborhoods were grouped together and the demand was determined from various areas of the city. Ridership would increase in the beginning as more residents saw the benefit of taking the bus, and would level out over time. He said bus service usually shut down due to lack of resources not lack of demand.

Due to time constraints the Council ended the presentation before the report could be fully presented. Mr. McConnell suggested scheduling the item for discussion, both for the Council and the public, at the July 17 Study Session and then placed on a Voting Meeting agenda. The Council should be prepared to come to a consensus on the type of program to pursue, whether to implement a transit system over a period of time, and whether this would be a regional transit effort or local transit system. That decision would then be passed on to CYMPO.

The Workshop concluded at 3:20 P.M. Council took a 5-minute break before beginning the Voting Meeting.

ROWLE P. SIMMONS, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk