

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP held on July 17, 2012, in the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

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

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Mayor Kuykendall
Councilman Arnold
Councilman Blair
Councilman Carlow
Councilman Kuknyo
Councilman Lamerson
Councilman Scamardo

Absent:

None

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Introduction of new businesses

Erin Cornwell, Membership Director, Chamber of Commerce, introduced Prescott Creeks and 1BadCat Bookkeeping.

Michael Byrd, Prescott Creeks, Executive Director, said their mission was to promote and protect riparian eco systems and the wetlands. He noted that they went back to the 1990's with their work with the Granite Creek clean up and water quality issues. They had a staff of four and were looking for new board members. Mayor thanked them for their partnership.

Judy Patrick, 1Badcat Bookkeeping, noted that she dealt with small businesses, taxes, software set up and one on one training

B. John Sellers re The Crossings

Mr. Neil advised Council not to ask questions. Mr. Sellers showed a PowerPoint that covered:

- ▶ REVERSED MORTGAGES
- ▶ VARIOUS QUOTES
- ▶ CITY LAW SUIT
- ▶ HAPPENINGS ALONG THE WAY
- ▶ MOST RECENTLY
- ▶ HYPOTHETICAL ACCIDENT
- ▶ LAST WEEK – ACTUAL ACCIDENT
- ▶ IMAGES FROM LAST SATURDAY NIGHT
- ▶ THE PROBLEM - FIRE DEPARTMENT DID NOT HAVE COPIES OF WASH CLOSING PROCEDURES
- ▶ ORIGINS OF WASH CLOSING
- ▶ LET THE SHOW BEGIN
- ▶ THANKS TO JP VICENTE

C. Penny White re Occupy Prescott

Richard Sanders spoke in Penny White's place. He noted that people had rights and corporations did not. He talked about the Constitution and went through the articles. He noted that the word "corporation" did not show up in the amendments.

He turned in a copy of a petition with over 1000 signatures. Councilman Kuknyo said the group had not been ignored. He said that he promised in the meeting that he would write a paper on his position and he did that.

D. Stephen Nair re Smart Meters

Mr. Nair, Chino Valley, spoke about said that this was the only place that he could be heard. He said that he had a friend that showed him law suits of the United States government about broadcasting radio waves into people's brains and noted that he studied mind control. He thought that his heart attack may have been caused by the radio waves.

Councilman Kuknyo asked him if he experienced anything outside of the heart attack. He said when the air conditioning went on that summer, he was really affected. He said they were working in 40 – 60 megahertz and that older and younger people were most affected.

E. Daniel Mattson re consistent time for public meetings

Daniel Mattson, Prescott, noted that on the third Tues of last month, there was a meeting at 1:00 p.m. He asked if the Tuesday meetings could be kept at 3:00 p.m. so the public could attend.

Mayor Kuykendall said they set the agenda on Wednesday for the following Tuesday. He noted that sometimes they barely had the time for a 24 hour legal notice.

II. REPORTS

A. Board/Commission liaison reports

Councilman Carlow noted that there was \$260,000 of unspent funds in the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). He said that public notice would go out in a couple of weeks and they would be looking for non-profits to put in requests. He noted that the Fire Board of Appeals, Fire Prevention Division was working on Fire Code adoptions. Northern Arizona Council of Governments had a local workforce investment board that was focusing on sector strategies such as viticulture, medical services, energy/renewable energy and light manufacturing/engineering. They were business oriented. He noted that there would be some workshops on August 8th or 10th with an outside consultant.

He said that he would be at a quarterly meeting the following day for the Area Agency on Aging.

Councilman Blair asked about the extra money. He asked if they did any research on using the money in depressed areas like the Dexter neighborhood. Councilman Arnold said that they had and it would be one of the priorities.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if the applications had to come from a non-profit. Councilman Carlow said yes.

Councilman Kuknyo said that Central Yavapai Metropolitan Transportation Organization (CYMPO) was working on their highway safety improvement program sign replacement project environment clearance. He noted that they would be replacing stop, speed and warning signs throughout the region to bring them up to current reflectivity standards. He said they would also be installing safer breakaway poles. He noted that the General Plan was moving ahead well. They had been discussing lakes and quality of life issues. Parks and Recreation had the largest softball tournament of the year the following weekend with 66 youth girls fast pitch teams from Arizona.

