

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION  
DECEMBER 1, 2009  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009 in the Prescott City Council Chambers, 201 South Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

◆ **INTRODUCTIONS**

◆ **INVOCATION:** Reverend Julia McKenna, Spiritual Architect

Reverend McKenna gave the invocation

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Blair

Councilman Blair led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT

Mayor Kuykendall  
Councilman Blair  
Councilman Hanna  
Councilman Lamerson  
Councilwoman Linn  
Councilwoman Lopas  
Councilwoman Suttles

ABSENT

None

◆ **SUMMARY OF CURRENT OR RECENT EVENTS**

Mr. Norwood reminded the Council and audience that the Christmas Parade would be on Saturday, with Acker and Dickens of a Holiday following the next weekend.

**I. PRESENTATION**

- A. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation from the Prescott Sister City Committees.

Bob Greninger noted that over the last few years the City Council has demonstrated its support of the Sister City program, and he wanted to recognize the contributions of the Council to their program.

He read a certificate of appreciation to Jack Wilson in his absence.

Bev Houston, the Chair of the Prescott/Caborca Sister City Committee, read the certificate for Bob Luzius.

Councilwoman Linn called Bob Bell and Bob Roecker forward to present them with awards as well.

- B. Honorary Consul from El Salvador Enrique Melendez Annual Report and Status of Country to the Prescott City Council.

Enrique Melendez said that once a year he is required by El Salvadorian ministry to make a report to each city where they have a Sister City relationship. There are two in Arizona, one in Prescott and one in Fountain Hills. He showed a presentation to the Council. He said that Suchitoto happened due to Elisabeth Ruffner. He also said that Patti Crouse is the heart and soul of the City of Prescott.

He thanked the people from the media, the people from the Board of Directors and Bob Greninger.

He noted that there was a new President and cabinet. The economy is down with unemployment at 13%. Tourism is up with investments from France and Germany. Two months ago they had a flood caused by Hurricane Ida which caused great destruction in low lands and lake regions. They were fortunate that Suchitoto was not hit hard, although they need help with infrastructure.

El Salvador continues to be friend to the United States. Their goal is to be a model to other Latin nations.

He presented his credentials to the Council from the United States State Department and the other was a letter from government making him the official contact.

C. Presentation of Certificates from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

No one from the VFW was present.

Mayor Kuykendall said that the City Clerk would be reading the items on the agenda from now on so that they would be correctly reflected in the minutes.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Authorization of payment to SirsiDynix in the amount of \$83,885.57 for maintenance costs associated with the automated library system operated by the City on behalf of the Yavapai Library Network.

Ms. Kaus introduced the item. Noting that this would provide for the maintenance of the SirsiDynix system for the Yavapai Library Network, which was a consortium of over 40 libraries that share resources, expertise and expenses.

B. Authorization of payment to Tech Logic Corporation in the amount of \$93,051.00 to purchase RFID products and services for the Prescott Public Library.

Ms. Kaus said that RFIC stood for radio frequency identification, and then reviewed the item, noting that this technology is used by many libraries to reduce lines, repetitive motion and theft.

Councilman Blair asked if the money was coming from a different source and the City was just managing the funds. Ms. Kaus said that was correct.

Councilman Hanna asked if it was just a one-time payment. Ms. Kaus said that it was. In years to come there will be annual maintenance costs, about 7% of the purchase cost.

Mayor Kuykendall asked how that affected the loss. Ms. Kaus said that there will be an alarm from the gate if the patron has not checked out the book.

C. Adoption of Ordinance No. 4720-1017 – An ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending certain portions of City Code, Title IV, Business Regulation.

Mr. Woodfill said that this was to simplify the licensing of special events. Currently the code requires each vendor pay the City \$25 when those events are low in dollar transaction activities. The \$25 represents more

than they make at the events. They got a lot of complaints from the public and it was not contemplated when the code was put into place.

In looking at this section of the Code, they also wanted to clean up other areas regarding non-profit show vendors. They also removed some of the for-profit bonding requirements for the transient merchants. They are still required to get a sales tax license, transient license and to pay sales tax, but they are not required to pay the \$10 per employee fee, the \$200 cash bond and the \$100 per employee cash bond.

Councilwoman Linn said that she wanted the City to be prepared for the citizens to understand they have guidelines. If they have to show their tax exempt status they need to understand that. There will be a lot of non profits that do not have their paperwork as a 501(c)3 who will want to be under that ruling.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if it had anything to do with what is sold around the courthouse. Mr. Woodfill said yes, at the courthouse and around town.

Councilwoman Suttles asked how it would be enforced at a church. Mr. Woodfill said that usually concerned citizens will let them know.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if it was just for profit groups who were paying sales tax. Mr. Woodfill answered yes; they put that on the show organizer to collect.

Councilwoman Suttles said that the vendors around the courthouse are for profit. Sometime she has been charged tax and sometimes she has not. She wondered who policed those people.

Mr. Woodfill said that it is up to the show vendor. It might depend on the item being purchased. Some items are exempt. Original works of art sold by an artist are exempt.

Councilwoman Lopas thanked Mr. Woodfill for taking the time and cleaning it all up.

Councilman Lamerson said that it would be nice if they could find a way to excuse the merchants from paying taxes as they have done with the vendors who live off the fat of the land.

Councilman Lamerson said that the following items would be on the Consent Agenda: A, B and C.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, the Study Session of the Prescott City Council held December 1, 2009 adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk