

Meeting Notes:

Council Water Issues Committee

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

10:30AM

City Hall – Downstairs Conference Rm

- A. Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Lamerson at 10:30am
- B. Roll Call: Chairman Lamerson, Councilman Blair, and Councilman Arnold present  
City staff: City Manager McConnell, and Leslie Graser present  
Citizen Water Advocacy Group representatives: Chris Hoy, Leslie Hoy, and Howard Mechanic
- C. Discussion Topics (note these topics were not discussed in the order listed on the agenda)
  1. The regional water situation – focus related to this topic was the Central Yavapai Highlands Water Resources Management Study (CYHWRMS). CWAG would like to see the City pursue this study. Councilman Blair is the City’s representative at the YC Water Advisory Committee. He conveyed the City is at the meetings to understand the findings of the study and to discuss the next steps. These WAC meetings are slated to occur over the next 3-4 months.
  2. City of Prescott Long Term Management Plan - CWAG asked the status of the plan. Chairman Lamerson responded the City is working on it.
  3. Watershed protection and surface water quality - CWAG didn’t address this topic with the Committee
  4. Water Conservation – the next level
    - a. CWAG conveyed the assistance they provided to the City’s water conservation program for the hospitality industry.
    - b. CWAG conveyed their depth of knowledge regarding the area’s water issues and that they could be a conduit for information due to their robust website, membership, speakers bureau, attendance at local events, etc.
    - c. CWAG conveyed their interest in greater outdoor water conservation education
    - d. CWAG conveyed the need for a full-time water conservation staff member
  5. A partnership role for CWAG in water education and other initiatives – Chairman Lamerson conveyed that there was that potential to collaborate on water issues and public information needs, similar to the Friends of the Library.
  6. Identification of other topics and future meetings
    - a. CWAG expressed interest in quarterly meetings with the Water Issues Committee. Chairman Lamerson noted that the door was always open and they would be able to meet based on availability.

- b. CWAG would like to submit topics to the City Manager McConnell for review and vetting to discuss with the Committee.
- c. Councilman Arnold stated the topics that appear appropriate for a future meeting include water conservation next steps, outdoor water conservation, and watershed protection and water quality.
- d. CWAG noted an interest in watershed protection and water quality, and would like to be included in discussion of this topic.

D. Adjournment – 11:40am