Councilman Lamerson deferred his Unified Development Code and Planning and Zoning to Councilman Scamardo. He did say that he heard the budget reports from the Chamber and they were in good shape. He noted that they were sponsoring a couple of Supervisor forums. He said that District 4 had the airport and a lot of significant relevance to Prescott. He said that most of the people who were going to elect that Supervisor did not live in Prescott. He also acknowledged the assistance of the Eagles and the efforts they made with the special events that had taken place recently.

Mayor Kuykendall said that District 4 went to Ash Fork and that Supervisor would represent a major part of the City of Prescott.

Councilman Arnold said that Access 13 still needed Board members. Historic Preservation had a fantastic State conference with out of the box type thinking. He said they moved their conference facilities throughout the City of Prescott. There were many programs at any given time. He said there were also a lot of discussions on awnings and paint colors in downtown Prescott.

The Advisory Board of Appeals continued to work on the building codes. He said they were still looking for people with construction backgrounds for the Board. The Film Festival was coming up August 1 – August 8 and they were going to have their break out year this year. He noted that they would be at Yavapai College and had film makers from throughout the world. They were looking for local support.

He noted that downtown Prescott was forming a study group to address, at a global level, what was happening. He applauded staff for their regular cleaning schedule. He said there was a press release from the City that updated Park Avenue and the status of that project. He said that the utility companies would do their work first and then the City would move forward.

Councilman Scamardo said he would combine the Unified Development Code (UDC) and Planning and Zoning. He noted that there had been study sessions on campaign signs and the State passed an ordinance that was different than Prescott's laws. He said the recommendations from the UDC went to Planning & Zoning which had public and study sessions. They sent their recommendation to the Council who had a special meeting the previous Friday and put the resolution and ordinance on campaign signs to bed for awhile. He said the other major issue before the Planning and Zoning Commission was a major annexation near the airport that would need a minor change to the General Plan. He said it would include acreage in the Northwest portion of the airport. He said that part of the

acreage could be a potential new campus for the Yavapai Regional Medical Center. He said there were no plans to develop it at that time.

Mayor Kuykendall asked Mr. McConnell if the City needed to send any more information out concerning the campaign signs before they started enforcing it. Mr. McConnell said the action the Council took was sufficient for enforcement. He said they could put out a press release and have the information on the City web site.

Councilman Lamerson said it was important to revisit the idea that the City did not enforce regulations on other rights-of-way. Mr. McConnell said that he would make that distinction.

Councilman Blair noted that the water meetings he was responsible for would be coming up. He said the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) agenda was extensive. He noted that he would be at a Northern Arizona Water Users Meeting the following day.

III. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation by Public Works re the Airport Water Reclamation Facility – CMAR Cost Model (60%)

Councilman Arnold recused himself from the discussion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Mr. Nietupski showed a PowerPoint and talked about a master plan for the Airport Water Reclamation Facility Capacity. He said it was at 2.2 million gallons per day and the City was currently at 2.1million gallons per day. Councilman Lamerson said that it was environmental and economic concerns that would affect growth in the City.

Mr. Nietupski said the City was obligated to comply with regulations for health and safety. Councilman Kuknyo said that he had not realized that there was not a shut off valve if they got to capacity. He noted that storm water could overflow.

The PowerPoint covered:

- ▶ AIRPORT WRF PHASE I EXPANSIONS
- ▶ 90% DESIGN STATUS
- ▶ 90% DESIGN FOOTPRINT
- ▶ Airport WRF Phase 1 Expansion Milestones
- ▶ Airport WRF Phase 1 Expansion remaining Tasks

Councilman Blair asked if they would upsize the gas lines and bring in more power. Mr. Nietupski said yes. Councilman Blair asked if they would get a break since they were a franchisee of the City. Mr. Nietupski said the City made provisions through the design of a solar field to reduce long term emergency costs. Councilman Blair asked how far Phase 2 would take them into the future. Mr. Nietupski said it would depend on the rates of growth to the City.

