



**CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR
WATER ISSUES**

MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**Lower Level Conference Room
201 South Cortez St., Prescott, AZ
(928) 777-1100**

Minutes of the City Council Subcommittee for Water Issues meeting held on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019** in the Lower Level Conference Room, 201 South Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Lamerson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

B. Roll Call

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Jim Lamerson
Member Steve Blair

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Member Steve Sischka (excused)

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Lamar, City Manager
Matt Podracky, Deputy City Attorney
Craig Dotseth, Public Works Director
Leslie Graser, Water Resources Administrator
Leah Hubbard, Water Resources Specialist
Carey Oberheim, Administrative Assistant

C. Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2019

**COUNCILMAN BLAIR MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF
AUGUST 6, 2019; CHAIRMAN LAMERSON 2ND. PASSED 2-0**

D. Water Policy Extension and Allocation Update

Item Summary

For January 1, 2019 until July 1, 2019, alternative water supplies were

made available in accordance with City Resolution No. 2018-1663. The available supply was 350 acre-feet and stated to be for, "...any development of any type during this period." A second policy extension was recommended by the City's Legal Department and approved with Resolution No. 2019-1713 while ongoing policy Council Study Sessions are conducted, see <http://www.prescott-az.gov/>

Requests for Water Service

New Water Service Agreement applications filed before August 20, 2019 (submission deadline for 9/3/2019 Subcommittee meeting).

Application No.	Units/Type	Requested Volume (in acre-feet)	Water Budget Remaining (in acre-feet)
			271.40
WSA 19-015 (void)			271.40
WSA 19-016 (LandCor)	144 MFR (Apts)	17.28	254.12
WSA 19-017 (KMA)	6 MFR (Duplex)	0.90	253.22

SFR = Single Family; MFR = Multi-family Residential; COM = Commercial

Leslie Graser presented this item for information purposes only.

- E. Water Service Agreement Application
 1. WSA 19-016 (Landcor Group/Montezuma Partners LLC)

Item Summary

Water Service Agreement Application No. WSA19-016 was submitted on August 19, 2019, by Montezuma Partners, LLC (LandCor), seeking a potable water allocation of 17.28 acre-feet for 144 apartment units. Applicant has agreed to sub-meter the apartment units.

Background

This project was previously approved under City Contract No. 2017-362 and 2017-362A1. The increase of units from 102 to 144 voids City Contract No. 2017-362 and a new water service agreement is required.

The project was considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission on April 27, 2017, and approved by Council on June 27, 2017. Planning Manager, George Worley, determined the site plan changes with the increase of units is minimal and can be administratively approved. The project does not need to return to Planning & Zoning Commission.

In accordance with City Resolution Nos. 2018-1663 and 2019-1713, as well as the continuance of the 2018 Water Management Policy, the applicant has submitted a new Water Service Agreement application (WSA19-016). The project requires a total of 17.28 acre-feet.

With approval of WSA19-016, the previous Contract No. 2017-362 will become null and void and 12.24 acre-feet will be returned to the portfolio.

Chairman Lamerson asked the applicant, Charlie Arnold to explain the changes made to the plan that allows for an additional 42 units. Mr. Arnold stated that 2 parcels have been acquired adding more land that will be used for fire entrance access in two locations for the development. The size of the units has also been reduced to better fit the current market trend toward smaller housing which allows for more units in the same amount of space.

Leah Hubbard stated that the original contract included sub-metering the units. Councilman Blair stated he would support this plan with sub-meters.

CHAIRMAN LAMERSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE APPLICATION TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION WITH THE ADDITION OF SUBMETERING REQUIRED; COUNCILMAN BLAIR 2ND. PASSED 2-0

2. WSA 19-017 (Ken Mohen Architecture)

Item Summary

Water Service Agreement Application No. WSA19-016 was filed by Ken Mohn Architecture, for Kim and Bill Gagnon, on August 15, 2019. The applicant is seeking a potable water allocation for six (6) multifamily dwelling units. An existing duplex is on the parcel.

Background

In accordance with City Resolution Nos. 2018-1663 and 2019-1713, the continuance of the 2018 Water Management Policy, the applicant has submitted the Building Permit and Water Service Agreement (WSA19-017) applications. The project requires a total of 0.9 acre-feet.

Leah Hubbard presented this item to the Subcommittee.

