

CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
FOR WATER ISSUES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2018, in the LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM, located at CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order.

Councilman Lamerson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. Roll Call.

CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES MEMBERS:

Present:

Member Jim Lamerson
Member Steve Blair (arrived 9:10 a.m.)
Member Steve Sischka

Excused

Staff Present:

Michael Lamar, City Manager
Clyde Halstead, Assistant City Attorney
Craig McConnell, Regional Programs Director
Leslie Graser, Water Resource Manager

C. Selection of Subcommittee Chairman

COUNCILMAN SISCHKA NOMINATED COUNCILMAN LAMERSON AS CHAIR OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAMERSON; PASSED (2-0). (COUNCILMAN BLAIR NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE)

D. Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

COUNCILMAN SISCHKA MOVED TO HAVE THE CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES MEET ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018. SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LAMERSON; PASSED (2-0) (COUNCILMAN BLAIR NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE)

E. Notes from former Ad Hoc Council Water Issues Committee Meeting of December 5, 2017 (for information only)

F. 2018 Alternative Water Portfolio Budget Update

Leslie Graser reviewed the 2018 Water Allocation Policy Budget. The single-family category was budgeted at 20 AF and 20 AF remained. The multi-family category was budgeted at 10 AF and due to actions in December 2017, 8.3 AF remained. The Subcommittee considered two projects: Cortez Circle, LLC for a possible recommendation; and Ausherman for informational purposes.

Councilman Sischka noted that if Cortez Circle Apartments was recommended, the balance of multi-family water available for the rest of the year would be small. Leslie Graser noted the substantial volume of water already in contract for both multi-family and single-family projects, which is why the 2018 Water Allocation Policy budgeted lower amounts for these categories.

Councilman Sischka asked how many projects have water service agreements that may expire. Leslie Graser noted that the Policy allows for one-time, one-year extensions and applicants had been pursuing this action. Craig McConnell noted the information was available in a table provided to Council in late 2017, and it could be updated and provided to the Subcommittee.

WATER ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE REQUESTED A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR WHICH PERFORMANCE CRITERIA MAY CAUSE AN EXISTING CONTRACTS TO EXPIRE. COUNCILMAN BLAIR REQUESTED THAT APPLICANTS BE CONTACTED TO INFORM THEM OF THE POTENTIAL EXPIRATIONS.

G. Requests for Water Service Agreements

Item G.1 was for Cortez Circle Apartments, a thirty (30) unit apartment complex. This project had a previous WSA that expired. The Calendar Year 2018 Policy encourage projects of three (3) units multi-family units or less. An allocation of 3.6 AF/year would be required to complete the subject project.

THE WATER ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT WSA NO. 17-029 BE MOVED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

Item G.2 was for Ausherman, a single-family residence previously recognized in the Vacant, Residentially-Zoned Tract Reservation. The item was for informational purposes only, and has been administratively approved.

H. Annexation Request and Water Allocation for APN 106-26-007A

Don Carter initiated discussion of water service for APN 106-26-007A. The property is outside of City limits, and a previous WSA expired. Prescott City Code 2-1-8 provides that water service outside of City limits will not be provided unless one of three conditions exist (IGA, valid historic contract, or requested water before 2005). Recently, Carter attempted to drill a well and water was not found. Councilman Sischka confirmed with Clyde Halstead that service was requested before 2005, but the contract expired hence the 2005 prior request condition no longer applies. Chairman Lamerson noted that serving water outside the City limits would set a precedent for others.

Mr. Carter has initiated an Annexation application. If the parcel is annexed into the City, it will still be subject to the current water allocation policy, which requires connection to City sewer. The nearest sewer line is about 700 feet away.

The Subcommittee agreed that if the parcel was annexed into the City the property owner would have more options, but due to City Code, water cannot be supplied while the parcel is outside City limits.

J. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council Subcommittee for Water Issues held on the 6th day of February, 2018. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held, and a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018.

Leslie Graser
Leslie Graser, Water Resource Manager