Councilman Blair asked how long the plan had been on line. Mr. Nietupski said it was first permitted in 1979. Councilman Lamerson said there were not the same challenges in 1979 as today. He said they would have to acknowledge the amount of water they could use.

Mr. Nietupski noted that the 60 percent cost model had been completed. He said that it was about \$35 million that was subject to change because they were at a 90 percent design with sealed plans. He said that FANN Environmental would distribute plans to qualified bidders to develop a guaranteed maximum price to go into a construction phase of the project.

Councilman Blair asked him to explain the relationship between the City and FANN. Mr. Nietupski said it was a joint venture. They were a contractor that was selected based on qualifications. He noted that they went through an evaluation committee and conducted interviews with top ranked firms and Fann was selected.

He noted that Fann was working under a preconstruction services contract.

- ▶ Microwave Communication Tower
- ▶ Overall Project Budget – total cost estimate \$41,591,046. He noted that the gas and electric companies not give final number until they saw the final plan.
- ▶ Airport WRF Financing – Phase I Expansion

Councilman Blair asked why Arizona Public Service (APS) was so high. Mr. Nietupski said they would review project plans and do testing. Permitting fees and inspection would be included. Councilman Lamerson said that the dollars came from user fees that were supplied through a fund that were self sufficient. He said they were not fees coming out of the General Fund. Mr. Nietupski said that he was correct.

Councilman Lamerson said that there were commercial hook-up fees and State Legislature had some input with regards to commercial impact fees. He asked if there had been a move to change that.

Mr. Nietupski said that financing was in place through Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA). He noted that Council adopted an ordinance in 2011 for a 20 year loan at 3 percent for the total cost of the project.

- ▶ Sundog WWTP Improvements Nitrification Denitrification
- ▶ Traveling Bridge Filter Rehab

Mayor Kuykendall asked about Sundog and said they were close to capacity when the project started. He asked how they would be affected with the new juvenile center and jail going in. Mr. Nietupski said the Sundog facility had 3 million gallons per day capacity. He said they were currently treating 2.58 million gallons. He said the facility served a majority of the Prescott basin and the Prescott-Yavapai Indian Tribe. He noted that if there was any development in those areas, they would have to monitor the facility closely to decide on centralization at the airport.

Councilman Blair asked if there was trade-off between the old juvenile detention center, which was full and moving to the new facility. Mr. Nietupski said only if the facility was razed.

Councilman Lamerson asked if the hospital would participate in the impact fee the same as a private citizen. Mr. Nietupski said yes, any enterprise that hooked up to City facilities in the corporate limit had to pay the fees.

Mayor Kuykendall asked about a transport fee from Sundog to airport and how long it would take. Mr. Nietupski showed a bar chart to show things necessary before they decided to go to centralized treatment. It went to the end of 2019. The Sundog flow diversion went to 2016.

Councilman Kuknyo said the grade of effluent would increase with the new plant. He asked if the City of Prescott would get more money for the effluent. Mr. Nietupski said that it would have to produce Grade A+ effluent. He did not know if they would get more money. He noted that the byproduct was not suitable for land applications.

Councilman Blair asked about transporting back to golf courses. Mr. Nietupski said they would have to provide a facility to transport the treated effluent back to the Prescott Lakes facility in order to meet their obligations for provision of effluent. Councilman Blair asked if it would be smart to leave Sundog working so they would not have to build a new line from the airport back to Sundog.

Mr. Nietupski said that if the City went to a centralized treatment facility, it would be appropriate to move the effluent back to Prescott from the airport. Councilman Blair asked if centralizing would create more of a problem because they would put all of the flow from the storm drain run-off in one plant.

Mr. Nietupski said the management would consist of system improvements in the collection system to mitigate the inflow that they would receive during high storm water events.

Mr. McConnell said the main part of the presentation was the airport expansion and the project nearing completion for design. He noted that Mr. Nietupski said that the project was over \$40 million. He said the wastewater collection facilities involved prioritization and they had to be careful not to over build.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop of July 17, 2012, adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

KIM WEBB, Interim City Clerk