

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL held on December 7, 2010 in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, AZ.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence for those killed at Pearl Harbor.

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilwoman Suttles

American Legion Post 6 Honor Guard posted the colors and Councilwoman Suttles led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

◆ **INVOCATION** Veterans of Foreign War Chaplain

Don Bessinger gave the invocation.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT:

Councilman Blair

Councilman Hanna
Councilman Lamerson
Councilwoman Linn
Councilwoman Lopas
Councilwoman Suttles

ABSENT:

Mayor Kuykendall*

*Mayor Kuykendall was in the audience, but did not participate in the meeting.

I. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Badge Ceremony of the Prescott Fire Department.

Don Bates recognized the City leaders, City Manager Steve Norwood, Mayor Kuykendall, Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson and the City Council. He also recognized the men and women in the Fire Department and Chief Martinez.

Chief Martinez said that he was very proud of the men that were promoted to the next rank. He gave Mr. Norwood special thanks since it would be the last time that they would be presenting in front of him.

Mr. Bates called up Ryan Murphy, Daniel McCarty, Travis Carter, Travis McElwee and Bill Baziuk.

Ryan Murphy was promoted to the rank of Captain. Daniel McCarty was promoted to the rank of Squad Leader, and Travis Carter was promoted to the rank of Senior Wild Land Firefighter. Travis McElwee and Bill Baziuk were promoted to Probationary Firefighters.

Mr. Baziuk spoke about three generations of firefighters in his family.

Chief Martinez gave the Oath of office and members of each promotee's family came forward to badge them.

Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson and Council thanked them all.

II. PROCLAMATIONS

A. December 7, 2010 as *World Champion Kokopelli Scorpions Day*

Councilman Blair read the proclamation and presented it to the Kokopelli Scorpions.

One of the members of the team noted that they had been elevated to AAA, which put them in the majors. He also acknowledged their sponsor, Kokopelli Eye Care and Dr. Hamm. They presented a team picture from the World Championship and a trophy from Senior Softball USA. They also received one ring from the championship and gave it to Dr. Hamm.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Introduction of new businesses.

Diane Jones spoke for Dave Maurer from the Chamber of Commerce. She introduced the new businesses for this month:

▶ Maggie Greenwood from Alta Vista Retirement Community. They offered three restaurants with different meals, full valet service for residents, activity rooms, theater, library and activities. Their information was www.avprc.com, 730 Montezuma. They will open in July of 2011.

▶ Jim Jones, DV Surveillance and Security Corporation, noted that they offered IP network cameras and video management software and used real digital cameras with high image quality.

B. Craig Sheets re meth labs.

Not present.

C. Cathy Murphy-Riley re Boy Scout Statue.

Paul Riley, brother of Will Riley, noted that they had been working on their Eagle Scout project for nine months. The project would be finished on Wednesday, December 15. With their fellow Troop 6 Scouts, they raised \$98,000 to purchase the sculpture and sold bricks, tiles, brass plaques to fund raise. The site was Miller Valley Elementary School.

Will Riley thanked the Prescott Area Art Trust, especially John Phillips. The dedication would be at 4:00 on December 15. The Secretary of State, Ken Bennett, and State Senator Pierce would be there. They did the project to commemorate the 100th year of Boy Scouts. He thanked Parks and Recreation for the highly visible location.

Paul and Will Riley donated the sculpture, “The Steps to the Future”, to the City of Prescott.

Councilwoman Linn asked if they had invited Zack Hirsh to the festivities, as he was the oldest living Boy Scout in Arizona.

Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson said that he felt comfortable with them as future leaders.

D. Randy West re abandonment of property on Leroux.

Not present.

E. Monty Crooks re proposed program entitled ‘We Should Know’ to be presented at each Council meeting.

He said that the greatest enemy to the constitution was ignorance. He proposed a three to five minute presentation at every City Council meeting dealing with basic information about the Constitution.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Representatives of the Arizona State Historical Commission re Best of Arizona Festival for the Arizona Centennial.

Mr. Prince introduced Ken Koziol, Senior Vice President of Entertainment Solutions. They were the contractors for the Arizona Centennial Commission and were putting together the kick off – Best Fest.

Mr. Koziol noted that 2012 marked the 100th year of statehood. There was a group of individuals from the Governor's Office who had been working for a couple of years on the celebration. One of the projects was the Centennial Best Fest. It was a three-day community celebration held in Prescott, Tucson and Phoenix. He gave a brief overview of the event that included-

▶ COMPANY OVERVIEW

▶ BEST FEST – Scheduled for September 16-18, 2011. The kick off would be in Prescott for the State of Arizona's Centennial Celebration. There would be a commemorative stamp that they hoped to get issued on that day.

