

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL held on JULY 19, 2011 in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Absent:

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

None

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation on Arizona Centennial BestFest.

Mr. Prince noted that City and County employees had been meeting with the BestFest representatives to pull the event together. He said there was no tax money going into the event and it was being put together with private funds, which had created some challenges. He noted that Prescott was the first destination for the three BestFest events.

He introduced Karen Churchard, Executive Director, Arizona Centennial Commission.

Ms. Churchard said they started planning the event two years ago. The first event would be in Prescott, since they were the first territorial capitol, Tucson would be next and then Phoenix on February 10, 2012, and

February 11, 2012. She said they were also planning a series of events for February 14, 2012.

She said the unveiling of the stamp would occur in Prescott on September 16, 2011, which would be a kick off to the BestFest that evening. She said it was their goal to have the BestFest become the largest event in the State of Arizona. The concept was to showcase the best of Arizona, Prescott, Northern Arizona, and the Native American Tribes.

Ken Koziol, owner, Entertainment Solutions, said the key was funding and the BestFest was a self funded event. He said the event was scheduled for September 16 – 18, 2011 in Prescott. He then showed a PowerPoint presentation which covered:

- ◆ MISSION STATEMENT

Celebrating the three territorial capitols

- ◆ OVERVIEW

The stamp would be unveiled Friday, September 16th, at 4:00 p.m. on the steps of the Courthouse.

- ◆ EVENT SUMMARY

- ◆ EVENT ELEMENTS – CULTURAL VILLAGES

He said it was important to celebrate the three primary cultures of Arizona; Native American, Western and Hispanic and there would be villages for all three.

- ◆ ELEMENTS – Educational Pavilions

The topics would cover: history, renewable energy, sports, natural resources, science, military and Arizona storytellers. He said they were about 70% finished with that section.

- ◆ PROGRAMMING

The stage, east of the Courthouse, would feature Arizona entertainers as well as National entertainment.

He said there would be a “Salute to Arizona” program on Saturday evening, for roughly 30 minutes. The Governor would be there for that event.

◆ SPONSORSHIPS

Mr. Kuziol named various sponsors.

◆ MANAGEMENT TEAM

◆ PRESCOTT MEETING SCHEDULE

Councilwoman Suttles asked if the State was completely out of the picture as far as funding went. Ms. Churchard said there was a \$4.5 million funding done through statute three years ago. She noted that the money was swept in the first year. She said it left the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission with about \$50,000, which was the only money the State had put forth.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if the private money influenced her original plan. Ms. Churchard said that, for the most, the sponsors had understood that they were trying to be authentic.

Councilwoman Suttles asked them to use the local people. Councilman Lamerson said that by paying salaries to government employees, the government was trying to help facilitate something that the citizens wanted. He asked the Police and Fire Chief if there would be a mechanism to keep fire and emergency lanes open when they closed the streets.

Chief Kabbel said they were still in the planning process and would make sure that would happen, as well as evacuation plans.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if the public would be invited to their next meeting. Mr. Prince said the merchants and residents in a nine square block area would be made aware of the plans. He noted that the City and Prescott Downtown Partnership were having a meeting for those people Thursday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elks Opera House.

B. Presentation on Yavapai County Redistricting.

Mr. Worley noted that the item was an action item for the next week's meeting. He said since the decennial census the Supervisor Districts were adjusted to balance the population. He said Prescott had three districts and they had to go to five districts.

He noted that the County developed four options for creating the districts and wanted comments from the public. There were four key criteria that had to be taken into account-

- 1) equal population within each district
- 2) establishment and leaving undisturbed voting precincts
- 3) contiguous districts
- 4) can not create a district that in some way causes discrimination

He said the County was asking for comments by the end of the month. He noted that more information was available at the County's redistricting website.

Mr. McConnell said if the Council had a preference for any of the maps, he suggested the Council approve their decision by motion and provide direction to send a letter to the County.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if the information would be presented in a workshop. Mr. McConnell said the discussion would be at the meeting the following week.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Interview of Applicants for Four-Month appointment to City Council.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if anyone wished to add an applicant to the list. Councilman Lamerson said that some of the applicants helped him with his campaign and he asked if there would be a conflict.

Mr. Kidd said there was not a conflict and political contributions were part of the political process. Councilman Lamerson said he heard that he had the legal authority from the State to sit in the decision making process and the moral authority from the citizens who elected him.

Mayor Kuykendall asked the four candidates, Lucy Mason, Bob Roecker, Len Scamardo and Roger Swenson to move into another room and said that they would be asked back in one by one.

Each candidate introduced themselves and were asked the following questions, which they all answered accordingly.

- ◆ Do you wish to serve on the Council because of a particular issue on which you want to work and if that answer is yes, would you identify that issue and summarize what you would like to do to see it accomplished?
- ◆ Are you seeking this office as a stepping stone for another elective or appointed position in the future?

- ◆ Approximately how many City Council meetings have you attended this calendar year? What specific action do you plan to take to get up to speed on the key items regarding the conduct of the City's business at the City Council level?
- ◆ The City will be facing a difficult challenge in creating a balanced budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2012, particularly in the General Fund; do you have any specific suggestions for the following: increasing revenues and reducing expenses?
- ◆ Summarize the roles of each of the City Council and the City Staff in our municipal government in terms of authorities and responsibilities.

Mr. McConnell noted that the City Clerk had two types of forms. He asked that the Council determine what type of ranking procedure they would like to use so that they could distribute the appropriate document.

Councilwoman Suttles noted that they met as a committee and the discussion was to take four boxes and rank the choices. She said there was discussion that they did not have to vote for four, whether they should sign the ranking sheets and what to do if there was a tie. She said that they would drop the fourth name down and re-rank the candidates.

Councilman Hanna said it was not a tough process. He said they were trying to take an issue and make it tough. He said they should pass out the papers and check off who they thought was their choice. He noted that if there was not a tie, there would be nothing else to discuss.

Mayor Kuykendall said that was fine with him. He noted that the preference sheets would be kept as public records.

Mr. Kidd said the staff recommended that once the papers were given to the Clerk and the rankings were determined, there should be a motion and a second to appoint someone. He said the vote on that issue should be done in public.

After Ms. Burke counted the rankings, it was determined that Mr. Scamardo would be the appointee.

The candidates were asked back into the room.

B. Recess into Executive Session.

The Council did not recess into Executive Session, but moved directly into Post Executive Session.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1).
 - 1. Discussion of candidates, (names to be supplied after short list selection from Council Appointment Committee makes recommendation) for consideration of appointment to vacant Council seat.
 - a.* **Lucy Mason**
 - b.* **Bob Roecker**
 - c.* **Len Scamardo**
 - d.* **Roger Swenson**

IV. POST EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Possible action on appointment to City Council seat effective July 26, 2011, for a term to expire November 22, 2011, subject to satisfactory completion of a background check and drug screening.

COUNCILMAN BLAIR MOVED TO APPOINT LEN SCAMARDO TO FILL THE VACANT CITY SEAT EFFECTIVE JULY 26, 2011, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 22, 2011, SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG SCREENING; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HANNA; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Scamardo thanked them for the opportunity to serve.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, the Special Meeting of the Prescott City Council held July 19, 2011, adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on the 19th day of July, 2011. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2011.

AFFIX
CITY SEAL

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk