



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Prescott City Hall
Downstairs Conference Room
201 South Cortez St., Prescott, AZ
(928) 777-1130

Minutes of the City Council Subcommittee for Water Issues held on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**, at **9:00 a.m.** in the City Hall Downstairs Conference Room, 201 South Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order

Councilman Blair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

B. Roll Call

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Member Steve Blair
Member Billie Orr

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Member Steve Sischka

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Gwen Rowitsch, Administration Support Services Manager
Clyde Halstead, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Leslie Graser, Water Resources Administrator
Leah Hubbard, Water Resources Specialist
Carey Oberheim, Administrative Assistant

C. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2019

Councilman Blair requested to table the approval of minutes until the January meeting when all three members are present. Mayor Pro Tem Orr agreed.

D. Appointment of Chairperson for the Subcommittee

Councilman Blair requested to table the appointment of Chairperson until the January meeting when all three members are present. Mayor Pro Tem Orr agreed.

E. Water Service Agreement Applications (received prior to 11/12/2019 policy change)

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Leah Hubbard presented the four water service agreement applications.

1. WSA 19-021 (Smith)

Item Summary

Water Service Agreement Application No. WSA19-021 was filed by Brayden Smith on October 17, 2019, for Kauri Properties, LLC. The applicant is moving four (4) duplex units, eight (8) total living units, onto 601 W. Hillside. The applicant is currently combining parcel numbers 113-08-028 and 113-08-029.

Background

Water Service Agreement Application WSA19-021 was submitted prior to the adoption of the new City Water Management Policy (Resolution No. 2019-1722). Under the Calendar Year 2018 Water Management Policy (as amended and extended), Council approval is required for 5 or more units.

Leah presented this item for consideration to move to Council.

COUNCILMAN BLAIR RECOMMENDED THIS ITEM BE MOVED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION; MAYOR PRO TEM ORR 2ND. PASSED 2-0

2. WSA 19-022 (Schroeder)

Item Summary

Water Service Agreement Application No. WSA19-022 was filed by Brian Nelson with BSN Builders, Inc., for Doug and Ali Schroeder on October 23, 2019. The applicant is constructing a single family residence at 1005 Rivalry Court, Chino Valley (APN 306-23-029G).

Background

The property is identified within the Chino Valley Irrigation District Intergovernmental Agreement (CVID IGA). The CVID IGA agrees to serve 0.25 AF/acre/year. This parcel is 1 acre, and 0.25 AF/year can be administratively approved.

Leah presented this item for information purposes only.

3. WSA 19-023 (Miller)

Item Summary

Water Service Agreement Application No. WSA19-023 was filed for Don and Moira Miller on October 20, 2019. The applicant is constructing an additional duplex on 130 N. Alarcon for a total of three (3) living units.

Background

The property is located at 130 N. Alarcon Street. It currently has one (1) single family dwelling unit on the property. The Millers are constructing an additional duplex. The duplex residence will be allocated 0.30 AF/yr and can be administratively approved.

Leah presented this item for information purposes only.

4. WSA 19-024 (Turner)

Item Summary

Water Service Agreement Application No. WSA19-024 was filed by Turning Point Homes for Russell Turner, LLC on October 7, 2019. The applicant is constructing a single family residence and a duplex residence, three total living units, at 124 S. Arizona Ave. (APN 110-02-015).

Background

A small home in severe disrepair was demolished on this property. The new owners would like to put one single family residence and one duplex unit on the property for three total living units. Project will allocate 0.55 AF/year and can be administratively approved.

Leah presented this item for information purposes only.

F. Governor’s Groundwater Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council (GWAICC) – Non-AMA Groundwater Committee 11/14/19 meeting update

Item Summary

Subcommittee update on the GWAICC’s Non-AMA Groundwater Committee meeting held on November 14, 2019 (Attachments 1). Next meeting is planned for late January 2020 or early February 2020 date and time are not available at this time.

Leslie Graser presented information from the Non-AMA Groundwater Committee noting that the importance is that the City’s Big Chino Water Ranch is located in a non-AMA area. Graser reviewed the items that may be of interest that are on the committee’s Topics for Discussion list: groundwater transportation basins, consideration of adequate water supply rules outside of the AMAs, removal of legislative impediments to self-governance in northern Arizona, and compilation of groundwater issues of concern for particular areas of the state.

Councilman Blair asked for a list of who is on the subcommittees. Leslie stated that this committee has two chairpersons and the meetings are open to all so a list is not likely available.

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G. Prescott AMA Governor's Groundwater Users Advisory Council (GUAC) – 11/7/2019 meeting update

Item Summary

Subcommittee update on the Prescott AMA GUAC meeting held on November 7, 2019.

Leslie presented to the committee that the annual withdrawal fee is unchanged at \$2 per acre foot with \$1 per going to compliance and \$1 per to grants. \$150,000 in grant funds are available through Groundwater Conservation Grant. The Chairperson of GUAC, Jim Holt added to the discussion by mentioning that there are 4 uses for the grant funds.

Councilman Blair asked who appoints the members to GUAC, Leslie replied that application are made to Governor's Boards and Commissions who works with ADWR related to appointments.

H. Future agenda items

- Add Public Comment before adjournment for future agendas.
- Councilman Blair asked for a presentation by Clyde on Big Chino Water Ranch land area and the pumped storage project.
- A report on Coalition grants in February and August.
- Councilman Blair asked that the start time for future meetings change to 9:30 a.m.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


 Carey Oberheim, Administrative Assistant


 Chairperson

Date: 1-7-2020

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