COUNCILMAN BLAIR MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE APPLICATION TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION; CHAIRMAN LAMERSON 2ND. PASSED 2-0

- F. Arizona Department of Water Resources Updates
1. Governor's Groundwater Users Advisory Council (GUAC)

Item Summary

On August 6, 2019, staff recommended the Subcommittee receive an update on the Governor's Groundwater Users Advisory Council (GUAC).

Background

The 1980 Groundwater Code established a Groundwater Advisory Council (GUAC) in each Active Management Area (AMA). The group consists of five members. Members of the GUAC are appointed by the governor to represent the users of groundwater in the AMA, and on the basis of their knowledge of interest and experience with problems relating to development, use and conservation of water. (A.R.S. § 45-420)

The term of office of each member is six years. The terms are staggered, expiring in January of each even numbered year. Every other even numbered year, the members of the GUAC elect a chairman and vice chairman. Members of the GUAC serve without compensation.

GUAC Chairman, Jim Holt presented to the Subcommittee an overview of the advisory council.

Councilman Blair asked how the withdrawal fee paid to the State is used. Leslie Graser responded that the money goes toward compliance administration as well as conservation / augmentation.

2. Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation (GWAICC)

Item Summary

On August 6, 2019, staff recommended the Subcommittee receive an update on the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council (GWAICC).

Background

On January 31, 2019, Governor Ducey signed Executive Order 2019-02, stating in part, "...it is important for the work of the Governor's Water Initiative to be continued and expanded upon through the creation of a new Council with a long-term focus on water augmentation, innovation and conservation; and given the importance of sustainable water supplies to Arizona and policy decisions that must be made, members of the Arizona Legislature should serve on the Council in addition to individuals appointed by the Governor..." Executive Order 2019-02 superseded and rescinded Executive Order 2015-13 which formed the Governor's Water Augmentation Council and established the Planning Area Process.

Executive Order 2015-13 created the Governor's Water Augmentation Council (GWAC) and Planning Area Process. The GWAC met quarterly

from February 2016 to January 2018. In the fall of 2016, four committees were created: Desalination, Recycled Water, Long-Term Water Augmentation, and Finance. The Planning Area Process meetings were a series of public meetings held in the Cochise, Northwest Basins, and West Basins Planning Areas. The meetings occurred between January 2016 and May 2017.

The GWAICC subcommittees in place at this time are Desalination, Long Term Water Augmentation, and Non-AMA Groundwater. Pursuant to Executive Order 2019-02, the first Annual Report of the GWAICC will be due in 2020.

Leslie Graser presented this item, the management plan work groups are moving into the 5th Management Plan with meetings ongoing.

G. Comprehensive Agreement No. 1 Updates

1. Multi-Agency Meeting

Item Summary

On August 6, 2019, staff recommended the Subcommittee receive an update on the Comprehensive Agreement No. 1 and the outcomes of the Multi-Agency Meeting. This meeting was held on July 25 and July 26, 2019, with a focus on information exchange from existing contract holders to assist with the development of the groundwater flow model, and for the modeling team to provide an update on their progress.

Leslie Graser presented for information purposes touching on the below items.

- Arizona United States Geological Survey (AZ USGS)
- Matrix New World (formerly Southwest Groundwater Consultants)
- Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)
- Salt River Project
- Golder Associates
- CA1 Parties

2. Annual Report

Item Summary

On August 6, 2019, staff recommended the Subcommittee receive an update on the Comprehensive Agreement No. 1, specifically the in-progress Annual Report for the time period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The report is finalized each year by September 30th.

Leslie Graser presented for information purposes only touching on the Annual Report Outline items below

- Introduction and Background
- Summary of Annual Accomplishments
- Financial Summary
- Monitoring Equipment – Analytical Results and Data Collected
- Modeling Project
- Conclusion
- Appendix
 - Ephemeral Streamflow Monitoring Report
 - Summary of Data Collection Equipment
 - Maps

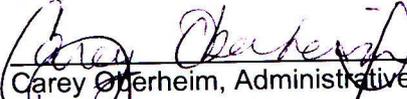
H. Future agenda items

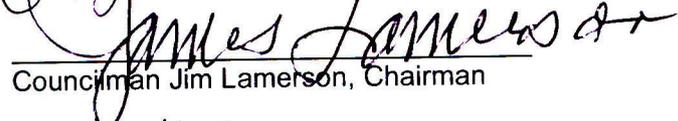
No future agenda items suggested.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Carey Oberheim, Administrative Assistant


Councilman Jim Lamerson, Chairman

Date: 11-5-2019