▶ EVENT GOALS & OBJECTIVES – They wanted it to be the largest celebration in the history of Arizona.

▶ EVENT ITSELF

▶ PROGRAMMING

▶ ATTRACTIONS

▶ CULTURAL VILLAGES

▶ EDUCATIONAL PAVILIONS

▶ PLAN OF ACTION

Target date for Tucson was October and November and Phoenix was set for February through December.

▶ ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

▶ CONCEPTUAL MAP

Councilwoman Suttles asked what he was expecting from Prescott, Tucson and Phoenix. She asked if there was a buy in.

Mr. Kozió said that they were the nuts and bolts guys who put together the events. There was a whole committee headed by Carl Eller that was doing fund raising for the entire Centennial. The museum would cost \$10- \$12 million. There was a budget for the three Best Fests. He said that he would be speaking out of turn to say what the expectation of the Commission of Prescott was. There was a hope that the City would provide basic services. Karen Churchard would know about the actual finances.

Councilwoman Suttles noted that it was a huge endeavor and she did not think that Prescott would get much funding from the State.

Councilman Blair found it unusual that Prescott owned a fairground and none of the activities were scheduled there. He thought that some of the activities might be moved to the fairgrounds.

Mr. Kozió said that they had talked about that. The commission decided that they wanted to consolidate it in the downtown area. The main focus for all three cities was to be downtown.

Councilman Blair thought that they should tie the Worlds Oldest Rodeo together with the event.

Councilwoman Linn noted that the Native American Village and Hispanic Village noted on his map, were not City properties, they were Prescott Unified School District properties. She thought he should check their calendar to see about the sports schedules on the fields.

B. Gordon Maddox re Downer Trail.

Mr. Maddox put a drawing of the Downer Trail area up and noted that two years ago the Council voted to put a gate across Downer Trail.

He met with Chief Kappel and Martinez earlier this year and asked them how they felt. Both said that, if given the choice, they would have it removed because it created serious emergency problems. It also created a lot of traffic on Gail Gardner, which was not there before.

He asked the City to open the gate, at least on an experimental basis.

Art Anderson, 629 Downer, said that he lived at the intersection. He strongly objected to the gate and had been objecting to it since 2005.

Mr. Kidd noted that the agenda item was a presentation from Mr. Maddox.

Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson said that they would have to reschedule Mr. Anderson for another time. Mr. Kidd said that he was correct.

Mr. Anderson said that he would withdraw his remarks. Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson said that they would bring it back on a different agenda.

Councilman Blair suggested that they do a study session presentation prior to the Council meeting. He noted that there was a lot of history and certain elements had changed. He said that it would be worthwhile to get some background by staff and the neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson said they should place the item on the agenda for a study session.

Councilwoman Lopas asked Mr. Maddox if he was representing Mr. Anderson as a client in that real estate matter. Mr. Maddox said not in that matter, but he did represent him as a realtor. Councilwoman Lopas asked if Mr. Anderson's house was currently listed, Mr. Maddox said yes.

Mr. Norwood said that they may be able to place the item on the agenda for the second meeting in January (January 11).

Councilman Blair asked if it would be a workshop and Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson said that it would. Mr. Norwood said that it would be an agenda item at a Regular Meeting, not a Workshop, unless he wanted a Workshop. Councilman Blair asked if it could be a Workshop and also an agenda item at a Regular Meeting for possible action. Mr. Norwood replied that they could do that.

C. Debbie Horton re additional field at Kuebler Field.

Ms. Horton introduced the item which included a lighted parking lot. She asked Council to save their questions until the end.

She suggested that they pay for it with Park Impact Fees. She reminded the audience that the purpose of the impact fees were to pay for public facilities needed to serve new growth and development. They could only be used for areas in which they were collected.

The current balance of park impact fees was a little over \$1.4 million. There would be no capital improvement monies from the General Fund involved in the project. She then discussed the following:

▶ PURPOSE

▶ FACTS

▶ ISSUE

▶ VISUAL

She thanked Gordon Bowers with Dava & Associates, who donated his time to design the field. She discussed the design of the field and the need.

Councilwoman Suttles asked what else they could spend the money on. Ms. Horton said that they had also asked for a playground expansion, but there was not enough to accommodate all three. They prioritized the field and parking lot.

Councilwoman Suttles asked what else the money in the account could be used for. Ms. Horton said that it could be used for expansion of facilities in the parks. Mr. Norwood said that it could be used to provide expansion of a facility, but could not build new facilities.

Councilman Blair asked if the \$750,000 included the parking lot improvements. Ms. Horton said yes. Councilman Blair noted that they were not draining the account. They were using about half of what was available and they could use the remainder for another venue. Ms. Horton said that he was correct.

Mr. Woodfill made it clear that the fees could only be used for construction of park capacity. They could not be used for operations or replacing existing. They could use it for park equipment, additional bleachers,

Councilman Blair asked if they could create enhanced parking for existing parks, like trailhead lighting. Mr. Woodfill said that it was difficult to determine based on the limited information. The money needed to center around parks and increasing the system's capacity to meet the new growth.

Councilman Blair asked about enhancing the lighting at the Willow Creek trailhead and the Peavine Trail. He asked if they could curb and gutter those two areas and put lighting in those lots. Mr. Woodfill said that it would be pushing the limits because they would be adding nonexistent amenities. Impact fees can not add amenities that do not exist.

Mr. Blair said that the expansion of Kuebler Park made a lot of sense. He was glad to see they would not be draining the account.

Councilman Hanna he asked how they were going to maintain the fields with the minimal staff and where they would get their water for the fields.

Ms. Horton said that they were trading off for the new field. Because of field shortage they used the field at Veterans Administration and the City had maintained that. They would now transfer their resources to the next field, both labor and water. The City was also paying for the water at the YMCA that they were no longer going to pay for.

Councilwoman Linn was happy that they were not draining the account. She said that she would use the money for trails first, but since the money could not be used for that, she felt that this was the perfect opportunity for the City to use the money.

Councilwoman Lopas thanked everyone who worked on the project. She said that it would become an economic engine, even using the parking spaces for the 4th of July Event. She said that it would be a great return on investment.

Mr. Norwood said that this was following up on the Park Master Plan that was done a couple of years ago. Staff had been working on it for several months. It was incorporated into this year's budget. The citizen committee had spent considerable time prioritizing projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson said that he appreciated the presentation.

D. Presentation by Joe Brehm on AmeriCorps Homeless Project.

Mr. Brehm discussed a project that the AmeriCorps did with the City of Prescott regarding the homeless people in the City.

AmeriCorps provided the City with two part-time positions to work on the project at no cost to the City. They usually did a 50/50 split. They got in touch with service providers, homeless people and people in the business community to find out what information they wanted.

Mr. Brehm showed a draft of a Prescott Area Resource Guide 2011 – Homeless Service Directory and a business pamphlet for the business community.

He introduced the AmeriCorps workers, Linda Rockey and Kent Kramer. He said that they met with close to 40 different service providers in the City, business owners, City services, and individuals at the Depot Marketplace.

AmeriCorps had set aside another part-time position from January to October. They could do the 50/50 matching of \$3,400 for 900 hours. AmeriCorps would also include an education stipend.

Mr. Brehm discussed some ideas they had for that position which included daily storage lockers for homeless, transportation, and group coordination for the service providers.

Councilman Hanna noted that he had been accused of not being very compassionate to the homeless. He was always taught that when you accomplished something in the world, you worked at it. He said that you should not think that you are too good for a job. He understood there were those who had hard times finding jobs. He said that if they really wanted to work, there is a job out there. He felt the education that was being offered to them by the AmeriCorps group was headed in the right direction.

Councilwoman Suttles acknowledged that the Mayor got the groups together and that it had been a good year. She would like to see a second year coming but wondered where they would get the money. Mr. Brehm said that the money had not been budgeted, but there was a contingency fund for projects like this.

Councilwoman Linn suggested that they educate the businesses. She said that there were certain employers that were more open to those who just got out of jail.

E. Legislative Update by Joe Brehm.

Mr. Brehm did a recap of some of the election results and some things the City could expect in the upcoming legislative session which would begin in January of 2012. He discussed the following:

- ▶ SUPER MAJORITY
- ▶ STATE SHARED REVENUE
- ▶ STATE DEFECIT

Councilwoman Linn encouraged people to think about tax credits for the schools.

Councilman Blair said that the State and Federal governments should part ways. He thought that the State should stand on its own two feet and stop relying on others.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, the Workshop of the Prescott City Council held December 7, 2010, adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk